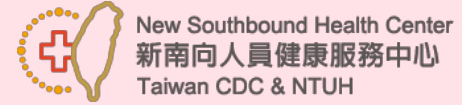




Prevent HIV Infection and Encourage Regular Screening For Foreign Workers



Real Case

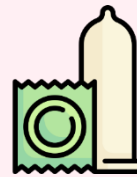
A 50-year-old foreigner who had been employed in Taiwan for more than 3 years sought medication attention due to discomfort and fever. His condition deteriorated and was in coma due to toxoplasmosis. He was admitted to the ICU and was tested with HIV-positive results. His family at his home country were worried about his condition but could not take care of him from afar.

Before arriving at Taiwan for work, receive HIV screening tests at home country

- It is recommended to receive HIV screening tests at one's home country before arriving in Taiwan for work. **If tested positive for HIV, one should remain in their home country to receive treatment screening tests in their home country to ascertain their health conditions.**
- **The government does not offer foreigners AIDS treatment subsidies for the first 2 years. The treatment costs approximately NT\$200,000 (about US\$7,000) each year.** However, those who have records of paid medication in Taiwan and join Taiwan's national health insurance after 2 years of medication in Taiwan will be able to apply for the said subsidies as regulated by the National Health Insurance Administration (NHI).

Prevention for HIV during the stay in Taiwan and HIV Screening Test Recommendations

Safety Sex Practices
Usage of condoms and water-based lubricants is recommended throughout the process.



HIV/AIDS Prevention, screening and treatment information

Suggested HIV Screening Test Frequency

- **Ones with sexual experience, screening test for at least once is recommended.**
- Ones with unsafe sex, screening test for at least once per year is recommended.
- If engaged in risky behavior such as sharing needles, multiple sexual partners, combined usage of addictive drugs, sexual transmitted diseases, etc., it is recommended to screen once every 3 to 6 months.

If you are diagnosed with HIV, please receive treatment actively!

- If diagnosed with HIV-positive results in Taiwan, working in Taiwan will remain legally allowed. **Employers are not allowed to deport or terminate the employ permit due to HIV-positive results.**
- It is strongly recommended that infected individuals actively receive treatment in order to stabilize and control their disease.