

HIV in Older Adults

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Objectives

- Identify resources that can be helpful in the care of an older adult with HIV
- Describe the state of HIV epidemiology and a general update on antiretroviral therapy
- Recognize co-morbid conditions that are common in older adults with HIV

Resources

- National HIV Curriculum
- HIVMA Primary Care Guidance
- National Clinician Consultation Center



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HIV Course Modules

Screening and Diagnosis

This module is for any health care provider who would like to establish core competence in testing for HIV, recognizing acute HIV infection, and linking persons diagnosed with HIV to medical care.

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Rapidly access info about Screening and Diagnosis

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MAJOR ARTICLE


Primary Care Guidance for Persons With Human Immunodeficiency Virus: 2020 Update by the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America

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Perinatal
HIV/AIDS



Hepatitis C
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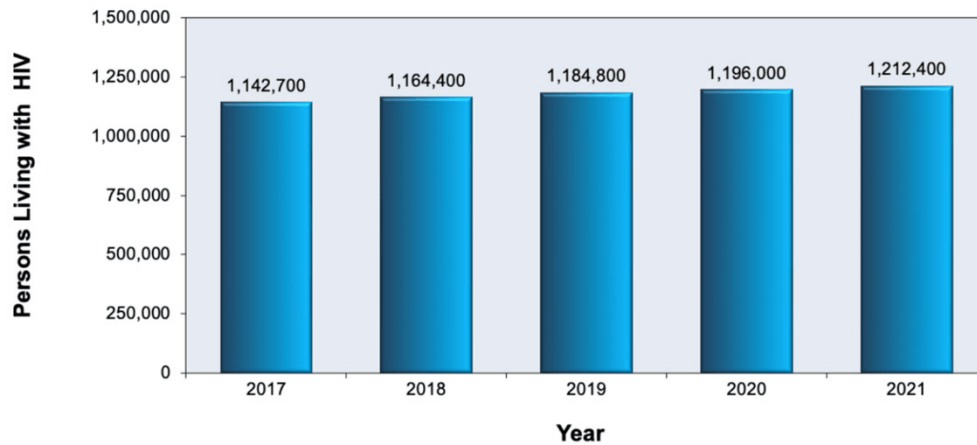
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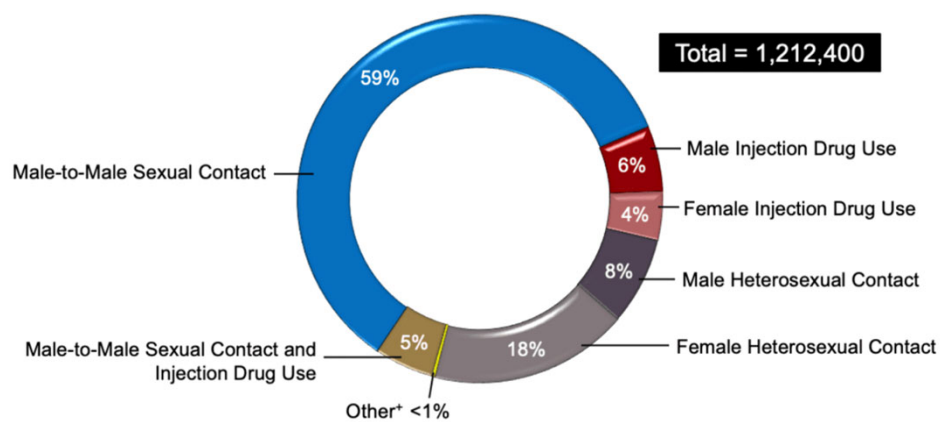
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HIV Prevalence in the United States



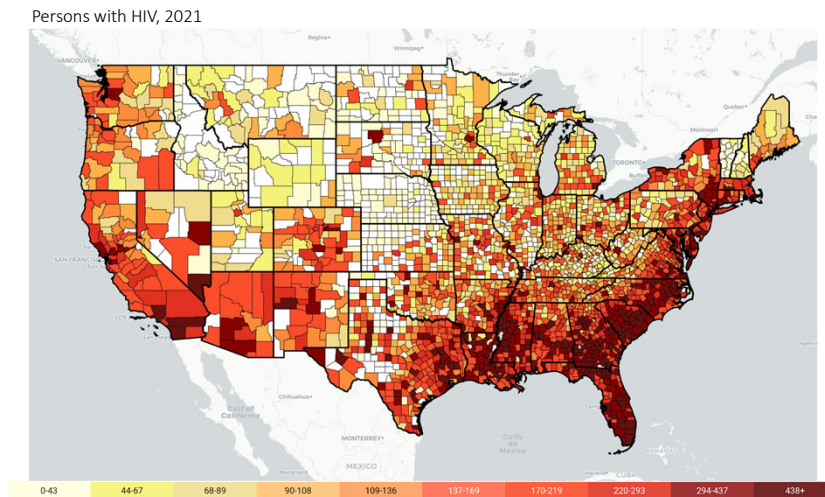
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HIV Prevalence by Transmission Category



