

AIDS Calgary adopts the position that there is clear-cut, exhaustive and unambiguous evidence that AIDS is caused by either HIV-1 or HIV-2, and that this evidence meets the highest scientific standards. AIDS Calgary also stands behind the Durban Declaration, signed by 5,228 physicians and scientists from 84 countries, including over 125 from Canada, who are dedicated to the control of HIV/AIDS, which affirms that HIV is the Cause of AIDS.

These considerations are compiled from the following sources:

1. **Canadian AIDS Society (CAS) (www.cdnaids.ca)**
2. **UNAIDS (www.unaids.org)**

Introduction

The CAS and UNAIDS websites provide ample information on this issue, although it is the only information available. The CAS website provides a history of the controversy over whether HIV causes AIDS, which began in 1987. At that time there were still unanswered questions on the precise mechanisms of the HIV disease. Now there is a much more complete understanding of how HIV causes AIDS. The CAS statement, and the UNAIDS Report, also discuss the main myths surrounding the disease, all conclusively proven to be false. These myths are: (1) HIV does not cause AIDS, AIDS is just a new name for an old disease; (2) AIDS can occur without HIV; (3) Seropositivity to HIV can be widespread without AIDS; and (4) the validity of AIDS epidemiological research is questionable because HIV testing is unreliable.

CAS: Position Statement “HIV Causes AIDS – How to Respond to Denialist Arguments”

The Board of Directors of the Canadian AIDS Society adopts the position that there is clear-cut, exhaustive and unambiguous evidence that AIDS is caused by either HIV-1 or HIV-2, and that this evidence meets the highest standards of science.

CAS points out that the Durban Declaration, signed by 5,228 physicians and scientists from 84 countries, including over 125 from Canada, who are dedicated to the control of HIV/AIDS, affirms that HIV is the Cause of AIDS. Also CAS points out that UNAIDS documentation states there is overwhelming evidence that HIV causes AIDS: from **UNAIDS Special Report: “HIV/AIDS and the Reappearance of an Old Myth”**: The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has been decisively established as the cause of AIDS.