



# Facial fillers for patients with HIV

HIV and antiretroviral therapy can **decrease fat tissue and volume** in the face, leading to sunken cheeks and an older appearance.

**VA researchers** in Sacramento, California, found that an injectable gel that is widely used cosmetically—a hyaluronic-acid-based filler—can lead to **long-lasting improvements** for HIV patients and boost their quality of life.

Source: “Safety and Efficacy of a Volumizing Hyaluronic Acid Filler for Treatment of HIV-Associated Facial Lipoatrophy,” *JAMA Dermatology*, online Nov. 2, 2016.