

1980

USA cases of AIDS	100
USA deaths	30
King County cases of AIDS	0
King County deaths	0

- ◆ Pre-1980: Gay men in the United States and Sweden and heterosexuals in Tanzania and Haiti begin showing signs of what will later be called AIDS.
- ◆ First cases of Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP) reported in young previously healthy gay men.

1981

USA cases of AIDS	439
USA deaths	160
King County cases of AIDS	0
King County deaths	0

- ◆ Gay Related Immune Deficiency (GIRD) is renamed Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.
- ◆ Gay Men's Health Crisis founded.

1982

USA cases of AIDS	1,540
USA deaths	626
King County cases of AIDS	1
King County deaths	1

- ◆ CDC says that sexual contact or infected blood could transmit AIDS.
- ◆ The first documented case of AIDS caused by a transfusion. The government issues a warning that the blood supply may be contaminated.

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- ◆ Future “AIDS poster boy” Bobby Campbell shows his KS lesions to a group of doctors at the Seattle Gay Clinic
- ◆ First AIDS forum is held at Seattle Central Community College to overflow crowd.

1983

USA cases of AIDS	4,693
USA deaths	2,137
King County cases of AIDS	12
King County deaths	12

- ◆ In the US, people who are considered to be in a high risk group for contracting HIV, including gay men and intravenous drug users, are asked to not donate blood.
- ◆ Many patients diagnosed with AIDS are told to prepare to die by their doctors.
- ◆ Some medical providers diagnose patients as having ARC (AIDS Related Condition). ARC continues in use for several more years.

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- ◆ Gay men's health group begins, later reforms as Seattle AIDS Support Group
- ◆ Volunteer from Seattle Gay Clinic provides first volunteer care for PWA
- ◆ Volunteer from Seattle Gay Clinic begins staffing AIDS Hotline part time at Harborview Hall
- ◆ Thousand of gays protest and march on city hall demanding the city council take action on AIDS
- ◆ Seattle-King County Dept. of Public Health staffs AIDS Hotline full time and provides medical assessment services (no HIV test available yet). Later became know as the AIDS Prevention Project.
- ◆ Northwest AIDS Foundation begins first all volunteer board

1984

USA cases of AIDS	11,061
USA deaths	5,663
King County cases of AIDS	72
King County deaths	69

- ◆ HTLV-III is discovered as cause of AIDS (later renamed HIV).
- ◆ Heterosexual epidemic of AIDS in Africa is reported.
- ◆ AZT first considered for use. CDC redefines case definition for AIDS to include opportunistic infections.

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- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project's Assessment clinic clients were offered experimental blood tests that later became approved as HIV antibody testing.
- ◆ Puget Sound Blood Center was a leader in beginning experimental testing that later became approved as HIV antibody testing.

1985

USA cases of AIDS	23,105
USA deaths	12,659
King County cases of AIDS	176
King County deaths	169

- ◆ Antibody testing for HTLV-III (later renamed HIV) was approved by the FDA.
- ◆ Most blood banks begin voluntary testing.
- ◆ First International AIDS Conference is held in Atlanta.
- ◆ Rock Hudson admits to the public that he has AIDS.
- ◆ Ryan White, 14 years old, who has AIDS is barred from attending his public school in Indiana.

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- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project of Public Health offers all clients antibody testing and moves to new location at the corner of Summit and Seneca.

1986

USA cases of AIDS	42,509
USA deaths	24,842
King County cases of AIDS	362
King County deaths	348

- ◆ HTLV-III is renamed as HIV the cause of AIDS.
- ◆ In West Africa, a second type of HIV, HIV-2 is discovered.
- ◆ Condoms use is shown to be effective in preventing the sexual transmission of HIV.
- ◆ Surgeon General C. Everett Koop releases his report calling for AIDS education for children of all ages, and urges widespread use of condoms.
- ◆ AIDS rate among African Americans three times that of whites.

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- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project develops model school curricula and HIV/AIDS training modules.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project gets its first AIDS grants and begins the “Be a Star” intervention/research study.
- ◆ Madison Clinic is established by Harborview Medical Center to provide services to persons with HIV or AIDS.

