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## **AIDS drugs help stop spread to partners, study finds**

People across Africa who took AIDS drugs were far less likely to infect their partners with H.I.V., the virus that causes it, researchers have said.

The study, presented Wednesday at a meeting of AIDS experts, is one of the first to show so clearly that the drugs can prevent the spread of infection as well as keep patients healthy.

Dr. Deborah Donnell of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle and colleagues followed 3,400 couples, in which one partner was infected and the other was not, in seven African countries. (REUTERS)