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SESSION 1

HIV/HBV DIDACTIC SERIES

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Thanks SARS-CoV-2...



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Flipped classroom format

Virtual interaction is hard, but let's TRY!

Your preparation will make all the difference for your learning & the group experience

- Spend 20 minutes prepping prior to each session

Please “interrupt” – this is not a lecture!

I'll ask questions and you'll answer some post-session assessments

- When I don't know an answer I'll say so, and look it up after the session
 - (we can also poll the group for wisdom)
- This is NOT a test
- I don't grade you 😊
- Goal: to gauge where we are and how we can be better going forward for our patients

Overall Outline

5 session, 2 hours each

1. HIV & ART overview

- History, Epidemiology, transmission/risk, staging
- Med Class Overview, ART initiation

2. Treatment monitoring & Failure

- 2nd & 3rd line ART, toxicity/complications, monitoring
- Prevention

3. Opportunistic Infections & Hepatitis B

- OIs, ART considerations, Prophylaxis
- HBV dx, tx, surveillance, & HIV-HBV co-infection

4. Special Populations:

- Pregnancy, antenatal & intrapartum, infant care & pediatric

5. HIV/HBV Case-Based Application

1. Case Application
2. Wrap-up/review, miscellaneous items

Source Materials

Liberia Integrated Guidelines for Prevention, Testing, Care, and Treatment of HIV and AIDS

- 5th edition, August 2019

WHO HIV Diagnosis, Treatment, and Opportunistic Infection Guidelines

- 2016, 2018 ART update
- https://www.who.int/publications/guidelines/hiv_aids/en/

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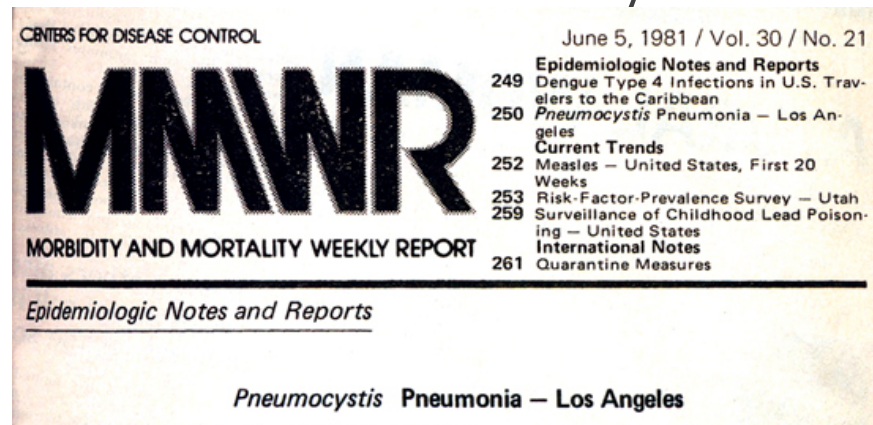
HIV History

1981

1983 - 1984

AIDS identified as a clinical syndrome of immunodeficiency

HIV-1 identified as the causative agent of AIDS



Pneumocystis Pneumonia — Los Angeles

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PNEUMOCYSTIS CARINII PNEUMONIA AND MUCOSAL CANDIDIASIS IN PREVIOUSLY HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL MEN

Evidence of a New Acquired Cellular Immunodeficiency

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Frequent Detection and Isolation of Cytopathic Retroviruses (HTLV-III) from Patients with AIDS and at Risk for AIDS

Isolation of a T-Lymphotropic Retrovirus from a Patient at Risk for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Abstract. A retrovirus belonging to the family of recently discovered human T-cell leukemia viruses (HTLV), but clearly distinct from each previous isolate, has been isolated from a Caucasian patient with signs and symptoms that often precede the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). This virus is a typical type-C RNA tumor virus, buds from the cell membrane, prefers magnesium for reverse transcriptase activity, and has an internal antigen (p25) similar to HTLV p24. Antibodies from the serum of this patient react with proteins from viruses of the HTLV-I subgroup, but type-specific antisera to HTLV-I do not precipitate proteins of the new isolate. The virus from this patient has been transmitted into cord blood lymphocytes, and the virus produced by these cells is similar to the original isolate. From these studies it is concluded that this virus as well as the previous HTLV isolates belong to a general family of T-lymphotropic retroviruses that are horizontally transmitted in humans and may be involved in several pathological syndromes, including AIDS.

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Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV)



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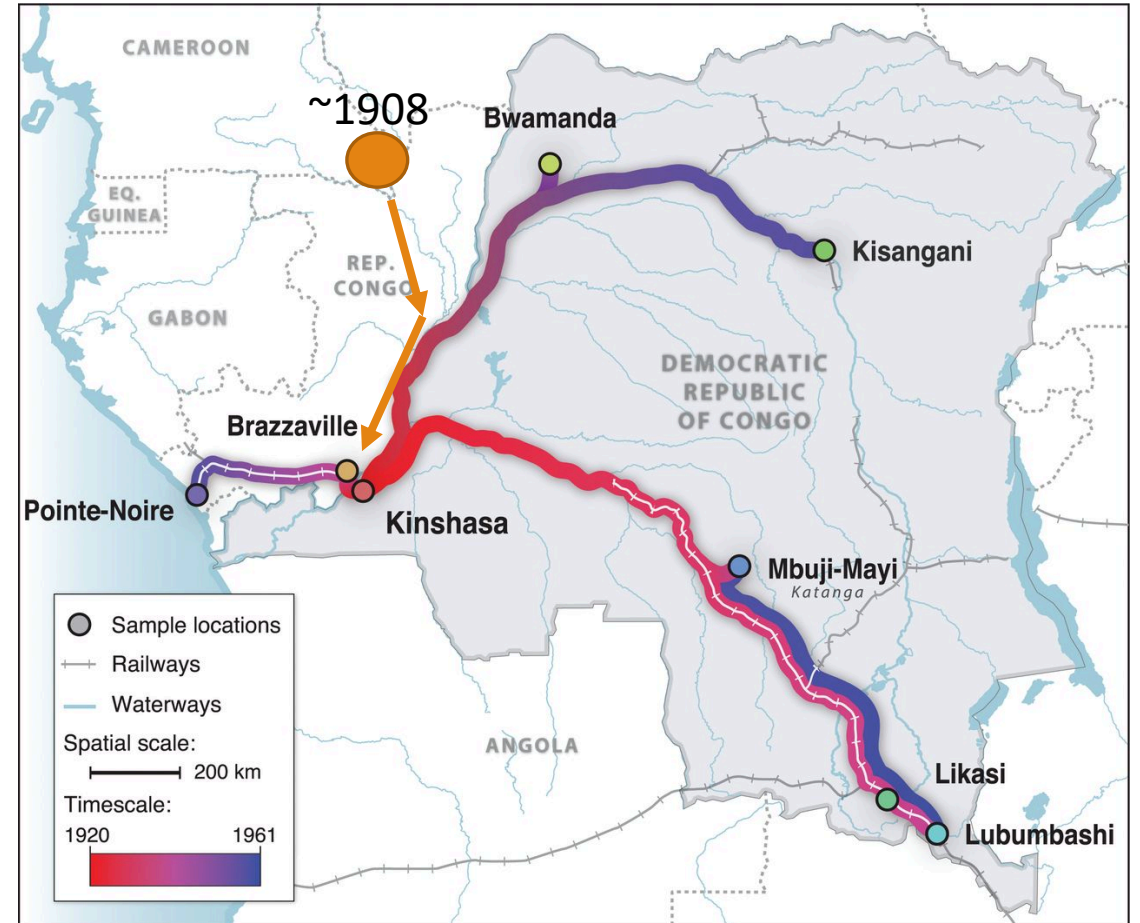
Southeast
Cameroon



