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HD is a genetically caused brain disorder that causes uncontrollable bodily movements and robs people's ability to walk, talk, eat, and think. The final result is a slow, ugly death. Children of parents with HD have a 50-50 chance of inheriting the disease. There is no cure or treatment.

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




FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

Overcoming the Fear of the Lion: A Courageous Film About Genetic Testing and Huntington's Disease

A new documentary, *The Lion's Mouth Opens*, poignantly captures the precarious journey into genetic self-knowledge by Marianna Palka, a 33-year-old filmmaker-actress. She has decided to test for Huntington's disease (HD), which has been referred to as the "devil of all diseases."

The film premieres on HBO on June 1 at 9 p.m. ET.

Read my preview of the film in [The Huffington Post](#).

Posted by [Gene Veritas](#) at 5:24 PM      

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