

HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and mental health in Russia



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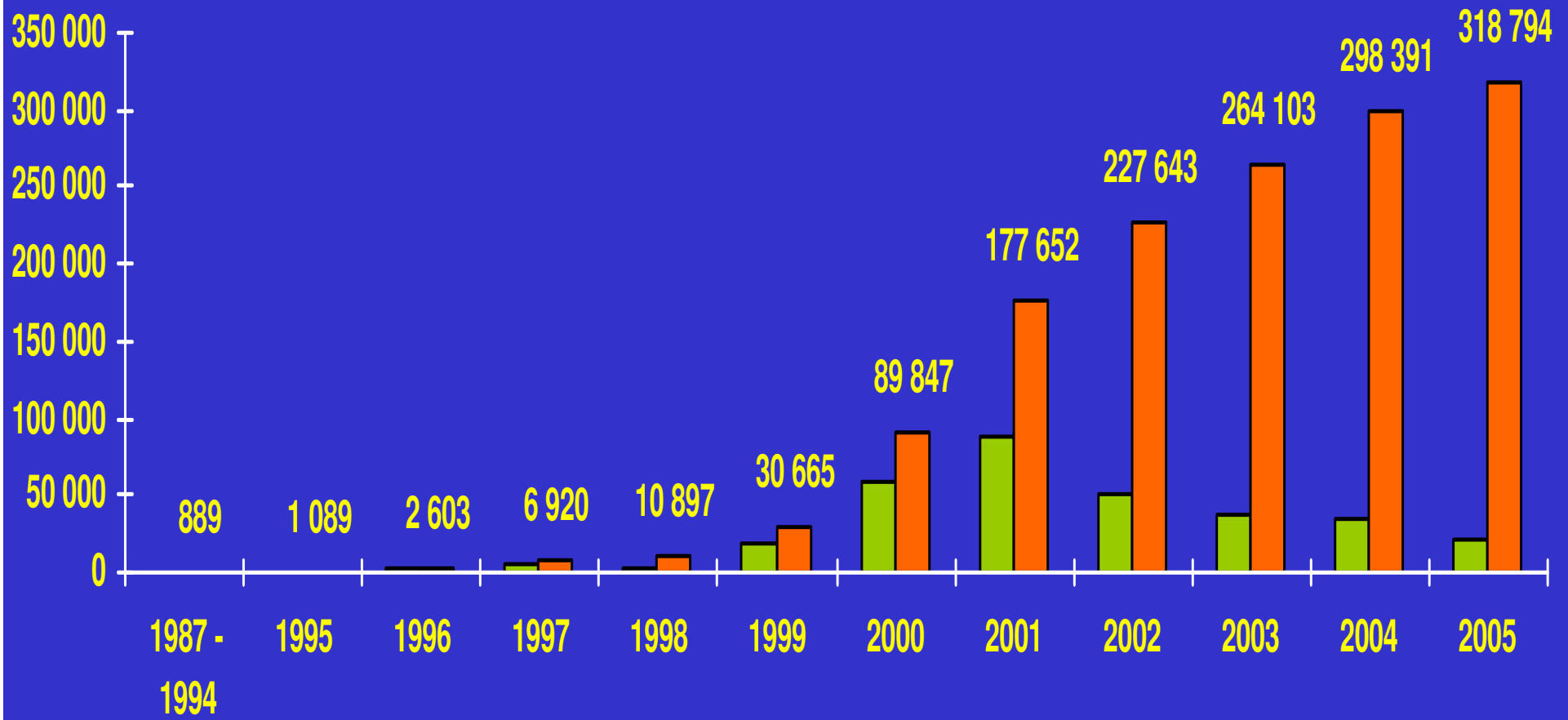
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Dynamics of HIV epidemic growth

HIV-infection in Russia, 1994-2005



Current situation with HIV in Russia

(Source: Federal AIDS center, RF, 30.06.2006)

- Total number of HIV registered cases – **377 209 people.**
- Calculated number of patients who need ARV treatment - **58 333.**