Origin & Spread of HIV-1

Colonialism & forced labor

- Belgium & German control of Cameroon & Congo
- Ivory & Rubber industry
- Transportation Networks
 - Trails, waterways, railways



HIV Types

Lentivirus

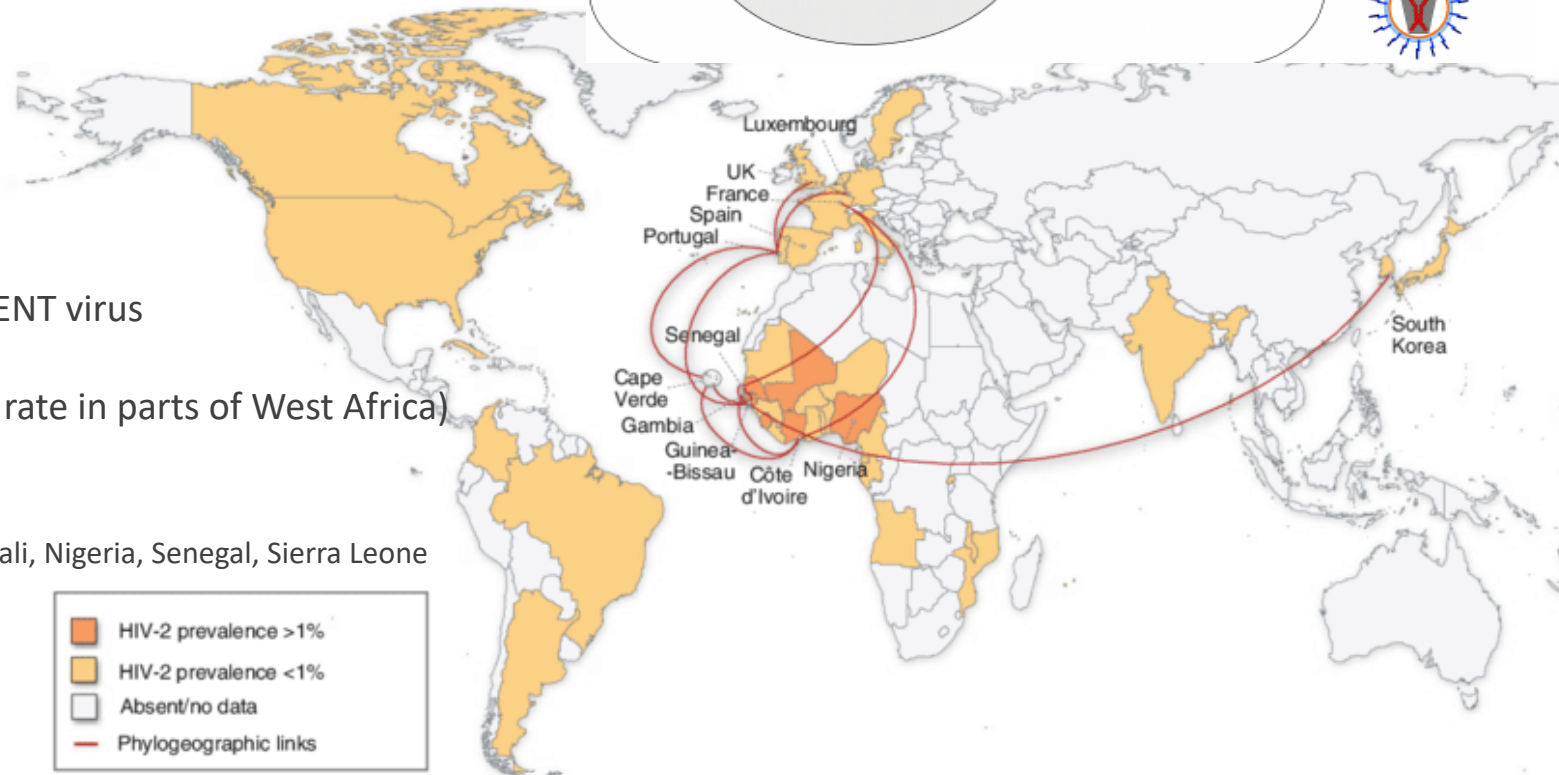
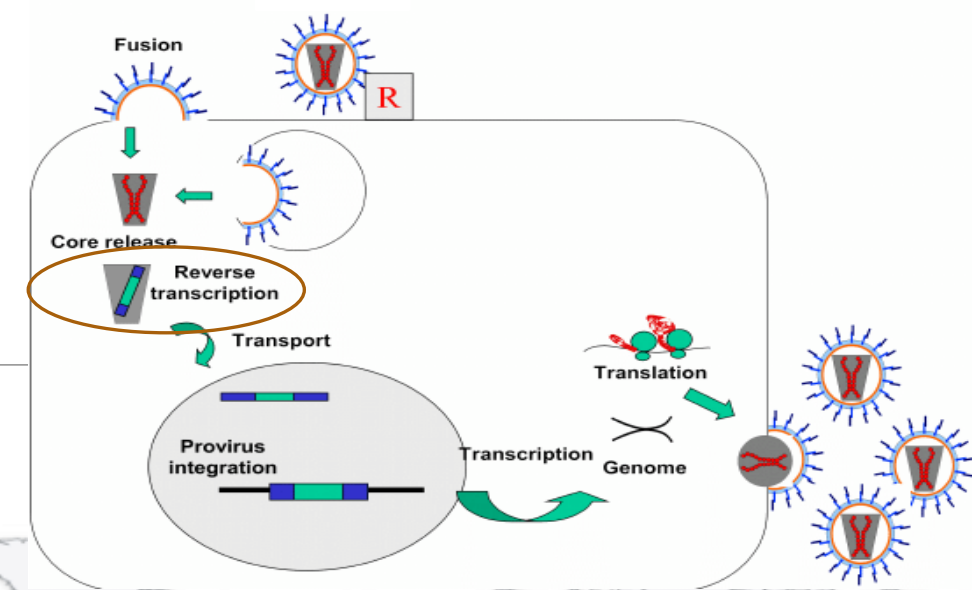
- Retrovirus

HIV-1

- Groups M = 90-95% of HIV-1
 - Further subtypes & clades
 - Of little clinical relevance
- Most recent common ancestor = 1920

