



High-definition HIV

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In 1994, *The Real World*'s Pedro Zamora proved that prime time could embrace a recurring HIV positive character. Because viewers have had so few examples since, POZ rejoices at the current crop: *General Hospital*'s Dr. Robin Scorpio (Kimberly McCullough, top) recently returned only to be trapped in a train explosion and tunnel collapse. *Nip/Tuck*'s Gina Russo (Jessalyn Gilsig, bottom), a potty-mouthed sexual compulsive, takes a HAART cocktail—while co-owning a recovery spa for plastic surgery patients. Finally, the bug went political in *Commander in Chief*, when the president's closest aide, Vince Taylor (Anthony Azizi), disclosed his status. "HIV positive, ethnic gay guy in the White House?" Azizi says. "It's an absolutely important first."

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