**Can two HIV –Positive person have an HIV –Negative child?**

Yes they can. Although HIV can pass from an HIV infected mother to her child during pregnancy, at the time of birth or when breast feeding the infant medical treatment or both the mother and her infant can minimize the chances of that happening.HIV infection in both the mother and the father does not appear to affect the likelihood of having am HIV infected baby.

HIV infected women’s ideally should start ant retro viral therapy (ART) before pregnancy both for her own health and to reduce the risk of HIV transmission during pregnancy to treat their own disease should or continue to receive it during pregnancy. Women who are not being treat with ART before pregnancy should receive it during pregnancy. The goal is to lower the mother’s HIV viral load as much as possible to prevent infection to fetus after delivery the infant should receive ART for 6 weeks. In addition the mother should avoid breast feeding her baby to prevent transmitting the virus through her breast milk.

For their own peace of mind HIV infected couples wanting to have children should receive counseling if possible. Before making a decision about conception.