1987

USA cases of AIDS	71,614
USA deaths	41,330
King County cases of AIDS	636
King County deaths	610

- ◆ AZT the first antiviral approved for treating AIDS.
- ◆ Liberace dies of *Pneumocystis carinii*, a type of pneumonia which is triggered by AIDS.
- ◆ ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) is founded.
- ◆ The American Medical Association rules that doctors are obligated to provide treatment for people with AIDS.
- ◆ Randy Shilts publishes *And the Band Played On*.
- ◆ The USA bans HIV-infected persons (immigrants and travelers) from entering the country.
- ◆ President Ronald Reagan makes his first AIDS speech.

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- ◆ 92% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project collaborates with King County Medical Society on first major training for community medical providers.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project begins “Train the Trainer” program for public speakers on AIDS.
- ◆ Northwest Family Center provides medical and social services to women, children and families affected by HIV.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project gets grant from NIDA for prevention in Injection Drug users.
- ◆ Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Seattle is founded.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project begins HIV testing in the jails.

1988

USA cases of AIDS	107,740
USA deaths	62,574
King County cases of AIDS	988
King County deaths	934

- ◆ AIDS dementia identified.
- ◆ US mails copies of “Understanding AIDS”, a booklet by Surgeon General Koop, to all households.
- ◆ US bans discrimination against federal workers with HIV.
- ◆ The World Health Organization declares December 1st World AIDS Day.
- ◆ 75% of heterosexually transmitted AIDS cases so far are among African Americans.
- ◆ 75% of pediatric AIDS cases so far are among African Americans.

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- ◆ 90% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ Bleach distribution and outreach to Injection Drug Users begins.
- ◆ Northwest AIDS Foundation becomes non-profit organization.
- ◆ Chicken Soup Brigade is established.
- ◆ STEP (Seattle Treatment Education Project) is established.

1989

USA cases of AIDS	151,239
USA deaths	90,628
King County cases of AIDS ...	1,449
King County deaths	1,351

- ◆ After two years of ACT UP protests over the price of AZT, Burroughs Wellcome lowers AZT's price by 20 percent.
- ◆ Aerosolized Pentamidine approved to treat PCP.
- ◆ The first IV treatment for CMV retinitis receives FDA approval.
- ◆ A federal study indicates that AZT slows the progression of HIV infection in those who are asymptomatic or who have few symptoms.

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- ◆ 93% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project pilots early-intervention care model with seropositive clients.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project awarded grant by CDC to target hard-to-reach populations (street youth, sex industry workers, MSM-nsi).
- ◆ HIV positive women start meeting together for support and the BABES Network begins.

1990

USA cases of AIDS 200,785
USA deaths 122,464
King County cases of AIDS ... 1,967
King County deaths 1,804

- ◆ The federal Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act pass into law.
- ◆ Ryan White dies from AIDS in Kokomo, Indiana.

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1991

USA cases of AIDS	261,358
USA deaths	159,570
King County cases of AIDS ...	2,529
King County deaths	2,270

- ◆ The CDC reports that 1 million Americans are infected with HIV.
- ◆ The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that nearly 10 million people are infected with HIV throughout the world.
- ◆ Magic Johnson announces that he is HIV positive.
- ◆ Kimberly Bergalis, who apparently got HIV from her dentist, asks the US Congress to force health care workers to be tested for HIV.
- ◆ The FDA approves a second anti-AIDS drug called ddI.

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- ◆ 90% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ Brother to Brother and Entre Hermanos begin HIV prevention education for MSM of color.
- ◆ Grants for street-based interventions targeting three hard-to-reach populations becomes operational: street youth “Project SKATE”; women in the sex industry “Girlfriends talking”; MSM-nsi “Shiftin’ Gears”.
- ◆ GACHA recommends WA schools distribute condoms.
- ◆ AIDS CARE assistance program starts.
- ◆ Street Outreach Services gets established to do outreach to Injection Drug Users.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project moves to 4th and Blanchard.

1992

USA cases of AIDS	341,015
USA deaths	201,419
King County cases of AIDS ...	3,149
King County deaths	2,708

- ◆ Arthur Ashe, tennis player, confirms that he has AIDS.
- ◆ First study shows combination of antivirals has stronger suppression of virus.
- ◆ FDA starts “accelerated approval” to get promising drugs to dying patients faster.
- ◆ Nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitor is approved by the FDA— the first drug approved under the accelerated approval policy.

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- ◆ 89% of AIDS cases in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project participates in recruitment of volunteers for vaccine trials.
- ◆ WA State Supreme Court unanimously endorses needle exchanges as a valid and legal public health measure. Unfunded alternative exchange program established in University District.
- ◆ Bailey-Boushay House opens.

