

**Boost your immune system**

**Secret Formula**

**Scientific Breakthrough**

**Miracle Cure**



# Too Good to Be True

Texas AIDS Health Fraud  
Information Network

# It's your right!

- If you have HIV infection or AIDS, it is your **right** to seek complementary treatments in addition to prescribed medications.
- It is also your **right** to be protected against fraudulent claims and harmful products.

If a treatment sounds  
too good to be true,

it probably **is!**

# Too good to be true!

- Any claim that a product prevents or cures AIDS is **false**.
- The false promotion of an HIV/AIDS-related health product or treatment that is unproven is **fraud**.



How do you recognize  
fraudulent claims?

# Is the product or service

- Available by mail order **only**?
- Available **only** from a foreign country?
- Promoted by personal success stories **instead** of scientific proof?

# Is the product or service

- An experimental drug treatment or technique offered for a **fee**?
- Something the “Professional Medical Community doesn’t **want** you to know about”?



What are some other red  
flags?

# Question any treatment that claims

- quick and painless “cure” or “miracle.”
- a “secret” or “natural” formula.
- to be “tested in a foreign country.”

# Question any treatment that claims

- to “boost the immune system.”
- to be “a scientific breakthrough.”

If so,

the product or service may  
be fraudulent.

# What are the risks?

- You may receive no benefit or may experience harmful side effects.
- You may delay receiving--or seriously compromise--the proven, beneficial medical care which is available to you.
- You may be wasting your money on useless, even dangerous, fraudulent treatments.

# How can you **protect** yourself?

- Ask whether the product or service is approved by the FDA for HIV/AIDS?
- Ask if the treatment has any side effects.
- Ask if it requires you to stop taking any prescribed medications.
- Ask for any printed material on the treatment for you to keep and review.

# It's your **responsibility**.

- No matter what answers you get, stop and think.
- Give yourself at least 24 hours.
- Don't say "yes" to a good sales pitch.

Compare your information with that from a reliable source, such as:

- Your physician
- A local AIDS agency
- The local FDA office
- A local AIDS hotline

# The **choice** is yours!

- It's up to you to seek the best available care for your needs.
- Only you can make the final decision when it comes to your own health care.
- By getting as much information as possible, you will be able to make the most educated decision regarding the HIV/AIDS treatments you select.

To find out more about  
what's safe and effective

--or not . . .

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