

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white, oval-shaped capsule against a dark blue background. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gripping the capsule. The capsule is the central focus, showing its smooth, slightly textured surface. The background is a deep, solid blue, creating a strong contrast with the white capsule.

CLINICAL SCIENCE

Armed Against HIV?

ORAL EXAMINATION: A member of a Medical Center team testing a new vaccine to prevent HIV holds one of the trial's capsules. Rochester researchers and colleagues at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center are conducting a clinical trial to see whether the vaccine—which is unusual because it is being given in the form of a capsule rather than a shot—can prompt a more robust immune response against the virus that causes AIDS. The study, conducted in collaboration with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, began early this year. **PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER**

