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OPINION ON THE PROBLEM OF HIV INFECTION OF
PATIENTS DURING SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Considering that the risk of transmission of infection between care providers and those receiving that care is very small, and the number of recorded cases extremely small, and further that this does not constitute a new problem in our society, and that zero risk in medical practice is impossible of achievement, the National AIDS Council considers that the recommendations made by it to the authorities in 1992 (as specified below) need no modification.

The Council strongly emphasizes the essential duty of care providers to evaluate (individually and with the support of professional organizations) their own capacity to work, taking into account the associated risks.