Local healing in northern Thailand: An anthropological study of its effectiveness

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- HIV, AIDS, and *khang*
- *Khang/sang* in medical texts
- *Khang, kimichat, incorrect diet, and HIV*
- *Khang muttakhuet phrai kin lueat*
- HIV positive might not be HIV or AIDS
- The unrecognized disease theory of AIDS

**Principles of treatment**

- Symptomatic treatment
- Normalizing inner elements (*prap that*)
- Killing germs (*kha chuea*)
- Excreting toxin, excreting germs (*khap phit, khap chuea*)
- Dietary control (*kam kin*)
- Living conditions (*kam yu*)
- Detach oneself from something that causes suffering (*kan plong*)
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