HIV-2

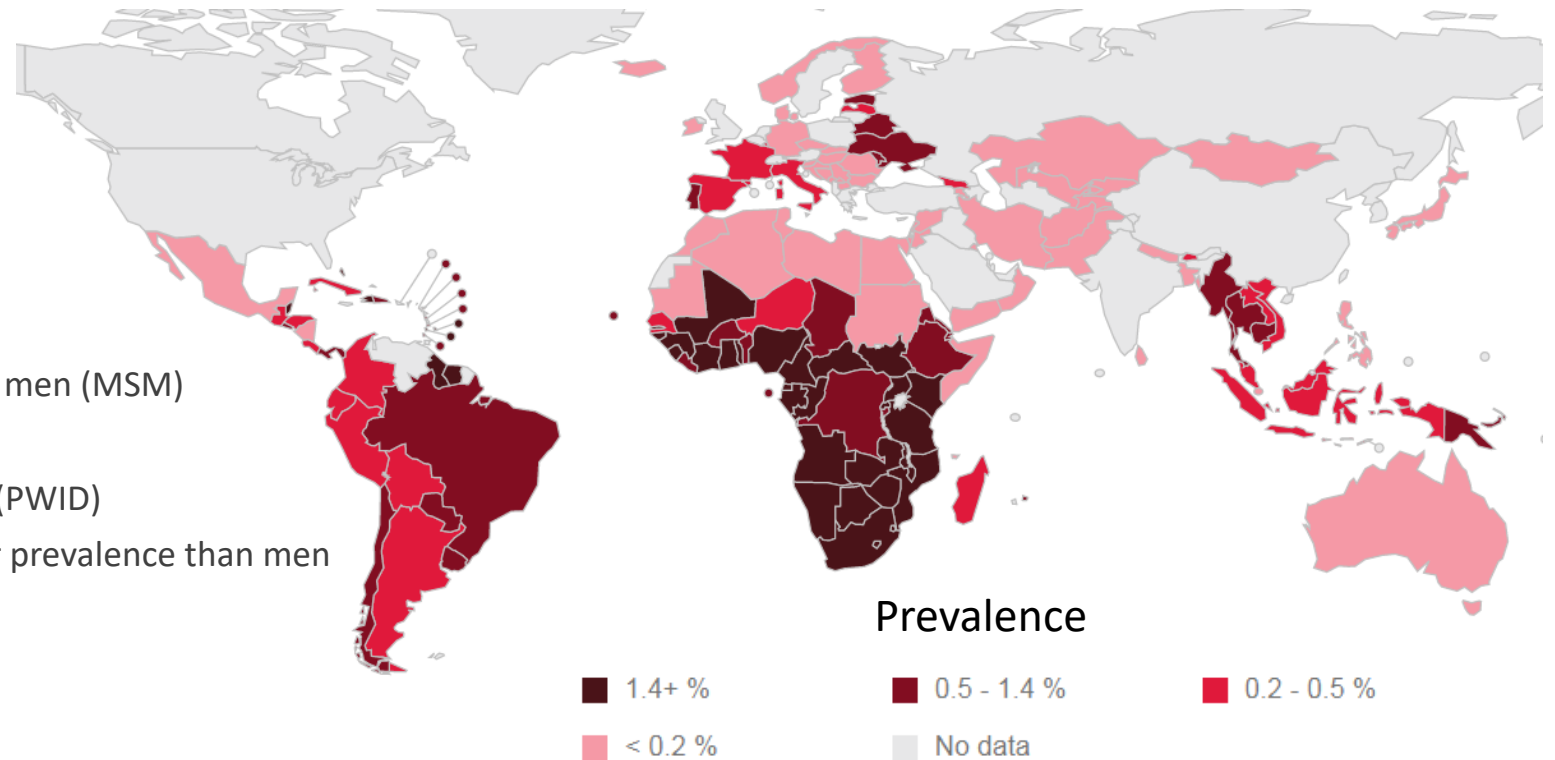
- 30-40% homology with HIV-1 == a DIFFERENT virus
- 2-5% of global HIV infections
- Co-infection with HIV-1 is high (up to 20% rate in parts of West Africa)
- HIV-2 mono-infection is likely declining
- Found in parts of West Africa
 - Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone
 - Immigration distributes it more widely
- Most recent common ancestor = 1940



Basic Epidemiology

Liberia (2016)

- Prevalence: 39,000 (1.4%)
 - 32% do **not** know they are HIV +
 - 35% on **ART**
 - 13% with suppressed viral load
- Key Populations
 - 20% prevalence in men who have sex with men (MSM)
 - 10% prevalence in sex workers
 - 4% prevalence in people who inject drugs (PWID)
 - Reproductive age women have **60%** higher prevalence than men
- Since 2010:
 - 31% **decrease** in incidence
 - 34% **decrease** in AIDS-related deaths



Your experience

What do you estimate the HIV prevalence to be in your community, in your hospital, clinic?

- What are your communities high risk or key populations?

How do your patients perceive personal risk of infection?

What are harmful & helpful beliefs of HIV common in your community?

How have societal institutions (religious, educational, governmental, local leadership) responded to HIV in your experience?

Transmission Risk

*** acute HIV, high viral load, concurrent STI, and mucous membrane injury all **increase risk** ***

unprotected

	Risk per 10,000 exposures	Average exposures per infection
Blood Transfusion	9,250	~1
Needle Sharing during Injection Drug Use	63	159
Needle Stick Injury	23	435
Receptive Anal Intercourse	138	72
Insertive Anal Intercourse	11	909
Receptive Vaginal Intercourse	8	1,250
Insertive Vaginal Intercourse	4	2,500
Oral Intercourse	Low	
Biting, spitting, or body fluids on intact skin	Very low	
Mother-to-child transmission without ART	2,500 (25%)	4
MTCT including breastfeeding without ART	4,500 (45%)	2.2

Testing overview

HIV Enzyme Immunoassays (EIA)

- 1st gen – 1980s, high false +
- 2nd gen – 1980s, blood bank screening
- 3rd gen – 1990s, sandwiched **Antibodies** IgG / IgM
- 4th gen – 3rd gen **Antibody** & p24 **Antigen** combo

HIV Rapid Testing

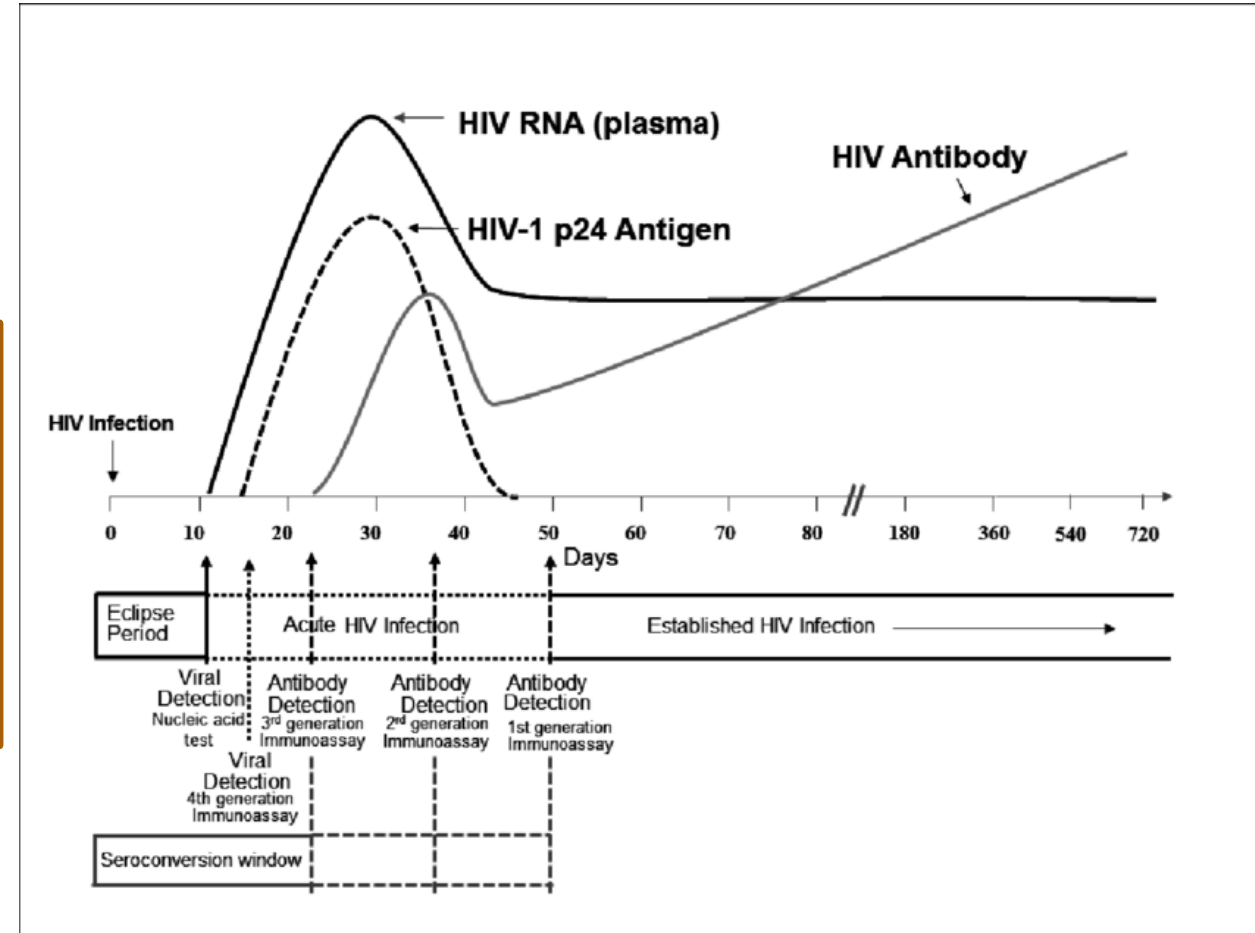
- Determine: Ab / Ag with HIV 1/2 differentiation
- Bioline: IgG / IgM Ab with HIV 1/2 differentiation
- Uni-Gold: Ab with HIV 1/2 differentiation

