

HIV TESTING AT ASHVILLE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Here at Ashville we offer and recommend HIV testing routinely for all patients registering with our practice.

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that damages the cells in your immune system and weakens your ability to fight everyday infections and disease.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is the name used to describe a number of potentially life-threatening infections and illnesses that happen when your immune system has been severely damaged by the HIV virus.

Whilst AIDS cannot be transmitted from one person to another, the HIV virus can.

There's currently no cure for HIV, but there are very effective drug treatments that enable most people with the virus to live a long and healthy life.

With an early diagnosis and effective treatments, most people with HIV won't develop any AIDS-related illnesses and will live a near-normal lifespan.

Most deaths from HIV occur because people are diagnosed too late for effective treatment.

We offer the simple routine blood test in practice because knowing if someone has HIV means we can arrange access to treatment and can therefore also prevent that person passing HIV onto someone else.

Please ask at reception to book an appointment for the routine blood test or ask to speak to a Doctor if you have any concerns about the test or condition.