

HIV Infection and Pregnancy

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Abstract : AIDS is a pandemic disease, and the number of AIDS patients in Japan gradually been increasing. Both the treatment and prophylactic strategies for AIDS (HIV) have been established, however, discrimination against AIDS patients is still an important social issue. For adult women with AIDS, pregnancy and delivery are now possible. In order to prevent vertical infection to the fetus, various treatments are necessary including the administration of anti - viral agents to the mothers and neonates, elective Cesarean section and artificial feeding.

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