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GEORGE TOWN: People with HIV/AIDS, including those detained in lock-ups, must comply with the time prescribed by doctors for treatment to ensure that medication worked effectively.

Malaysian Aids Council (MAC) president Tan Sri Mohd Zaman Khan said it was important for HIV/AIDS patients to take their medication exactly as prescribed because it was a crucial part of their treatment.

"Patients have to take their medication on time, if they miss any of the doses, they have to take it within an hour," he told reporters after opening a HIV/Aids 2011 Seminar and Exhibition at the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) here yesterday.

Mohd Zaman said he had discussed with the police for HIV-positive detainees to be given immediate treatment.

"We got positive feedback from the police and they are willing to help offenders who have the virus to receive immediate treatment," he said.

He said nationwide, up till last year, more than 90,000 people were reported as HIV-positive.

"Every day there are 10 new HIV cases with 47.4 per cent of the HIV transmission driven through injections," he said. —Bernama