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HIV Prevalence Varies Throughout the US



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The Plan to End the HIV Epidemic in the US

1. Focus initially on high incidence geographic areas
2. Emphasize early diagnosis, immediate treatment, and engagement
3. Rapid and overwhelming response to emerging HIV clusters
4. Expand PrEP use to at risk populations by at least 50%

Treatment
as Prevention
(TasP)

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Pre-Exposure
Prophylaxis
(PrEP)

Fauci, JAMA 2019, Fauci, CROI Plenary 3-4-2019.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Prevents HIV

- A strategy of taking anti-retroviral medication(s) to prevent HIV
- A Grade A USPSTF recommendation

	FDA Approval	Route	Frequency	Drug	Note
1	7/2012	Oral	Daily	Tenofovir DF-emtricitabine (<i>Truvada</i> ®)	
2	10/2019	Oral	Daily	Tenofovir alafenamide-emtricitabine (<i>Descovy</i> ®)	<u>NOT</u> for persons having receptive vaginal intercourse
3	12/2021	Injectable	Q2 month	Cabotegravir (<i>Apretude</i> ®)	

CDC 2021 Update Clinical Practice Guideline – PrEP for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the US

HIV Care Continuum

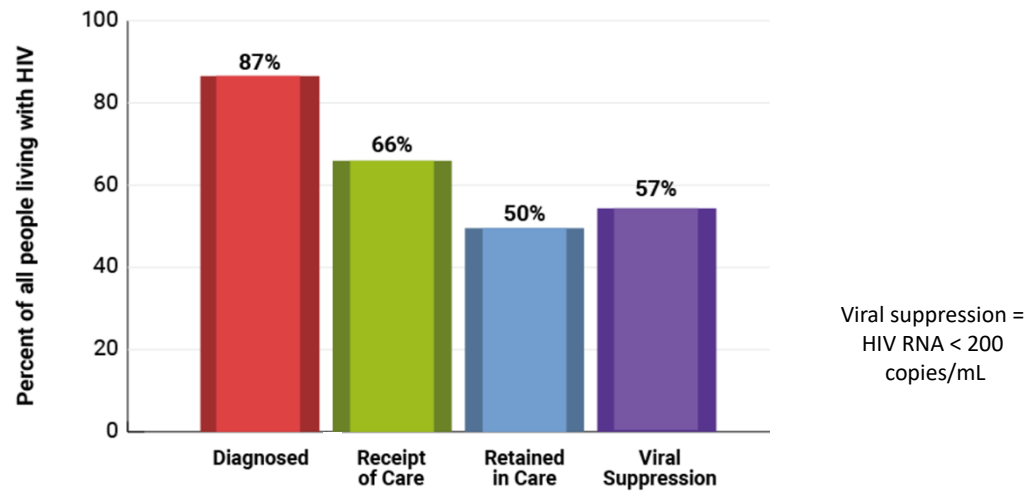
HIV CARE CONTINUUM:

The steps that people with HIV take from diagnosis to achieving and maintaining viral suppression.