HIV Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT / “viral load”)

- RNA, DNA

HIV Western Blot

- HIV lysate protein band identification in gel electrophoresis
- ~2 months until positive



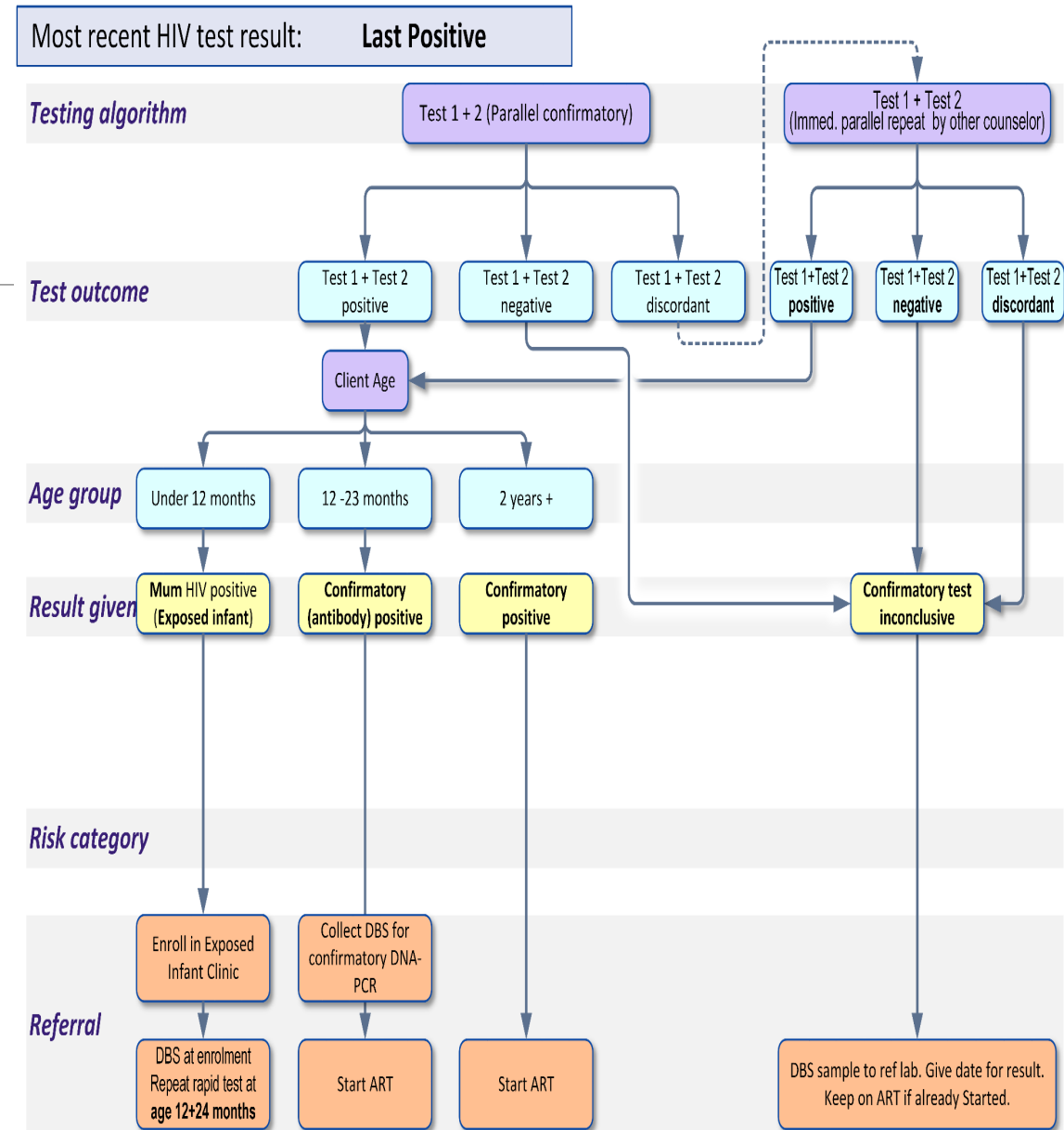
Diagnosis by Rapid Testing

Liberia: after initial positive test > send 2 parallel confirmatory

- Confirmatory 1 & 2 positive = **HIV +**
- Confirmatory 1 & 2 discordant = **repeat test** after quality review
- Confirmatory 1 & 2 negative = **Dried Blood Sample for NAAT**

WHO: recommendation by prevalence

- If >5% prevalence in population tested:
 - Diagnosis requires 2 consecutive positive tests
 - If 1/3 assays is reactive = HIV negative
 - If assays are reactive > non-reactive > reactive == inconclusive, repeat in 14 days
- If <5% prevalence in population tested:
 - Diagnosis requires 3 consecutive positive tests
 - If Assay 1 is reactive > Assay 2 is nonreactive == HIV negative
 - If assays are reactive > reactive > nonreactive == inconclusive, repeat in 14 days



Testing

Liberia guideline – offer HIV testing to all patients at any facilities if:

- Never tested or no documentation of a test
- Tested negative > 3 months ago (if test indicated risk-assessment)
- To children under 24 mo if:
 - Mother’s HIV status is unknown
 - If the child is sick (even if documentation of prior negative maternal test)
- Index Testing:
 - Test with partner (or via Partner Referral Slip)
 - Test with family/children (or via Family Referral Slip)
- For negative tests, link to:
 - Prevention services
 - Retesting by risk assessment

Liberia HIV Testing Program Goals

1. Identify as many HIV+ people as possible
2. Identify patients **early** after infection
3. Start **ART** as soon as possible

Case

22 year old male

Negative HIV rapid test 1 year ago

Since that time has had 2 female sexual partners

- Most recent encounter was with a sex worker 2 weeks ago, unprotected vaginal intercourse

What testing scheme do you recommend, if:

