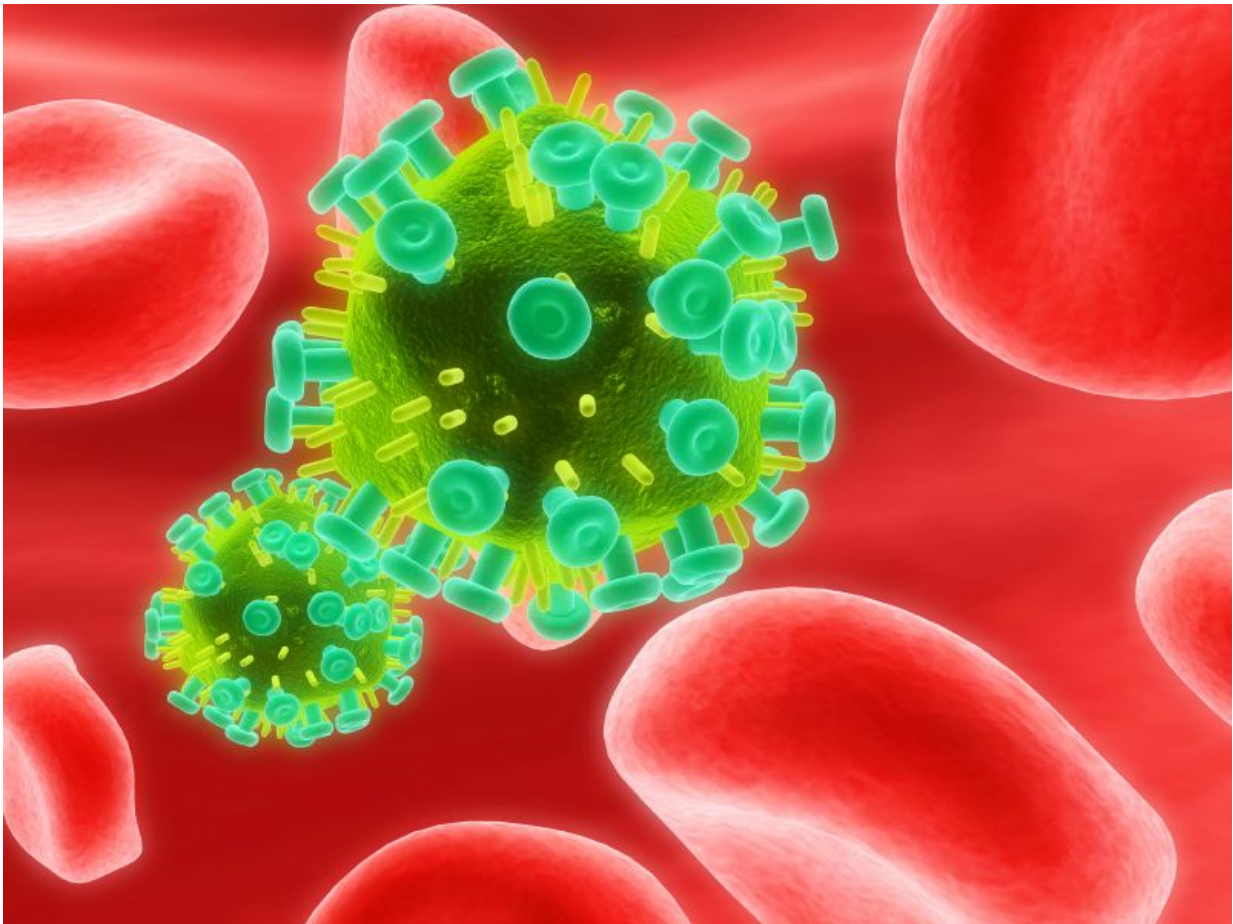


Most women diagnosed with HIV in pregnancy retained in care

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(HealthDay)—Most women diagnosed with HIV during pregnancy are

still retained in clinical care over the first year postpartum, according to a study published in the July issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Carol-Ann Swain, Ph.D., from the New York State Department of Health in New York City, and colleagues examined initial receipt of HIV-related medical care at 30 days after diagnosis and before delivery and assessed retention of care in 228 HIV-infected [women](#) diagnosed during pregnancy.

The researchers found that 74 and 87 percent of women had their initial HIV-related care encounter within 30 days of diagnosis and before delivery, respectively. In the first year postpartum, 70 percent of these women were retained. Women who waited more than 30 days for their initial HIV-related care encounter were more likely diagnosed in the first versus third trimester (29 versus 11 percent) and were younger versus older (

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