



Across the Digital Divide

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After these web gabbers gave the OK, Gene Chance of HIVstraight.com sent POZ this excerpt of a recent chat on his site. Put on your eavesdrop goggles and scroll on down. (One cyber-chat translation: LOL=laugh out loud. For others, check out www.netlingo.com)

gene316: what other drugs have you been on pnw?

Suzie958: imagine if she drank or did drugs

pnw: legal ones gene?

fuzzypony3: she needs NO help :-)

gene316: hiv meds lol

pnw: ohhhh. i took crix and azt and zertol for awhile but i think azt makes me sick now

fuzzypony3: it sucks—my mind just blanks out

gene316: why did you stop it

fuzzypony3: still on sustiva and combivir

pnw: i stopped cause i kept missing the afternoon doses and i started it again when i went in the hospital last year

gene316: well why dont you try it with norvir and then you can take it 2 a day

pnw: prolly gonna have to do something. more pills

Suzie958: i had to stop taking meds 3 times a day kept forgetting that middle dose

pnw: thats what i did suzie

gene316: ok switch to other drugs of that class that you havent taken

pnw: combivir is out

gene316: azt, ddi, ddc

pnw: retrovir is too

fuzzypony3: why is combivir out pnw?

pnw: i think thats what made me sick last year gene. the azt

gene316: well combivir would have been a good choice

pnw: they never could tell me why i was sick

fuzzypony3: azt probs—ow

gene316: could be

pnw: nothing was apparently wrong with me other than the fevers and the aches

gene316: also if you can have a genotype test done you could find out if you can stay with d4t or 3tc and add them to vir and rit

pnw: and that was right after i had restarted azt

gene316: that could be side effects of azt

fuzzypony3: i had some of those but they went away

gene316: you have options

pnw: yeah and the t-20 is going thru phase II now

Suzie958: i just read that

fuzzypony3: how long before t-20 is ok'd? needles—ohhhh noooo

gene316: they already have a new formula where they hope it is 1 a day, plus you will have to take other meds with it

pnw: yeah i know but this is a whole new way to fight it

gene316: so stick me with a needle and give me a handful of pills i dont think so

pnw: i hate needles more than most ppl i know

gene316: well i will have to be bad off to take that

pnw: i think i would too lol...but at least its promising

Suzie958: i don't think i could do needles everyday

gene316: i think there will be better things before that

pnw: at least they found something other than whats already out there

fuzzypony3: good point

pnw: i do truly believe that it will come to be like diabetes though...manageable

gene316: they expect in a few years

fuzzypony3: i hope

gene316: and they even hope to have a once a day PI

fuzzypony3: Im not allowed to gallop horses anymore due to the sustiva

pnw: huh? you a jockey?

fuzzypony3: no an exercise rider

gene316: fuzzy are you male or female

fuzzypony3: male my nick is because i called all horses fuzzypony until i was 5

gene316: oh ok cool

Suzie958: gene fuzzy is the guy i was with sat

gene316: now i have it

fuzzypony3: the one who couldnt dance too well no rhythm, cant dance or spell

Suzie958: none at all but he had a good time

fuzzypony3: one thing bothers me—why cant they give these DAMNED drugs a name I can PRONOUNCE

gene316: lol i hear you

pnw: you tell em fuzzy

fuzzypony3: i mean good grief!

gene316: i always hate that

fuzzypony3: whatchamacallitvir or a bunch of letters and/or numbers that sounds like the NAVY came up with

gene316: we should email this conversation to *POZ*

pnw: wonder what will happen. ok. i'll do it. as long as it wont get anyone in trouble

fuzzypony3: Hell they'll publish it!! LOL