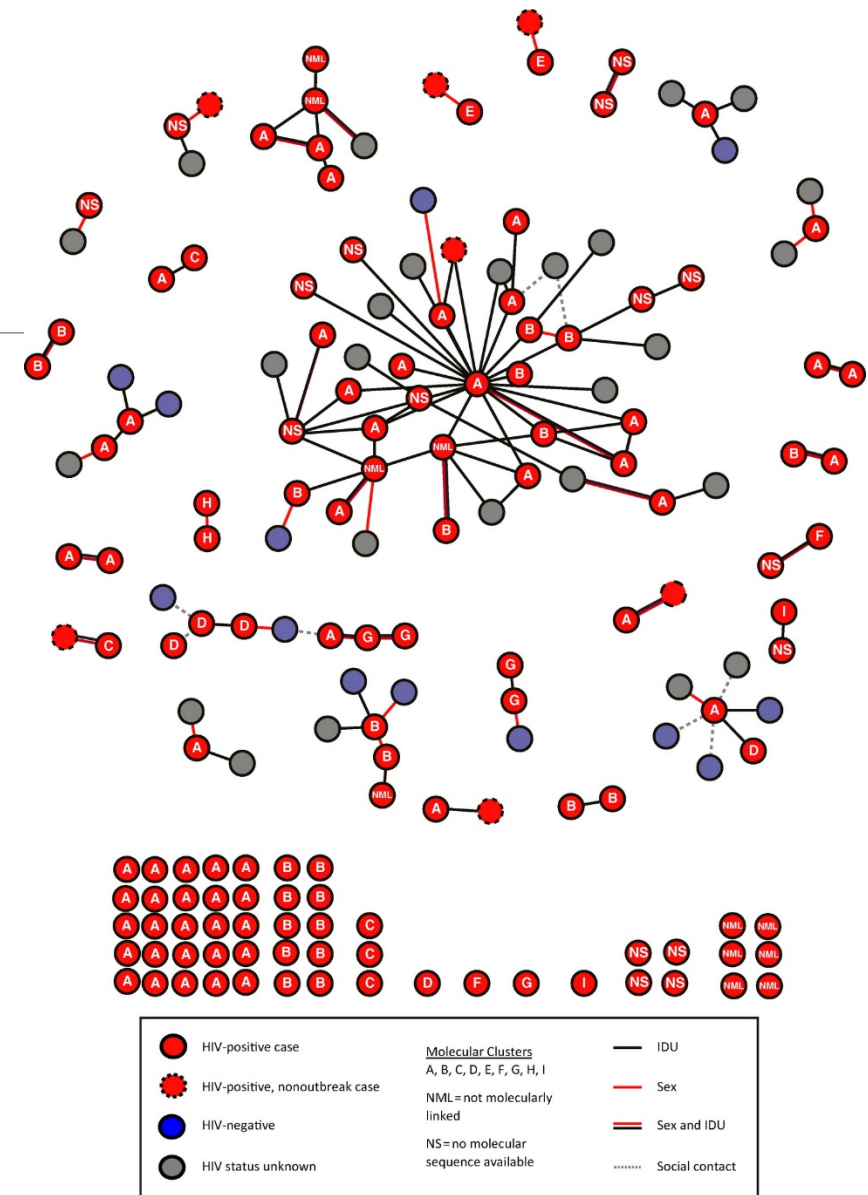
1. He is asymptomatic
2. He describes fever, malaise, pharyngitis
3. He has weekly high risk sexual exposures
 1. What if monthly, twice yearly...?

What would network testing mean here?

HIV & Networks

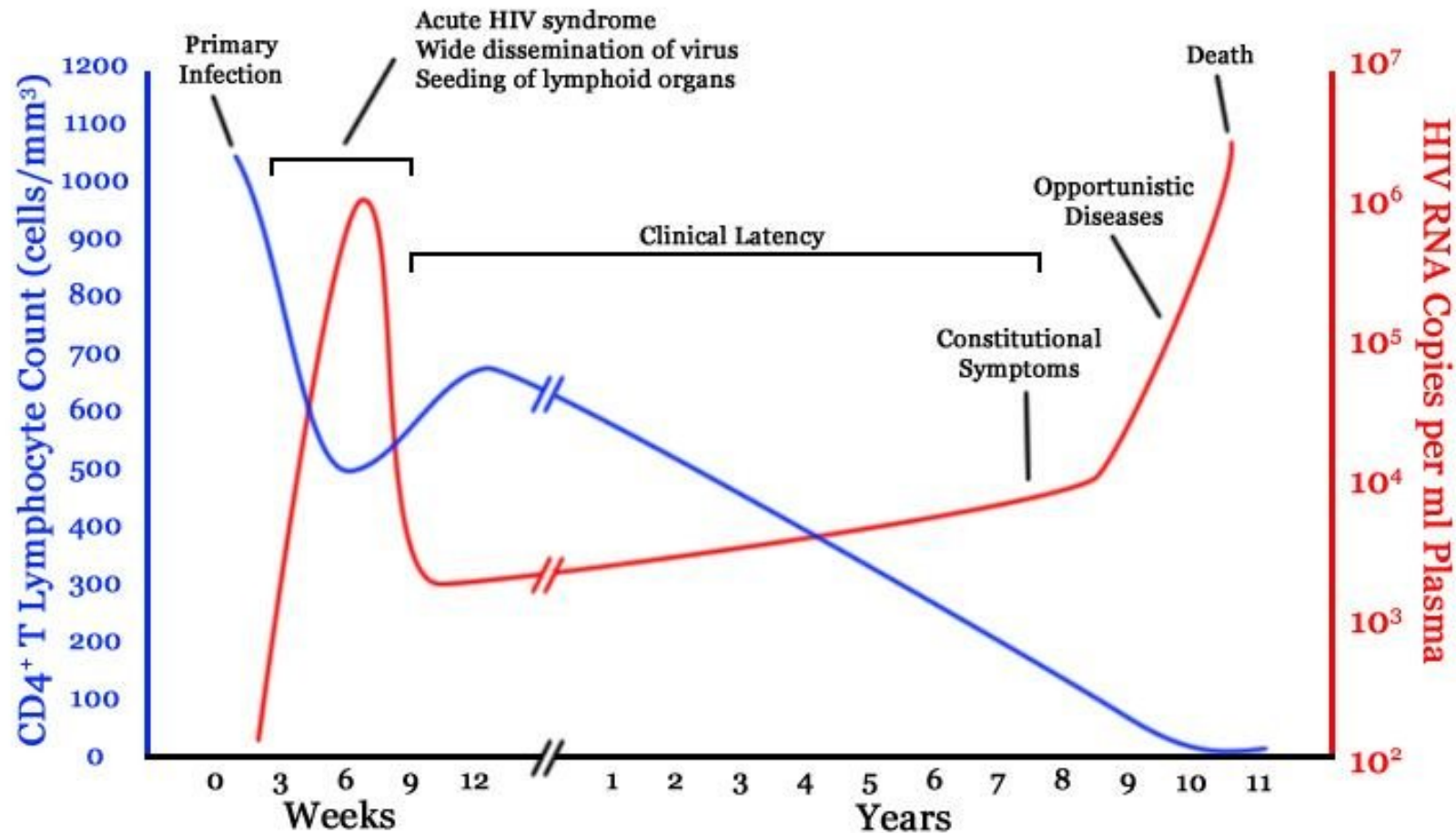
High HIV risk networks

- Testing in high prevalence populations is high yield for:
 - Treatment as prevention
 - Case identification
- Often socially marginalized, stigmatized
 - Testing requires *trust*
- Social Network Strategies can identify:
 - **More** cases
 - The cases **highest risk** for transmission to others
 - **Leverage** social influence to encourage testing



Network analysis of HIV outbreak in USA

Natural History of HIV



WHO Staging

Stage	Features	Approximate CD4
1	asymptomatic Generalized lymphadenopathy	>500
2	Non-AIDS defining condition <10% weight loss Recurrent respiratory infections Zoster, oral ulcers, dermatologic conditions	200 - 500
3	AIDS & non-AIDS >10% weight loss Unexplained fever or diarrhea >1mo MTB (P or EP) Severe systemic bacterial infections Oral candidiasis, gingivitis HBV/HCV con-infection	<200
4	AIDS-defining OI HIV wasting syndrome	<200

Presumed Severe HIV Disease in Infants (PSHD)

