

FACTOR

This you can't Make-Up, REVLON infected people with AIDS



No, we're not joking. And here's how it happened...

Back in 1978 **Revlon** purchased a company called Armour Pharmaceuticals for some \$90 Million, the company had offices amongst other places in Eastbourne, UK. Revlon's new subsidiary company under it's blanket name, **Revlon Healthcare**, produced a treatment for Haemophilia, commonly known as "Factor VIII".

There was just one problem...

As it turns out, these products were made in a very dangerous way, they were actually described by Prof. [Judith Graham Poole](#) as "unethical" before they went into manufacture. Mrs Poole being the person who years earlier pioneered a safer alternative known as Cryoprecipitate or Cryo.

Despite a multitude of warnings that are well documented, the company pressed on with it's manufacture and distribution of the products. Products that as it came to light were [infecting it's users with HIV and Hepatitis C](#). Even after Revlon's new found cash-cow suspected they may be transmitting the AIDS virus to people, they continued off-loading the product and the dollars kept rolling in.

By 1985 people who had been infected through these products began to be told.

In that same year, [Revlon sold it's drug operation for \\$690 million](#) in cash to the Rorer Group, now [Rhône-Poulenc](#).