30 Years to a Functional Cure?

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I followed an internet wormhole to an article that suggested a functional cure could be up to 30 years away. At or least that was the thought of some know-it-all scientist who painstakingly analyzed all of the recent data on emerging treatment options... but what does that poindexter know?

If the good fates allow, that would put me at 69 years old. I'd like to be able-bodied enough to pull off a 69'er with Gwenn when I'm functionally cured, because I'm looking to put the "FUN" in "functionally cured". Plus, my goal is to bookend my life with some HIV-free years. And I'd like that to happen before my golden years.

But, those thoughts aside, I am living my dream right now. I made it to adulthood. I'm staring down 40 this summer and think my 40s will be my best decade yet, and I'm certain that there will be some great advances in treatment over the next decade. I'm no scientist, but that's what my gut tells me- the same gut that says grilled-cheese sandwiches are tasty.

And when your gut is that spot on, who needs the opinion of a scientist?

Positively Yours,
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