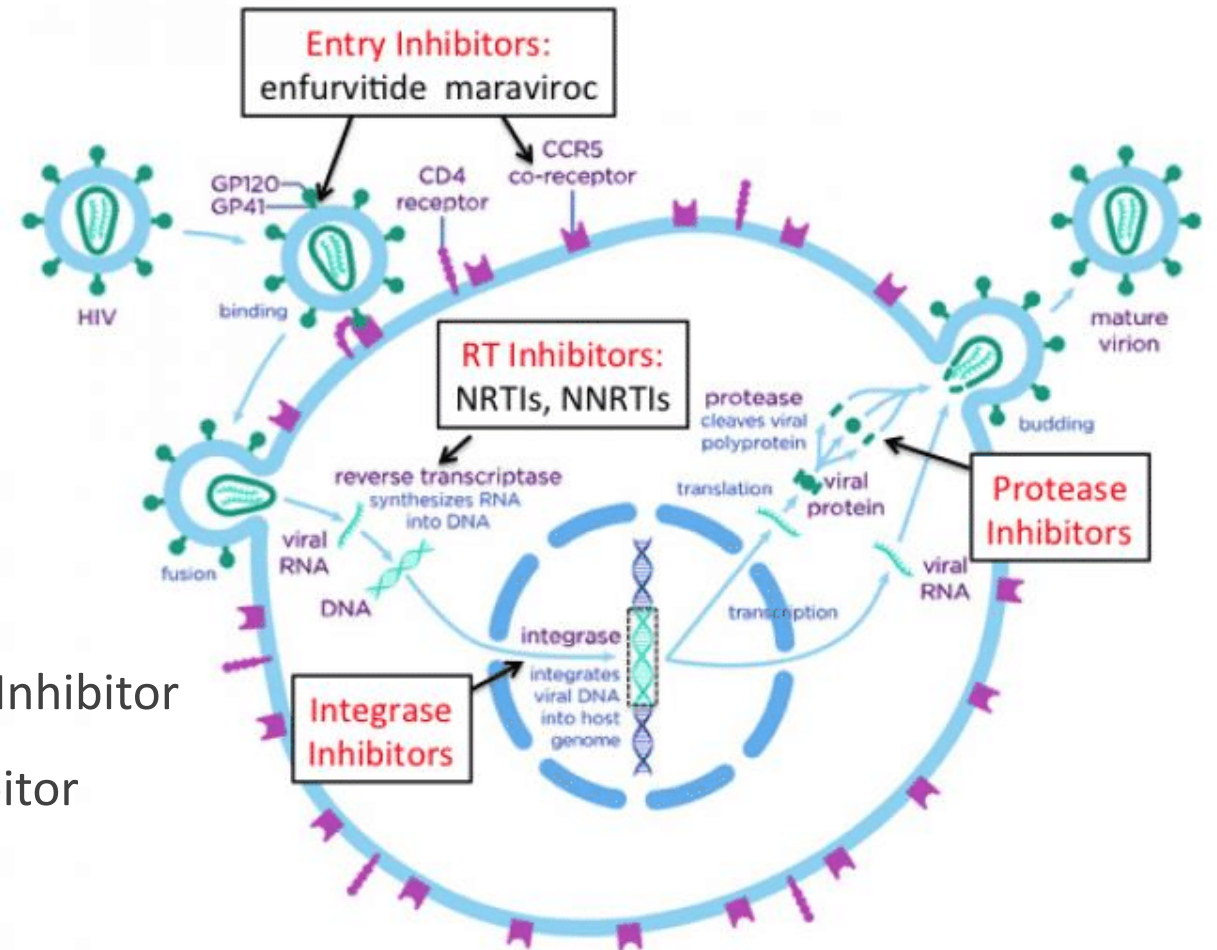
Infant <12 months with positive rapid antibody test <u>PLUS</u> :		
Combination of 2:	OR	At least 1:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral thrush• Severe pneumonia• Severe sepsis		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe unexplained wasting / malnutrition not responding to treatment• Pneumocystis pneumonia• Candidiasis of oesophagus, trachea, bronchi or lungs• Cryptococcal meningitis• Toxoplasmosis of the brain (from age 1 month)

START ART Immediately, do NOT wait for confirmatory PCR!

Basic Virology & Med Classes

Take out a **pencil** & paper!

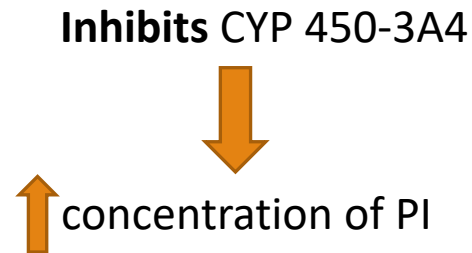
- NNRTI** Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor
- NRTI** Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor
- INSTI** Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitor
- PI** Protease Inhibitor



ART Regimen: Building Blocks

3 meds

- 2 fully active
- PI needs a **ritonavir** “booster”



Core

Backbone

INSTI

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NRTI

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NRTI

PI

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Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor NRTI

Tenofovir [TDF]

- Need for HIV-HBV co-infxn [alternative = entecavir]
- Dose reduction for CrCl <50

Lamivudine [3TC]

- Well, tolerated
- in all 1st & 2nd line regimens

Abacavir [ABC]

- Hypersensitivity reaction = absolute contraindication

Zidovudine [AZT]

- Q12hr dosing
- NOT if hgb <8
- Watch for anemia

Available Combo Pills

- ABC/3TC
- TDF/3TC
- AZT/3TC

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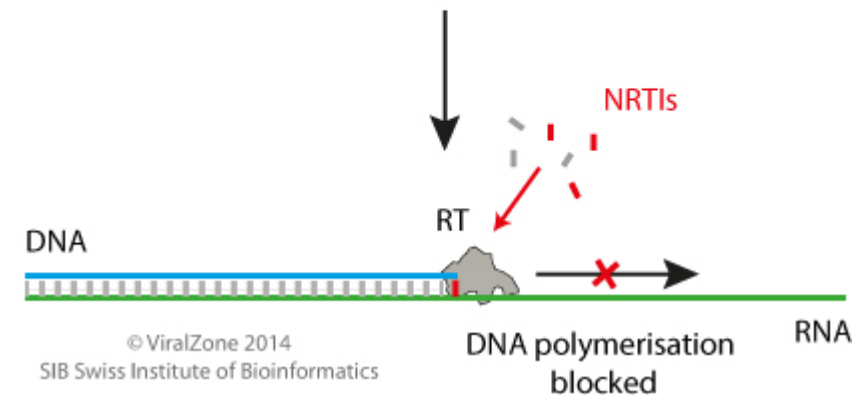
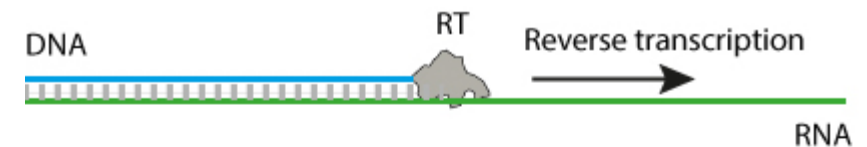
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Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor NNRTI

Nevirapine [NVP]

- **1st line**, but not for ART start
- SE: hypersensitivity reaction, rash, hepatitis

Efavirenz [EFV]

- **1st line**, but not for ART start
- SE: neuropsych, insomnia, nightmares, dizziness, gynecomastia

Available Single Tablet Regimen

- AZT / 3TC / NVP
- TDF / 3TC / EFV – “**B+**”
 - Very similar to “Atripla”

