

MEDIA RELEASE: Updated HIV Tests and Treatments

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Updated HIV Tests and Treatments: 3rd Edition, 2009 launched

An updated version of the *HIV Tests and Treatments* booklet, produced by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations and the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS Education Team was recently launched by AFAO's Executive Director Don Baxter.

"The guide will be a valuable resource for people living with HIV and their immediate communities as well as HIV specialists, GPs and health workers. It provides the latest information regarding tests and treatments for HIV/AIDS, monitoring, the management of issues associated with long term therapy, starting and changing therapies and managing side effects," said Baxter.

This guide includes changes in treatments knowledge and best practice that have occurred over the past five years. One of the aims of the guide is to provide information about complex medical and scientific information in a manner that is easily understood.

NAPWA's President Robert Mitchell said "This booklet is for anyone with HIV, whether they have been recently diagnosed, or have known about their HIV positive status for some time. It is designed so they can read it in their own time and discuss options with their doctor when they are ready".

Copies are available at Darling House, O'Brien St Practice, Clinic 275, GP's, hospital clinics, the Positive Living Centre, health services, B-Friend, Royal District Nursing Service, Relationships Australia and other community organisations. *HIV Tests and Treatments*, is also available at www.afao.org.au.

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