



Charlie Sheen: Can He Infect His Sex Partners? His Doctor Gives Answers On 'Today' Show

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Charlie Sheen has revealed he's HIV positive, so is it possible for him to spread the disease to his partners through sex? Charlie's doctor, Dr. Robert Huizenga, joined him during his Nov. 17 appearance on 'Today' to answer any questions about Charlie's chances of infecting another person.

Charlie Sheen, 50, wasn't alone when he revealed he was HIV positive to **Matt Lauer**, 57, on *TODAY*. His physician, **Dr. Robert Huizenga**, was there to answer any lingering questions over Charlie's condition. The number one issue on Matt's mind: can Charlie pass the disease to someone else during sex? Dr. Robert had some good news!

"Individuals who are optimally treated, who have undetectable viral loads, who responsibly use protection, have an incredibly low — it's incredibly rare to transmit the virus," Dr. Robert, the Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA, told Matt during the Nov. 17 episode of *TODAY*. He said that he had been working with Charlie for "five to six years," and that after Charlie's HIV diagnosis, "he was immediately put on treatment of strong anti-viral drugs which have suppressed the virus."

While this is not a cure for HIV, the drugs have suppressed the HIV virus to the point where Charlie is "absolutely healthy from that vantage." Charlie's doctor had more great news — the virus is "undetectable" in his blood.

"We can't say that it's zero [percent] but it's a very, very low number." This is probably what Charlie meant when he said his blood is "HIV free." But could he still transmit his disease? Dr. Robert chimed in and said that so long as Charlie is safe and responsible, he won't infect anyone else.

This might be a relief to Charlie's future sex partners, but the women he slept with in the past are reportedly furious at him. There are reportedly many active lawsuits against Charlie over him not disclosing his HIV positive diagnosis to his partners before sex. His ex-wife, **Brooke Mueller**, even reportedly vented frustration over how "Charlie potentially [gave] me HIV."

Thankfully, Charlie's other ex-wife, **Denise Richards**, said that her daughters with Charlie are HIV-free. **Bree Olson**, Charlie's ex-porn star girlfriend, also said she got tested. It also seems that Charlie is taking this diagnosis seriously, so as long as he's responsible, he should be safe and be able to live a normal life.

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