

combination be cure for AIDS

With the FDA's cautious testing, AIDS research has made enormous advances since the disease was identified and publicized in the early 1980s.

"We understand this better than any other microorganism," Swindells said. "This is the most studied germ in the universe."

Public awareness about AIDS has improved greatly also. When celebrities, like former Los Angeles Laker Magic Johnson, announced they were HIV-infected, the response was tremendous.

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As public awareness for the disease increased, life expectancy for people with the AIDS virus did also.

"Patients live twice as long now, and they stay healthier," she said. "People just died with in a matter of months, now I have patients that live three to four years."



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