

**Circular Y1/3239/4.7.2000 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare: HIV-AIDS
Public Health and Human Rights**

21. All have an obligation to protect themselves and others from infection

103. Neither the doctor nor anyone else has the right to announce the HIV-positive person's health condition to his or her spouse or sexual partner, in order to protect them from a potential infection. The HIV-positive person is asked to do so himself/herself, with the provision of psychosocial support, in order that the spouse or partner is also protected.

104. If the HIV-positive person is not persuaded to announce his/her HIV virus infection to his or her spouse or sexual partner, then, after the methods of persuasion have run out, the doctor resorts to the legal committee of the Centre for Disease Control, or the statutory ethics committees or to the hearing prosecutor, who may grant the permission of the announcement if the necessary conditions are satisfied.