1993

USA cases of AIDS	420,894
USA deaths	247,152
King County cases of AIDS ...	3,793
King County deaths	3,100

- ◆ Arthur Ashe, 49, world famous athlete, dies of AIDS-related pneumonia in New York.
- ◆ Concorde study reports limited benefit from AZT.
- ◆ The CDC begin to use a new definition of AIDS. This change in definition increases the number of cases identified by 111%. Many of the new cases were found in females.
- ◆ The FDA approves the use and sale of the “Reality” condom.

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- ◆ 88% of AIDS cases in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project receives funding from NIDA & CDC to conduct a comprehensive epidemiologic evaluation of needle exchange outcomes (Raven Study) - the first such study to be conducted in the US.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project launches innovative “Stella Seattle” comic strip as an outreach/education tool targeting gay and bisexual men.
- ◆ Needle exchange annual volume exceeds 500,000 syringes.

1994

USA cases of AIDS	493,980
USA deaths	297,809
King County cases of AIDS ...	4,333
King County deaths	3,350

- ◆ Jocelyn Elders, Surgeon General for the US, and an advocate for major AIDS education, is forced to resign.
- ◆ Tom Hanks won an Oscar for playing a gay man with AIDS in the movie Philadelphia.
- ◆ AZT is shown to reduce HIV transmission from mother to child.
- ◆ OraSure testing kits approved by FDA.
- ◆ Viral load testing begins.
- ◆ First protease inhibitor approved.
- ◆ First treatment for CMV retinitis is introduced.
- ◆ The FDA approves d4T and 3TC.

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- ◆ 91% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project launches NEON (Needle and Sex Education Outreach Network), a peer-based community-level intervention targeting MSM methamphetamine injectors.
- ◆ -AIDS Resource Center Library is established.

1995

USA cases of AIDS	563,964
USA deaths	349,223
King County cases of AIDS ...	4,840
King County deaths	3,489

- ◆ AIDS becomes the leading cause of death among all Americans age 25-44.
- ◆ Olympic diver Greg Lougainis, winner of four gold medals, reveals that he has AIDS.
- ◆ Scientists George Shaw and David Ho show that HIV replication is continuous from the time of infection.
- ◆ HIV NET domestic and international vaccine preparedness research begins.

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- ◆ 85% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project begins the “Condom Campaign” with distribution of advertising materials and condom vending machines; aim is to increase condom knowledge and use among sexually active youth.
- ◆ AIDS is now the leading cause of death in men and women age 25-44 in King County.

1996

USA cases of AIDS	625,088
USA deaths	387,279
King County cases of AIDS ...	5,258
King County deaths	3,548

- ◆ Boxer Tommy Morrison announces that he is HIV positive.
- ◆ Time magazine's 1996 Man of the Year is AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho.
- ◆ Triple combination therapy becomes standard of care. Hit early and hard.
- ◆ The FDA approved two new protease inhibitors-ritonavir and indinavir-for the treatment of HVI infection in adults.
- ◆ Researchers identify the virus responsible for KS as a type of herpes virus.
- ◆ FDA approves test to measure HIV viral load in the blood.
- ◆ Nevirapine is approved for use in the US. This is the first anti-HIV drug in the class called non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors.

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- ◆ 83% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ Needle Exchange annual volume exceeds 1 million syringes.

1997

USA cases of AIDS	674,467
USA deaths	409,143
King County cases of AIDS ...	5,553
King County deaths	3,590

- ◆ AIDS drops to 85th leading cause of death for ages 25-44.
- ◆ AIDS deaths decline 45% from 1996.
- ◆ Prevalence rates for urban MSM is estimated to be 17%, 29% for African American MSM and 40% for MSM-IDUs.
- ◆ The CDC urges all states to require reporting of HIV positive individuals. So far only 26 states require it.
- ◆ Dona Shalala endorses needle exchange programs, they can be an effective component in the fight against HIV.
- ◆ NY University conducts a major study to determine the effects of condom distribution in schools. The conclusion is that the distribution of condoms does not promote sex.
- ◆ President Clinton apologizes for the Tuskegee study where African-American men weren't treated for Syphilis.
- ◆ NEJM endorses the use of medical marijuana.
- ◆ President Clinton announces the creation of a vaccine research center within the National Institutes of Health.
- ◆ NY hospitals begin testing all newborn infants for HIV.

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- ◆ 85% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ STD rates increase among MSM in King County. Needle Exchange moves to 2nd & Pike expands services.
- ◆ AIDS Prevention Project changes its name to HIV/AIDS Program.

