Therapeutic HIV Vaccines

When you think of vaccines, you probably think of a shot that helps prevent diseases. But some vaccines can treat diseases, too! These treatment vaccines are called therapeutic vaccines.

Currently, scientists are developing and testing therapeutic HIV vaccines for people who are already living with HIV. These therapeutic HIV vaccines are designed to improve the body’s immune response, making it better at fighting the virus.

If effective, a therapeutic HIV vaccine could…

- prevent HIV from advancing to AIDS.
- replace the use of daily HIV medicines.
- help prevent HIV transmission.

There are currently no FDA-approved therapeutic HIV vaccines, but research is underway and vaccines are being tested in clinical trials. To learn more about therapeutic HIV vaccine research, visit HIVinfo.NIH.gov