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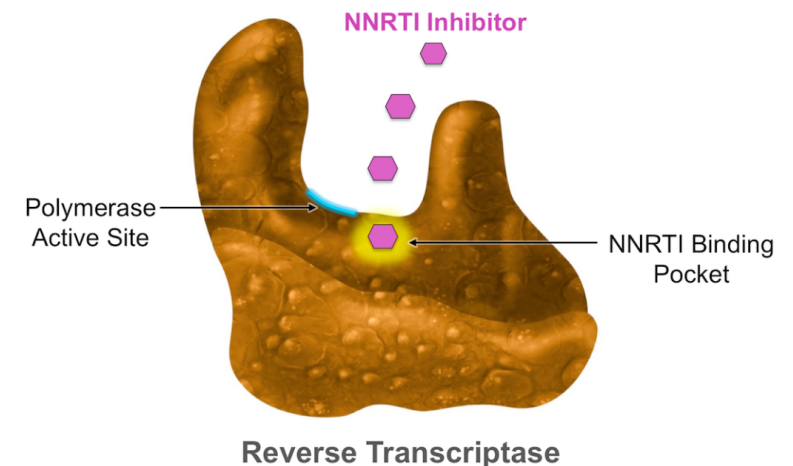
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Protease Inhibitor PI

Lopinavir / ritonavir [LPV/r – Kaletra]

- 2nd line
- diarrhea

Atazanavir / ritonavir [ATV/r]

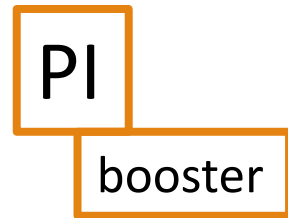
- 2nd line
- Do NOT use with rifampicin for MTB tx
- Benign hyperbili/jaundice

Darunavir / ritonavir [DRV + r]

- 3rd line
- Must take separately

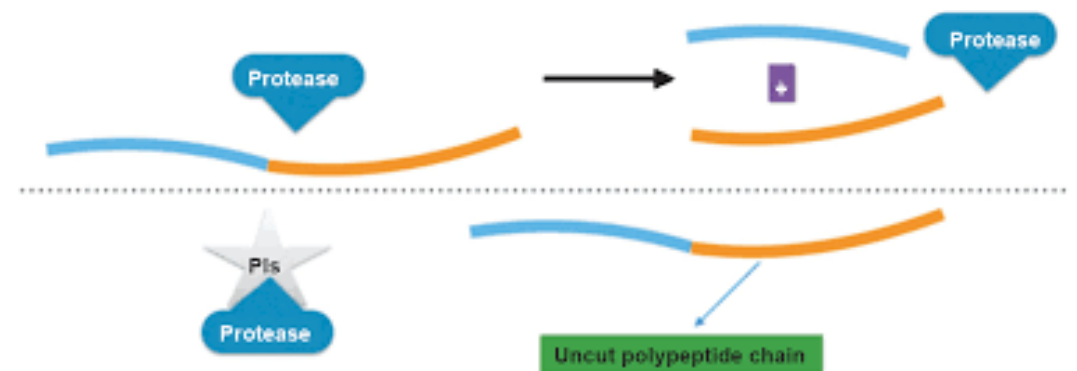
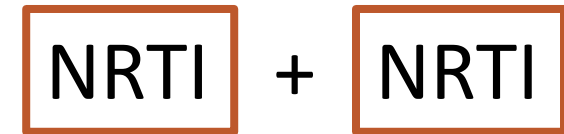
Not Available in Single Tablet Regimen

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Backbone



Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitor INSTI

Dolutegravir [DTG]

- **1st line** for patients 30kg + without childbearing potential
- WHO: 1st line treatment for pregnant women
- SE mild: HA, insomnia, nausea
 - Check LFTs before/after initiation if known liver disease
- BID with rifapentine for MTB treatment

Available Single Tablet Regimen

- TDF / 3TC / DTG

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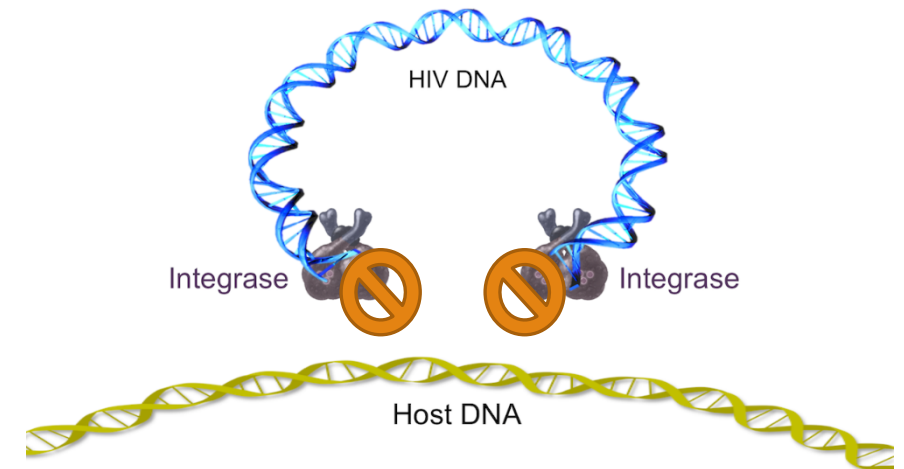
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ART for all

Strategy of WHO & Liberia

- Established personal benefit
 - Decreased all-cause & AIDS-specific morbidity & mortality
- Likely population benefit
 - treatment as prevention

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Early versus Standard Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-Infected Adults in Haiti

Patrice Severe, M.D., Marc Antoine Jean Juste, M.D., Alex Ambroise, M.D., Ludger Eliacin, M.D., Claudel Marchand, M.D., Sandra Apollon, B.S., Alison Edwards, M.S., Heejung Bang, Ph.D., Janet Nicotera, R.N., Catherine Godfrey, M.D., Roy M. Gulick, M.D., Warren D. Johnson, Jr., M.D., Jean William Pape, M.D., and Daniel W. Fitzgerald, M.D.

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Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy in Early Asymptomatic HIV Infection

The INSIGHT START Study Group*

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CD4+ Count-Guided Interruption of Antiretroviral Treatment

The Strategies for Management of Antiretroviral Therapy (SMART) Study Group*

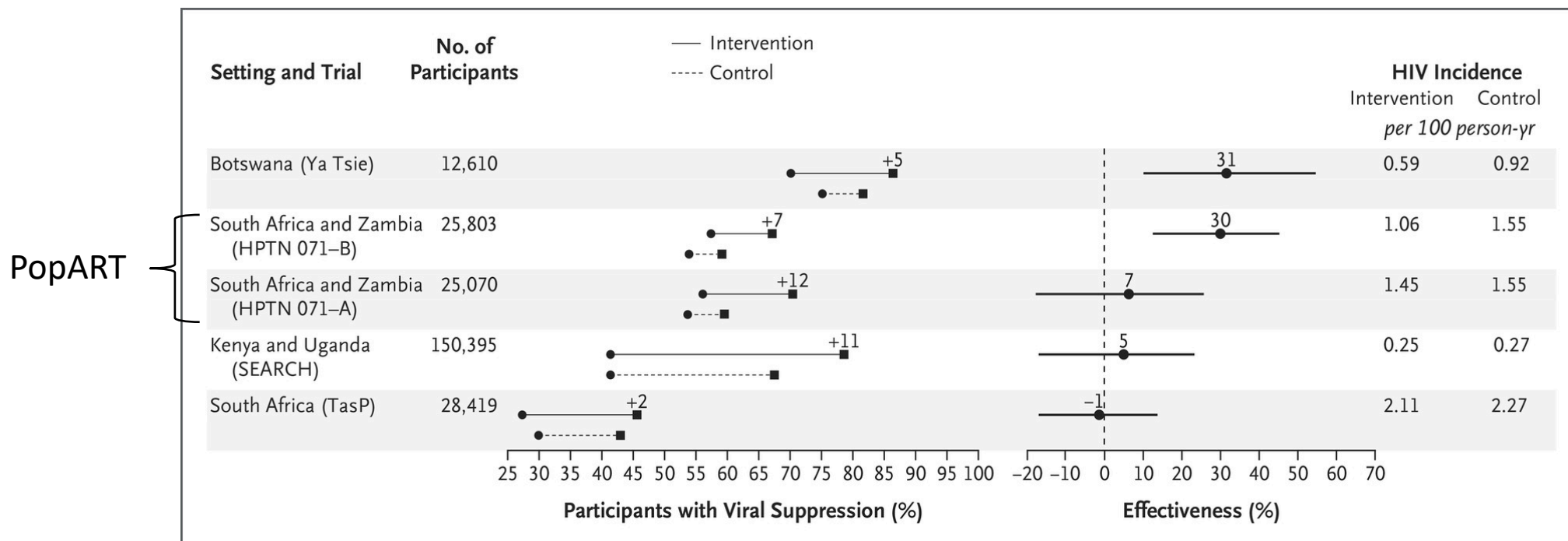
Timing of initiation of antiretroviral therapy in AIDS-free HIV-1-infected patients: a collaborative analysis of 18 HIV cohort studies

