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RE: *AIDS expo draws 100 people to Palm Springs*  
<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090410/NEWS01/90410011>

100 people showing up for an AIDS expo is not newsworthy, however it could have been had you published the latest statistics from the CA Office of AIDS, HIV/AIDS Case Registry that show applause is deserved for HIV researchers and advocates.

The death rate in newly infected California HIV/AIDS patients has plummeted 99 percent: in 1992, there were 9,793 deaths of those who were infected with HIV in that year; of those who were infected last year, only 146 died. In addition, the overall deaths from HIV/AIDS have fallen 92 percent from 7,975 in 1994 to 642 last year.<sup>1</sup> Compare that to the CA Dept of Health reporting of 7,414 deaths from diabetes<sup>2</sup> to say nothing of the thousands from other illnesses. "Crisis" is routinely used by media to describe HIV disease. If that is true, what adjective do we use to describe the destruction caused by diabetes and other illnesses killing a million more citizens than HIV annually.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://fairfoundation.org/quiz/quizanswer.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [http://fairfoundation.org/CA\\_diabetes\\_deaths2007.pdf](http://fairfoundation.org/CA_diabetes_deaths2007.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fairfoundation.org/factslinks.htm>