



Blown Sideways

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Perhaps from the folks who brought us such curious medical euphemisms as “partially pregnant” and “totally cured,” we have “full-blown AIDS.” Although the term may seem outdated in this protease era of AIDS as a “manageable disease,” the condition has a very precise clinical definition. The Centers for Disease Control defines having AIDS, as opposed to living with HIV, as requiring a CD4 count under 200 and/or one or more opportunistic infections. Confused? Consider the scene from the Fox *Family Guy* episode “The Cleveland-Loretta Quagmire” (familyguy.com), in which a barbershop quartet delivers the diagnosis.

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