

# **CANSA** encourages people living with **HIV** to know their cancer risk



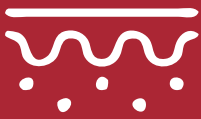
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The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a cancer-causing agent and can put people living with HIV at risk for cancer

## **People living with HIV are at higher risk of AIDS-defining cancers:**



Kaposi sarcoma



Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma



Conjunctival cancer



Squamous cell carcinoma



Cervical cancer



Penile cancer



Anal cancer



Vulvar cancer

## **They're also at increased risk of conjunctival cancer and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) related cancers**

To lower personal risk of cancer and to promote early detection, people living with HIV should start with antiretroviral therapy (ART) early and adhere to ART to lower the risk of Kaposi sarcoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Cervical cancer screening in HIV-positive women should be done at HIV diagnosis, and every 3 years (yearly if screening test is positive) according to the recommendations of the SA Cervical Cancer Policy.



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