



# 96 Percent

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A National Institutes of Health study has confirmed that taking antiretroviral drugs and maintaining an undetectable viral load reduces a positive person's risk of transmitting the virus to HIV-negative sexual partners by 96 percent among heterosexual couples. Called HPTN 052, the study makes a strong case for treatment as prevention. Given that only 6 million of the 33.3 million people living with HIV globally can access ARVs, it remains a theoretical solution.

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