

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV

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Background

- **Many poor countries are hard hit by HIV**
- **HIV is a deadly disease within 3-5 years unless expensive treatment is available**
- **Information and prevention may diminished the distribution, while denial will increase**
- **Up to 35% pregnant women are HIV positive and may infect the foetus/newborn**
- **Transmission of vira may take place during pregnancy and the birth process (blood and wounds increase the probability)**
- **Transmission to staff may take place**

A hope exists for the newborn

Treatment with antiviral drugs	One oral dose	Test for blood level of vira
Mother	During labour	Before delivery
Newborn	After birth	After delivery

This simple treatment

- **Will temporary decrease the blood level of vira in the mother**
- **The risk for transfer to the child during labour will decrease**
- **The risk for midwives etc. will decrease**
- **Infection through placenta and milk is not eliminated**
- **The mother may still die from the disease**

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- **The drug and the blood test are made available at no cost**
- **An application must be developed. The paper work is essential and involved, since we are talking about national health issues, a deadly disease and a potent drug**
- **RFPD will assist and coordinate**

Information about the Programme

[www.](http://www.viramune-donation-programme.org)

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