

12/06 Public Health Politics II: HIV/AIDS

The Decline of Infectious Disease

- Omran and the epidemiological transition
- Closing ID departments
- Fear in the 1970s: Herpes

HIV 2005

- 4,900,000 new infections
- total of 40,300,000 people now infected
- 3,100,000 deaths (23,100,000 overall since 1981)

Origins of HIV/AIDS

- What is a new disease?
- African origins, early cases (in retrospect)
- Invisible spread in NYC and San Francisco
- 5 June 1981, *MMWR*
- From the 4H Club to HIV
- AIDS in America, 1985: stigma, discrimination, and innocent victims

Prevention and Treatment

- Resistance to condom and needle distribution
- AZT and protease inhibitors: mortality decline in the US
- Obstacles to treatment?
- Cost, bias, morality, and politics
- Lack of leadership: Reagan and Mbeki
- AIDS exceptionalism: failure to use routine public health methods
- HAART, WHO, and the failure of 3x5
- Why do only 2.5% of people with HIV receive HAART?

AIDS and the Epidemiological Transition