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# Girl 'cured' of HIV relapses

**WASHINGTON:** An American girl born with the AIDS virus and in remission for years despite stopping treatment now shows signs that she harbours HIV — and, therefore, is not cured.

The news is a setback to hopes that very early treatment with powerful HIV drugs might reverse an infection that has seemed permanent once it takes hold.

The girl from Mississippi, is now 4. As recently as March, doctors had said she seemed free of HIV despite not having been on AIDS drugs for two years, a medical first. But on Thursday, doctors said tests last week showed she was no longer in remission. She was back on treatment and was responding well, doctors said.

The news was “obviously disappointing” and might have implications for a federal study that had been about to start testing early, aggressive treatment in such cases, said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Most HIV-infected mothers in the United States get AIDS medicines during pregnancy, which cuts the chances they will pass the virus to their babies. **AP**