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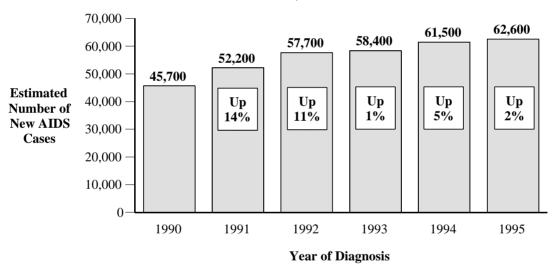
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Annual Growth Rate of U.S. AIDS Incidence Waning

According to data just released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the estimated number of AIDS cases diagnosed each year in the United States continues to increase at an extremely low rate. Since 1992, the annual national AIDS incidence has increased at a rate of 5% or less per year--a rate that is much lower than earlier years in the epidemic. According to the CDC, "the epidemic appears to be slowing overall, and hopefully, with sustained prevention efforts, AIDS incidence will continue to stabilize and eventually decline." For more information, contact the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231.

Estimated AIDS Incidence and Rate of Growth from Prior Year, United States, 1990 - 1995*



^{*}Estimates are adjusted for delays in the reporting of AIDS cases and anticipated redistribution of cases initially reported with no identified risk, but not for incomplete reporting of cases.

SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <u>HIV/AIDS</u>

<u>Surveillance Report</u>, 1996, 8 (1) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (October 25, 1996),

<u>CDC Fact Sheet</u> [WWW document], URL http://www.cdc.gov/pres1025.htm

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