New Old Story

Sex doesn’t stop at 60, and neither does HIV

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It may be uncomfortable to think about Grandma and Grandpa in a sexual sense, but it is a reality," says Dr. Phil Christian in the video *It Can Happen to Me*, part of an information kit produced by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) about being HIV positive and elderly. The video focuses on the stories of six people, ranging from a Christian minister to a Latina activist (both living with the virus) to an HIV negative grandmother caring for her positive granddaughter. It cuts right through the falsehoods that even those featured originally held about HIV. Says Mary Moreno about her initial reaction to the news that she’d received infected blood: “I had to go to a doctor whose practice was predominantly gay men -- the people I felt were responsible for me getting this virus. But it doesn’t matter how you get this disease. The thing that’s important to teach people is how to protect themselves.” *It Can Happen to Me* is available for loan or purchase from AARP, 601 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20049; 202.434.2277.

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