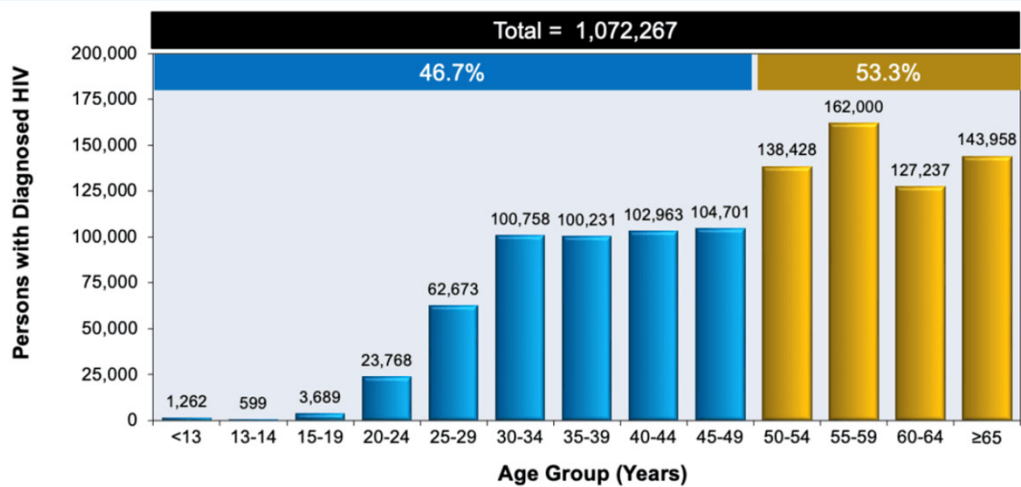
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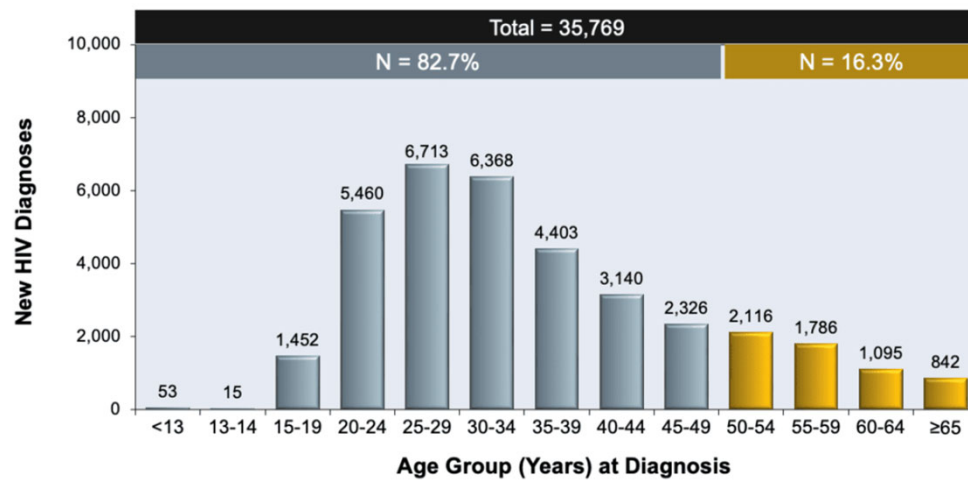
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Approx. half of all PWH are greater than 50y



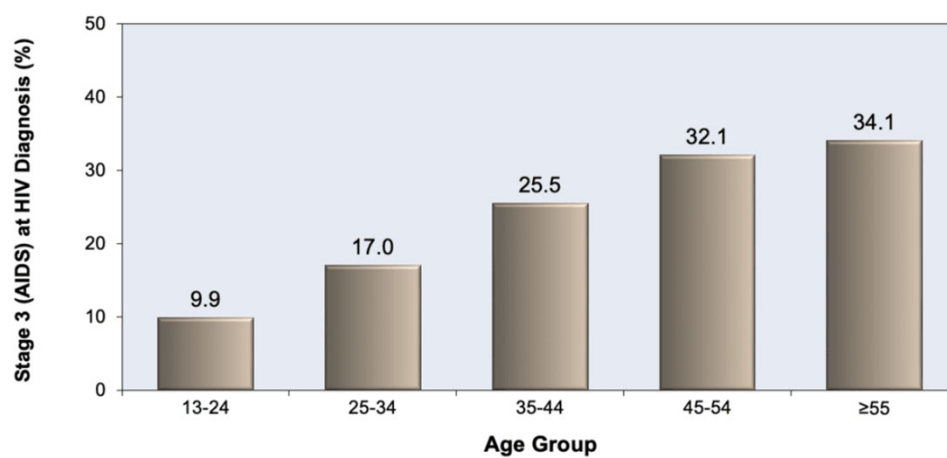
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Most new diagnoses are in younger individuals



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New diagnosis at older age associated with more advanced HIV



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Ageing with HIV

Delayed presentation of HIV among older individuals: a growing problem

Amy C Justice, Matthew B Goetz, Cameron N Stewart, Brenna C Hogan, Elizabeth Humes, Paula M Luz, Jessica L Castilho, Denis Nash, Ellen Brazier, Beverly Musick, Constantin Yiannoutsos, Karen Malateste, Antoine Jaquet, Morna Cornell, Tinei Shamu, Reena Rajasuriar, Awachana Jiamsakul, Keri N Althoff

- “Early diagnosis and treatment of HIV for older individuals is particularly challenging because
- early signs and symptoms might be attributed to diseases of ageing and because
 - neither these individuals or their care providers perceive them to be at risk of HIV infection”

Justice AC, Lancet HIV, 2022.

