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Is HIV Vaccine Possible?

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The scary thing about HIV, says Francis, is the numerous variations around the world. Still, there is no scientific reason that it would not be possible to cover all the strains in a single vaccine; it would just be more expensive to create such a vaccine, he adds.



Transcript

The only thing that scares me about HIV is the variation around the world. And so we can make as many strains as you want in a vaccine it just costs more money. If we could find a vaccine, I think there's no reason why scientifically we shouldn't be able to make it. I wish I could tell you exactly how but what we need to do is try and do more and try and do more and ultimately, this is an empirical science. The second question is why are the non-profit the way to do it? Were you going to build a non-profit..? Or do other vaccines? Yes, probably. We don't know yet but HIV will be probably be the thrust but there are several other options to these in the developing world if there is funding available for it, we will... like SARS at least look into it.