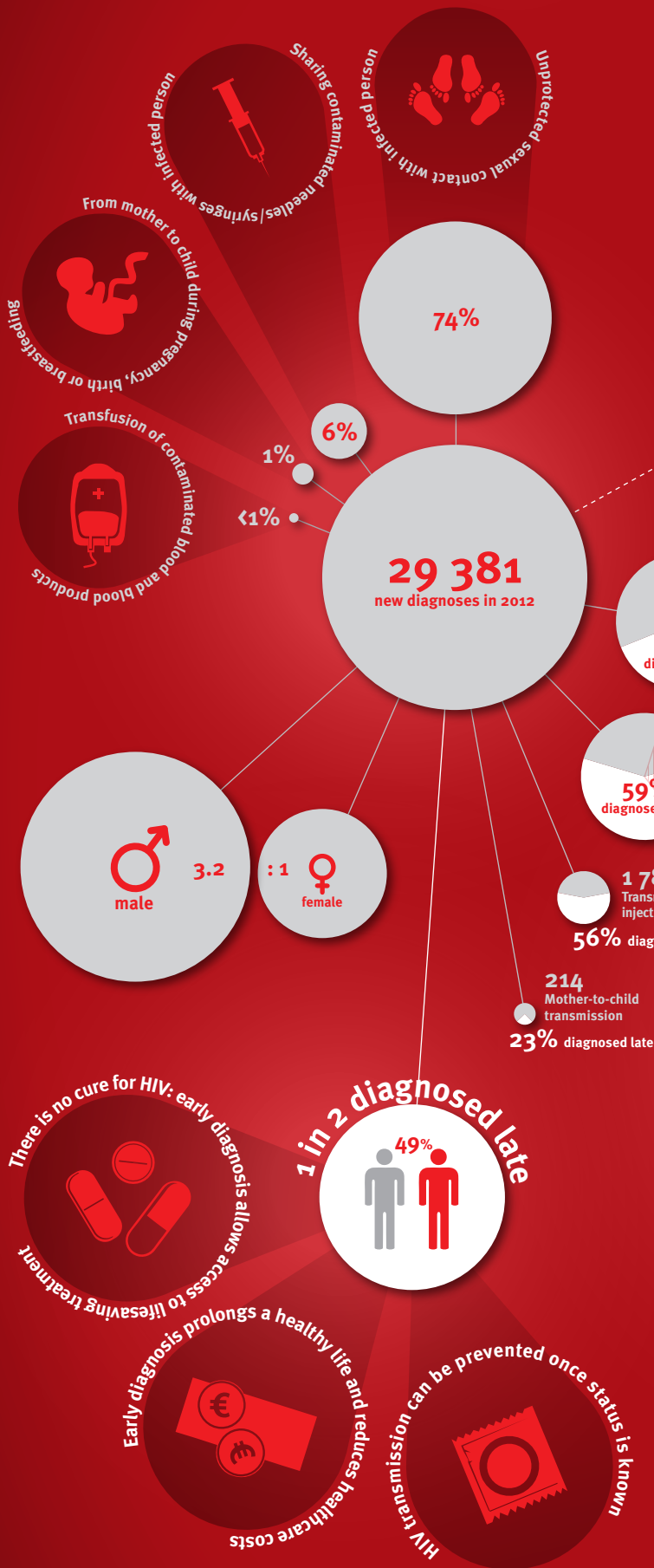


HIV and AIDS in Europe



HIV infection remains of major public health importance in the European Union and European Economic Area (EU/EEA): there is no indication of a decline in transmission. Since the start of reporting on the HIV epidemic, more than 455 000 HIV diagnoses have been recorded in the EU/EEA. Marking World AIDS Day on 1 December, ECDC and the WHO Regional Office for Europe publish their annual surveillance report on HIV/AIDS.



HIV

attacks the immune system and causes lifelong illness that may show no symptoms for many years. Treatment can stop progression to severe illness and AIDS.

AIDS

indicates the end-stage of HIV infection resulting from the destruction of the immune system. It is defined by the presence of one or more opportunistic illnesses due to decreased immunity.



4 313 AIDS diagnoses in 2012

48% less reported AIDS cases than 2006

Number of AIDS patients known to have died by the end of 2012:
183 022

People diagnosed with AIDS in the EU/EEA since the beginning of the HIV epidemic until the end of 2012:

334 299

Test & protect!

Early testing helps to prevent transmission and lowers the risk of severe health complications.

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