Silence = Death protest slogan

Protestors in front of the Department of Health and Human Services, during the national campaign to change the definition of AIDS, October 2, 1990. Courtesy Donna Binder

With chapters across the country, ACT UP held thousands of demonstrations between 1987 and 1996, including one at the Department of Health and Human Services to insist that women with AIDS receive care and treatment. Their actions transformed how scientists and politicians responded to the AIDS crisis.