Screening Recommendations in Older Adults

- CDC recommends screening all individuals aged 13-64 for HIV
- USPSTF recommends screening individuals aged 15-65 for HIV

What about screening in individuals over 65?

Consider screening all

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

ASK A DOCTOR

The sexual health checkup older adults didn't know they needed

STD cases have risen among adults age 65 and older. Should you get screened?

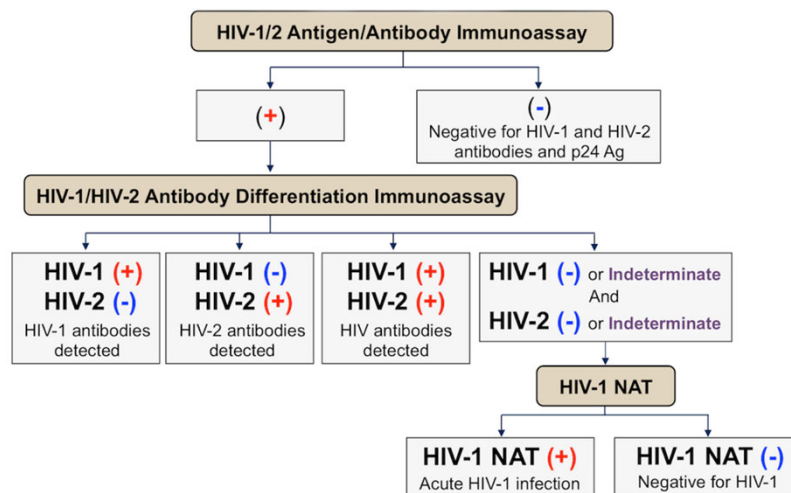


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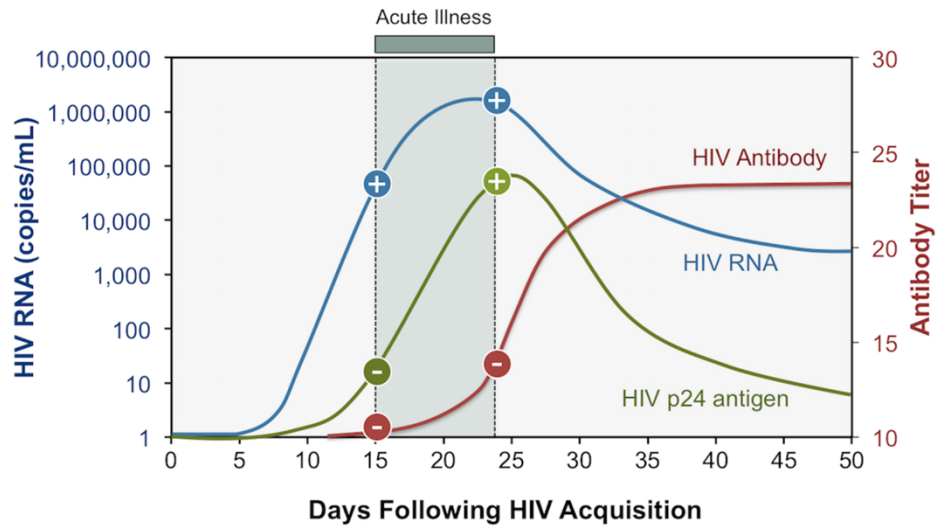


How screen for HIV?



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Diagnostic Test Performance in Acute HIV



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FDA Approval of HIV Medicines

1981: First AIDS cases are reported in the United States.