Current stage of HIV-epidemic in RF

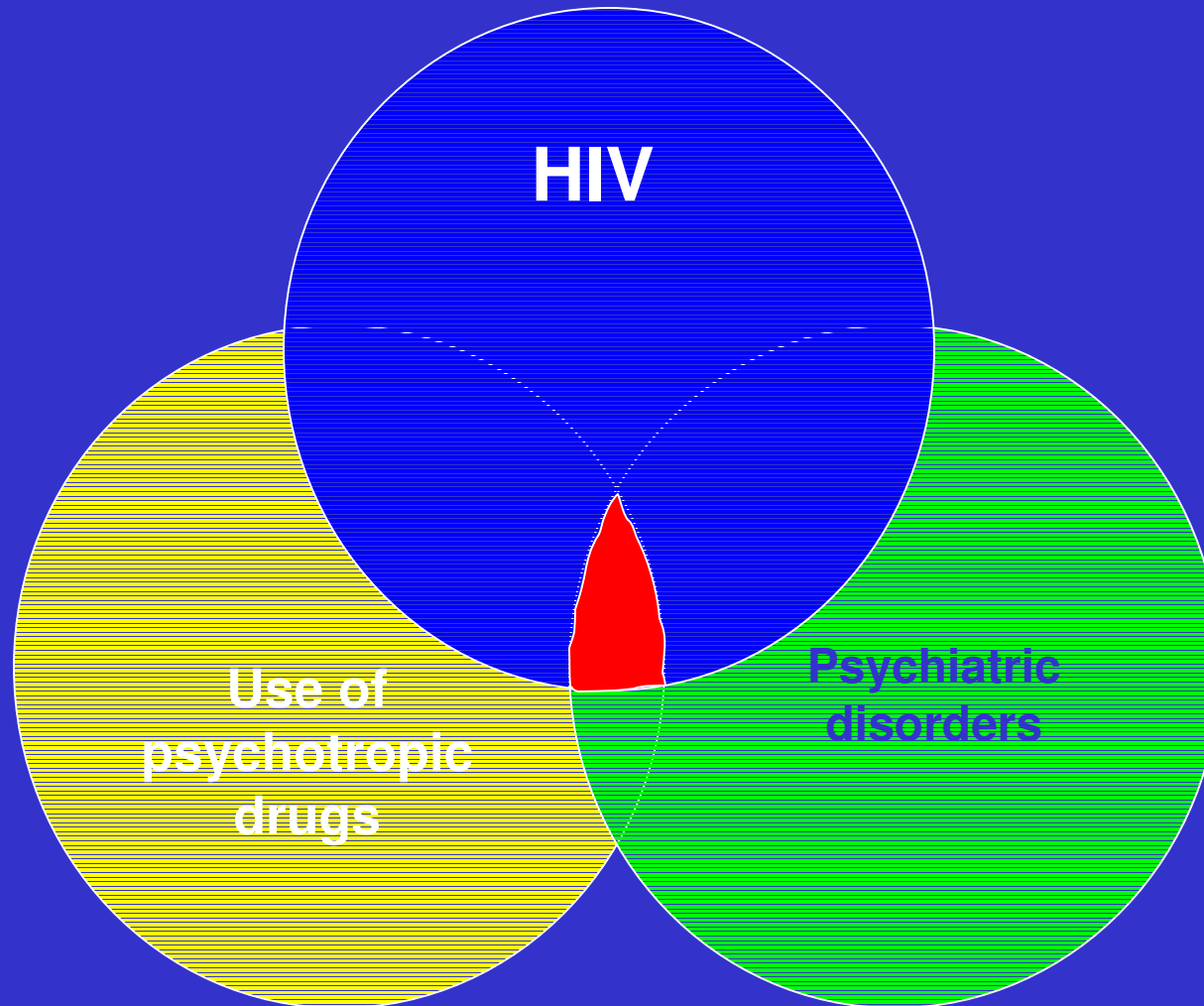
- Spread of HIV in to the general population
- Increase of immunodeficiency cases requiring treatment.
- **Necessity to provide treatment properly for ARV treatment adherence !!!**

HIV among IDUs

- In year 2005 the National Research Center of Narcology discovered that among the officially checked cases with drug addiction diagnosis only **9,3%** had HIV.

“Triple” diagnosis

(www.aidsknowledgehub.org)



Double diagnosis. Problems of organizing medical help in Russia.

- Double patient stigmatization.
- Narrow specialization of psychiatric (narcological) and infections services.
- Low awareness of psychiatrists-narcologists about HIV-treatment in general
- Unavailability of substitution treatment



Possible ways of improving medical services quality for people with double diagnosis

- Increase the possibility to psychiatric help on the basis of infectious diseases clinics taking into account the needs of the affected community
- Increase of ARV treatment for HIV-patients on the basis of psychiatric clinics.
- Additional training of medical personnel.
- Support of NGO and self-help groups, helping people with double diagnosis.
- Involve the affected community into monitoring and evaluation of the quality of provided medical and social services.

About 80% of PLWH in Russia
are IDUs!

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Thank you!