A Look Back at HIV Testing

IT HAS BEEN
30 YEARS
SINCE THE
1ST HIV TEST BECAME AVAILABLE
A PIVOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH MILESTONE IN THE UNITED STATES

The risk of CONTRACTING HIV THROUGH A BLOOD TRANSFUSION was as high as 1 in 90 in some U.S. cities.

The FDA licensed the 1ST TEST TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF HIV ANTIBODIES IN BLOOD PIONEERED BY ABBOTT

1985

TODAY

The last 30 years of advances in testing and treatment have changed the path of HIV from CERTAIN DEATH TO A CHRONIC, MANAGEABLE DISEASE.

In the U.S., of the more than 1.2 million people living with HIV, almost 1 in 7 DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE IT.

MORE CAN BE DONE:

Many new transmissions result from people who don’t know their status and aren’t on treatment.

Voluntary HIV testing and counseling allow people who have HIV to know their status.

This can help them get life-saving treatment and care, potentially preventing HIV transmission to others.