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New AIDS vaccine faces tests



WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers will test experimental vaccines on children infected with HIV, the deadly virus that causes AIDS, the National Institute of Health said Monday.

Ninety children ages one month to 12 years will receive three vaccines, officials said. The tests will be conducted at hospitals in at least 12 different locations nationwide.

"This is the first time we have tried HIV vaccines on children," said NIH spokeswoman Laurie K. Doepel.

The study is "a hopeful milestone in our efforts to ameliorate the tragedy of HIV-infected children who now face the certainty they will develop AIDS," said Health Secretary Donna E. Shalala in a statement.

Researchers will use the tests to determine if the vaccines slow the progress of the disease by triggering immunological responses to the HIV virus in children who are not yet sick.

Researchers will then conduct further tests if the vaccines prove to be safe, said Anthony Fauci, head of NIH's Office of AIDS Research.

Some 10,000 children in this country are infected with the HIV virus, born mostly to women who became infected by intravenous drug use or sexual contact, according to government estimates.

At least half the participants will be children 2 years old or younger, to enable researchers to compare their reactions to the vaccine with those of older patients, officials said.

The symptoms of AIDS show up more quickly in children infected with the HIV virus than in adults. About half the infants born with the HIV virus develop a serious AIDS-related infection between the ages of 3 and 6.

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About 10 vaccines have been tested on adults.

Preliminary results of these trials show that some of the vaccines increased the body's immunological response to HIV. There have been suggestions, for instance, that some vaccines might stabilize the loss of CD-4 white-blood cells, scientists said.

The University of Rochester Medical School has received formal approval to begin the tests, and trials of the three experimental HIV vaccines will eventually be conducted at other sites, said Dr. James McNamara, a medical officer at the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases.

Each child will receive one shot every four weeks for six months and will be checked for 24 weeks after the last immunization for signs of physical reactions, such as fevers or swelling.

McNamara said researchers also will try to determine if low or high doses of the vaccines cause any immune reactions.

The tests were informally announced last month at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston.

The genetically engineered vaccines to be tested are made with parts of the HIV virus. The vaccines are made by MicroGeneSys Inc. of Meriden, Conn.; Genentech Inc. of South San Francisco, Calif.; and Biocine, a joint venture of Chiron and CIBA-Geigy based in Emeryville, Calif.

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MEETINGS

Student Senate will meet today at 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-0630.

MISCELLANEOUS

Career Planning and Placement Service will have office orientations describing their services, which must be attended to under-

stand the interview process, today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and March 31 from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks Hall. For more information, call 346-3235.

Bidding for the following companies will take place today and March 31: Northwestern Mutual Life, Hewlett Packard, Port J. Bridges, Scott International Bank System, Sears, Wal-Mart, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Frito

Lay Inc., Oregon Nannies, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, and Jeld Wen.

Career Planning and Placement Service will offer a resume writing workshop today from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks Hall and an interview skills workshop April 1 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks Hall. Registration for the workshops, without charge, is in Room 224 Hendricks Hall. For more information, call 346-3235.

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q: What was your first job?

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q: What do you like most about your job at the Bookstore?

That there is never a dull moment—the diversity of action and responsibility.

q: As a woman, what do you bring to your work?

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