

# Evolution of severely immunosuppressed HIV patients depends on the immunologic and virologic response

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Health authorities recommend HIV-infected patients starting treatment as soon as possible after diagnosis, regardless of the level of immunosuppression (which are measured by the number of CD4, cells responsible for the immune response and which are infected by the virus) and viral load.

## More than half of patients arrive late to treatment

"The problem is the reality that we live in the healthcare" said Dr. Daniel Podzamczer, head of the HIV and STD Unit of the Infectious Diseases at the University Hospital of Bellvitge (HUB) and researcher at respiratory infections the immunocompromised host group of the Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBELL). "Patients often arrive severely immunocompromised, 66% of them with CD4

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