About 162,500 people with HIV don’t know they have it. That’s 15 percent of everyone who has HIV in the US.
One in two people with HIV have had it three or more years before diagnosis.
Half of heterosexual men with HIV received a diagnosis five or more years after they got the virus.
Getting an HIV test is the first step to getting care and treatment and controlling the infection.
Everyone should get tested at least once, and people at high risk should get tested at least once a year.
Healthcare providers can discuss prevention tools with patients, and start people on HIV treatment quickly if they test positive for HIV.
For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns.