



PRACTICE MEMORANDUM

**To Counsel, Criminal Law Division
Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General**

Date: June 2012

Subject: HIV NON-DISCLOSURE (*CUERRIER*) PROSECUTIONS

Advice:

Times have changed. HIV is no longer a death sentence. It is a chronic manageable disease. And contrary to uninformed public sentiment, HIV is very difficult to sexually transmit. The science is clear on both these counts.

Prosecutions for HIV non-disclosure must be based on complete and accurate scientific and medical evidence, not preconceptions, fear or prejudice. Remember the [Goudge Inquiry](#) recommendations.

And let's be clear, HIV non-disclosure is not about forced, coerced or violent sex.

So Think Twice before you prosecute.

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