# More Porn Stars Are Positive

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**Yesterday it was announced that at least 16 porn stars have tested positive since 2004, which brings the total to 22 over the last five years.**

Unlike me, in high school and college Gwenn went beyond Algebra I pt. 2. She assured me that with roughly 1,200 people in the porn industry each year, five positives a year would mean that you have a .0033 chance of contracting HIV if you enter porn as a career. Of course, prevention is everything, so how you conduct yourself offset and what scenes you star in have some bearing on risk factors.

But what about testing?

At a recent porn convention in L.A. , some in the industry thought the 30-day voluntary HIV tests were doing their job, while others suggested that more were needed. Adult film star Belladonna said, "I don't think 30 days is good enough. This is our bodies, our life, our work." Belladonna also retweeted (on Twitter) that having another active STD makes you more vulnerable to HIV infection. Being informed is sexy, isn't it?

Unlike the storylines in a porn movie, the plot in this one is thickening by the red, hot and blue minute.

And yes, I know I could have used the word "thickening" in a better context there.

Positively Yours,
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