**MYTHS & FACTS about HIV VACCINES**

**MYTH:** An HIV vaccine already exists.

**FACT:** There is no licensed vaccine against HIV or AIDS, but scientists are getting closer than ever before to developing an effective vaccine against HIV.

**MYTH:** Joining an HIV vaccine study is like being a guinea pig.

**FACT:** Unlike guinea pigs, people can say yes or no about joining a study. All volunteers must go through a process called informed consent that ensures they understand all the risks & benefits of being in a study, and that they can leave at any time without losing any of their rights or benefits.

**MYTH:** HIV vaccines can give people HIV.

**FACT:** A person CANNOT get HIV from study HIV vaccines because these study vaccines do not contain real HIV.

**MYTH:** An HIV vaccine is unnecessary because AIDS is easily treated and controlled with medication.

**FACT:** The rate of new infections around the world is greater than our ability to get treatment to the people who need it. Current HIV medications are very expensive, have many side effects, and access to these drugs is neither guaranteed nor available in every country.

**VOLUNTEER FOR AN HIV VACCINE STUDY!**

We are looking for HIV-negative men, women & trans-individuals for a paid HIV vaccine study.

Please contact 206-667-2300 or www.seattlevaccines.org for more info.