1998

USA cases of AIDS	716,296
USA deaths	427,291
King County cases of AIDS ...	5,803
King County deaths	3,616

- ◆ The term “barebacking” and unprotected sex in the MSM community become a hot issue. “Bug Chasing” and “Gift Giver” also appear.
- ◆ Pharmaceutical companies sue the South African government for allowing purchase of brand-name medications at reduced rates.
- ◆ 64% of all new female HIV infections are estimated to be among African Americans.
- ◆ Surge in STD rates among MSM on the West Coast.
- ◆ One half of all new male HIV infections are estimated to be among African Americans.
- ◆ With HIV+ people living longer, some people declare the end of the “AIDS Crisis”.
- ◆ FDA approves Ziagen, a nucleoside analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitor taken in combination with other antiviral HIV medications.

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1999

USA cases of AIDS	755,107
USA deaths	444,053
King County cases of AIDS ...	5,994
King County deaths	3,633

- ◆ DHHS awards \$3.9 m in planning grants to increase HIV/AIDS care to African Americans and people in rural areas.
- ◆ Treatment vs. profits for big pharmaceutical companies: Brazil and India continue to produce generic antivirals.
- ◆ 13th International AIDS Conference highlights the needs, and scope, of the AIDS epidemic in the third world.
- ◆ Report: gay men more at ease with HIV, some return to high-risk sex. Advances in treatment one reason.
- ◆ Questions raised about long-term treatment with HAART.
- ◆ Use of nevirapine by mother and baby reduces rate by half compared to AZT.
- ◆ FDA has granted accelerated approval to amprenavir.
- ◆ FDA approves Panretin for the topical treatment of cutaneous lesions in patients with AIDS-related KS.
- ◆ Use of methadone and nevirapine cause dosing problems.
- ◆ 1 in 50 African American men are HIV+, compared to 1 in 250 white men. 1 in 160 African American women are HIV+, compared to 1 in 3,000 white women.

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- ◆ 84% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ HIV case reporting begins in WA State. It uses a unique system that combines named reporting with later conversion to an anonymous code.

2000

USA cases of AIDS	791,194
USA deaths	458,562
King County cases of AIDS ...	6,255
King County deaths	3,664

- ◆ Wound and Abscess clinic opened at Downtown Needle exchange in collaboration with several other medical programs. Includes wound and abscess care, hepatitis and TB screening, and hepatitis vaccinations.
- ◆ Community summit addressing HIV and STDs in MSM is held.
- ◆ Latinos in the US are disproportionately affected by HIV accounting for 18% of total AIDS cases while just 14% of the US population. 47% of AIDS cases among Latino men were in MSM, 30% in injection drug use, and 21% in sex with women.
- ◆ Young Men's Study in five US cities (1994-2000) shows alarming rise in risk behaviors and new infections in young MSM, particularly in young MSM of color, similar to early epidemic numbers.
- ◆ UNAIDS releases results of their multi-year trial to evaluate Advantage S, a gel, to prevent infection with HIV and STDs. It wasn't effective and may increase risk.

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2001

USA cases of AIDS	816,149
USA deaths	467,910
King County cases of AIDS ...	6,406
King County deaths	3,671

- ◆ Drug companies begin offering AIDS drugs to poor countries at a discount.
- ◆ UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan launches his call to action, including the creation of a global fund on AIDS and health.
- ◆ Federal health official change treatment guidelines and now recommend waiting to start anti-HIV treatments.
- ◆ Over 51% of total AIDS cases in US have been in MSM.

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- ◆ 75% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ HIV prevalence studies show that between 2.5% and 36% of MSM test HIV positive. Higher prevalence rates are generally found in older MSM compared to younger MSM, in MSM with STDs, and in MSM/IDU.
- ◆ Lifelong AIDS Alliance formed through the merger of Chicken Soup Brigade and Northwest AIDS Foundation.
- ◆ HIV/AIDS program in collaborative effort launches initiative targeting pharmacists to increase access to new syringes and promote safe disposal of used syringes.

2002

USA cases of AIDS	NA
USA deaths	NA
King County cases of AIDS	NA
King County deaths	NA

- ◆ T-20 the first of a new class of drugs called fusion inhibitors is available to patients.

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- ◆ NA% of AIDS cases are in MSM.
- ◆ Washington State law modified to allow all persons over age 18 to purchase and possess sterile syringes and needles.