

CONTEST

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AIDS DAY

1 DECEMBER  
2014

ACOPERĂ DEFICITUL  
ÎN COMBATEREA HIV/SIDA  
CLOSE THE GAP - END AIDS/HIV

# CONTEST

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World AIDS Day is held on 1st of December each year. In this respect, *Nicolae Testemitanu* State University of Medicine and Pharmacy organizes an essay contest.

The medical students and residents are invited to tell and argue their own opinion regarding the deficiency of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services, by writing an essay (2500-5000 characters) on one of the following topics:

- ▶ “Close the education gap”;
- ▶ “Close the gap - no more stigma”;
- ▶ “Close the HIV treatment gap”.

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**CLOSE THE HIV  
EDUCATION GAP**

# CLOSE THE HIV EDUCATION GAP

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In 2013:

- ▶ There were 35 million people living with HIV.
- ▶ Worldwide, 2.1 million people became newly infected.
- ▶ 240 000 children became newly infected with HIV.
- ▶ About 1.5 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses worldwide.

Since the start of the epidemic, around 78 million people have become infected with HIV. Closing the gap means that ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 is possible.

Knowing more about HIV is the first step that has to be made.





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**CLOSE THE HIV  
TREATMENT GAP**

# CLOSE THE HIV TREATMENT GAP

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In 2013:

- ▶ around 12.9 million people living with HIV had access to antiretroviral therapy.
- ▶ This represents 37% of all people living with HIV, yet only 24% of all children living with HIV are receiving the life-saving medicines.

By closing the HIV testing AND treatment gap, the 19 million people who are unaware of their HIV-positive status can begin to get support.





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**CLOSE THE GAP**

**NO MORE STIGMA**

# CLOSE THE GAP – NO MORE STIGMA

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You can't get HIV from:

- ▶ Sneezing, coughing, sharing glasses/cups, etc.;
- ▶ Insects;
- ▶ Touches, hugs or hand shakes;
- ▶ Food cooked by a HIV-positive person;
- ▶ Using the same bath/toilet.

MYTH: “Only gay/youth/people of a certain ethnicity can get HIV”

False! Anyone can get infected with HIV.

