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5.6 LET US SUM UP

In this unit we made an attempt to discuss a very important aspect with regard to the moral issues pertaining to testing for HIV/AIDS. The unit deeply analysed the right to autonomy of HIV/AIDS patients, the ethical advantages of testing for HIV, general principles for testing, implications for universal testing, testing of specific groups and HIV testing and confidentiality. This unit also dealt with certain pertinent issues like partner notification as well as confidentiality of HIV status on autopsy reports. All these issues are very important while dealing with issues relating to HIV/AIDS in any social setting as well as the medical setting in our country.

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