When To Start Consortium*

ART Start – Test and Treat

4 major trials: Ya Tsie, PopART (HPTN), SEARCH, TasP

- 3.5 / 4 had a *nonsignificant* impact on population incidence
- Many ecological confounders, protocol changes



Preparing for ART start

CONFIRM diagnosis

Social Support

- Especially for vulnerable patients

Clinical Evaluation

- WHO Staging
- Opportunistic Infections
 - MTB
- Chronic Conditions – HTN, DM

Baseline labs

- NOT required prior to ART start
- WHO Stage 3/4, inpatient ART start
 - routine urine LAM & serum CrAg

Counseling

- Lifelong treatment
- Individual counseling

First Line ART for Initiation (“start”)

	Core		Backbone	
Men 30kg Women 45yo +	DTG	/	TDF / 3TC	
Women of childbearing potential	EFV	/	TDF / 3TC	“B+”
Patients < 30kg	NVP	/	AZT / 3TC	

HIV-2 ART considerations

Active ART

NRTIs

INSTIs

LPV/r

DRV/r

Inactive ART

All
NNRTIs

ATV/r

Case

32 year old female

- Weight loss and diarrhea for 6 months
- BMI now 18
- HIV diagnosed by rapid testing 1 month ago

How do you counsel?

What is your next step?

Monitoring Schedule

Appointments

- Monthly for first 6 months
- Space up to q 3 month appointments if virally suppressed & adherent
- In stable patients, 6 or even 12 months of ART may be dispensed for exceptional circumstances (ie, travel)

Viral Load

- 6 months after ARV start
- 12 monthly thereafter

Monitoring Treatment

Adherence

- Determine pill count & doses missed by last fill date

Nutritional Status

- Weight loss
 - Flattening of pediatric growth curve
 - BMI <17 in adult = malnutrition => Therapeutic Feeding
 - MUAC <22cm in pregnancy = malnutrition => Therapeutic Feeding
- Weight should normalize within 6-12mo on ART

Viral Load

- Dried Blood Spot (DBS) = RNA PCR

CD4

- Baseline if available
- Treatment failure suspect
 - CD4 < 200 = urine LAM & serum CrAg
 - CD4 > 200 = no action
- *may be falsely elevated in acute illness

Symptoms

Appearance:	Weight loss / failure to thrive Body shape change / breast swelling (men) Swollen glands
	Headache / confusion / dizziness
	Jaundice, Scleral icterus
	Mouth sores
	Cough
	Shortness of breath
	Fever / night sweats
	Vomiting / abdominal pain
	Diarrhoea
	Leg pain / numbness / weakness
	Rash on arms, legs or trunk

Case (cont)

1 months later you see her in clinic

- Reports full adherence
- Diarrhea has stopped, weight is same as on start
- Notes that she has been feeling depressed

What do you review?

What are your next steps?

Case (cont)

She returns for 2nd month review

- Nightmares developed
- She has stopped her ART for the past 2 weeks entirely

What is your next step?

Case (cont)

You have switched your patient to a DTG-based regimen. Her 6 month viral load returns **detectable** but $< 1,000$.

What is your next step?

Case (cont)

She discloses that her husband is a truck driver who travels a 3-day route each week. She has not disclosed to him for fear of his reaction and therefore does not take ART on days when he is home to avoid inadvertent disclosure.

How do you respond?

Goal: >95% adherence

Adherence

“What challenges have you had taking your ARV?”

“What days / times are you most likely to forget your ARV?”

“Everyone has difficulty taking meds every day. When was the last time you were not able to take your ARV, and how many times in the past week, month were you unable?”

Goal: to help the patient

- No policing
- Encourage transparency

Root cause: there is *always* a reason (or reasons)

- Stigma & disclosure
- Socio-economic barrier
- Transportation & Work
- Psychological
- Misunderstanding
- Side effects

Practical Strategies

- Join with daily routines (meal, cleaning)
- Cell phone alarm
- Take meds with another person
- Keep a med diary

Intensive Adherence Counseling (IAC)

for *any* sign of poor adherence

for any detectable Viral Load (even is <1k)

Patient & Treatment Supporter

Education on ART, adherence, monitoring, failure, & resistance

Identify Specifics

- Travel, Work, Education
- Stigma, Privacy, Domestic Difficulties
- Substance Use
- Mental Health / Depression



Action Plan

- Specific
- Written on Patient Card
- Monthly appointments
 - Pill Counts
 - Action Plan review
- Viral Load in 3mo

Disclosure

An **individual** process based on **trust**

Pediatric Disclosure – a *gradual & transparent process*

Age 5-7

- ARV keeps their body strong to keep a germ “asleep”

Age 8-10

- Full disclosure may begin
- Physician may or may not assist

Age 11-13

- Full knowledge of HIV status
- Understand safe activities (hugging, kissing, sharing food, etc) and precautions (needles/razors)

Adolescence

- Dialogue on stigma, peer relationships, sexuality
- Family Planning, condoms
- ARV fatigue
- *ART Teen Club*

Primary Care of PLWHA

Family Planning

- Preventing Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- Assume all patients >14yo are sexually active
 - Offer condoms to all
 - Contraceptive Counseling
 - Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives: DPMA (Depo-Provera), hormonal implant, Copper IUD
 - Patient autonomy in decision making

Diabetes

Hypertension

Cardiovascular Risk

Malignancy

- Cervical Cancer

Preventive Treatment

Cotrimoxazole Preventive Therapy (CPT)

- HIV exposed and infected children for age > 6 weeks
 - Stop if confirm negative after breastfeeding
- HIV+ adults for life
- Contraindication: jaundice, renal failure, sulfa allergy

TB Preventive Treatment (TPT)

- All HIV+ children and adults at time of ART start
 - Rule out active TB: no cough, weight loss (or failure to thrive in children), fever, night sweat
- Isoniazid (INH) x 6 months (6H)
 - With pyridoxine
 - Visits: start & 1, 3, & 6 months
- Isoniazid (INH) + Rifapentine (RFP) weekly for 3 months (3HP)
- Poor adherence = less effective but **will not cause drug-resistant TB**

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Cases (cont)

35yoM with newly diagnosed HIV ready to start treatment

- What are your next steps, recommendations
- Then your follow-up?
- What might be available to start in the “real world” in clinic?

6yoF newly diagnosed HIV

- What are your next steps?
- Then follow-up?

32yoF with history poor adherence who has failed efavirenz. What are your next steps?