1985-89	1990-94	1995-99	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14	2015-19	2020-24
1987 Zidovudine (NRTI)	1991 Didanosine* (NRTI) 1992 Zalcitabine* (NRTI) 1994 Stavudine* (NRTI)	1995 Lamivudine (NRTI) Saquinavir Mesylate* (PI) 1996 Indinavir* (PI) Nevirapine (NNRTI) Ritonavir (PI) 1997 Combivir (FDC) Delavirdine* (NNRTI) Nelfinavir* (PI) Saquinavir* (PI) 1998 Abacavir (NRTI) Efavirenz (NNRTI) 1999 Amprenavir* (PI)	2000 Didanosine EC* (NRTI) Kaletra (FDC) Trizivir (FDC) 2001 Tenofovir DF (NRTI) 2002 Stavudine XR* (NRTI) 2003 Atazanavir (PI) Emtricitabine (NRTI) Enfuvirtide (FI) Fosamprenavir (PI) 2004 Epzicom (FDC) Truvada (FDC)	2005 Tipranavir (PI) 2006 Atripla* (FDC) Darunavir (PI) 2007 Maraviroc (CA) Raltegravir (INSTI) 2008 Etravirine (NNRTI)	2011 Complera (FDC) Nevirapine XR (NNRTI) Rilpivirine (NNRTI) 2012 Stribild (FDC) Truvada (PrEP) 2013 Dolutegravir (INSTI) 2014 Cobicistat (PE) Elvitegravir* (INSTI) Trimeq (FDC)	2015 Evotaz (FDC) Genvoya (FDC) Prezcoib (FDC) 2016 Descovy (FDC) Odefsey (FDC) 2017 Juluca (FDC) Raltegravir HD (INSTI) 2018 Biktarvy (FDC) Cimduo (FDC) Delstrigo (FDC) Doravirine (NNRTI) Ibalizumab-uyk (PAI) Symfi (FDC) Symfi Lo (FDC) Symtuza (FDC) Temixys* (FDC) 2019 Dovato (FDC) Descovy (PrEP)	2020 Fostemsavir* (AI) Tivicay PD (INSTI) 2021 Cabenuva (FDC) Cabotegravir (INSTI) Cabotegravir (PrEP) 2022 Triumeq PD (FDC) Lenacapavir (CI)

Drug Class Abbreviations:

AI: Attachment Inhibitor; CA: CCR5 Antagonist; CI: Capsid Inhibitors; FDC: Fixed-Dose Combination; FI: Fusion Inhibitor;
 INSTI: Integrase Inhibitor; NNRTI: Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor; NRTI: Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase
 Inhibitor; PE: Pharmacokinetic Enhancer; PI: Protease Inhibitor; PAI: Post-Attachment Inhibitor; PrEP: Pre-exposure prophylaxis

*Note: Approvals are for HIV treatment, unless otherwise indicated. Drugs in gray are no longer available and/or are no longer recommended for use in the United States by the HHS HIV/AIDS medical practice guidelines. These drugs may still be used in fixed-dose combination formulations. Fixed-dose combination brand products in gray may be available as generics.

For more information, visit [HIVinfo.NIH.gov](https://hivinfo.nih.gov).



<https://hivinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hiv/infographics/fda-approval-hiv-medicines>

HIV Medication Chart

Combination Antiretrovirals									
Single-Tablet Regimens					Long-Acting Injectable Regimens		Regimens Used in Combination with Other Medication		
Atripla [†] (EFV/TDF/FTC)	Biktarvy (BIC/TAF/FTC)	Complera (RPV/TDF/FTC)	Delstrigo (DOR/TDF/3TC)	Dovato (DTG/3TC)	Genvoya (EVG/COBI/TAF/FTC)	Cabenuva (CAB/RPV)	Combivir [†] (ZDV/3TC)	Descovy (TAF/FTC)	
Juluca (DTG/RPV)	Odefsey (RPV/TAF/FTC)	Stribild (EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC)	Symtuza (DRV/COBI/TAF/FTC)	Triumeq (DTG/ABC/3TC)			Epzicom [†] (ABC/3TC)	Truvada [†] (TDF/FTC)	
Nucleoside/Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTI)					Entry Inhibitors		Integrase Inhibitors (INSTI)		
Emtriva ^{††} (emtricitabine, FTC)	Epivir ^{††} (lamivudine, 3TC)	Viread ^{††} (tenofovir DF, TDF)	Ziagen ^{††} (abacavir, ABC)	Vemlidy (tenofovir alafenamide, TAF) FDA approved for PrEP only	Rukobia (fostemsavir, FTR) gp120 Attachment Inhibitor	Selzentry [†] (maraviroc, MVC) CCR5 Antagonist	Isentress [†] (raltegravir, RAL)	Isentress HD (raltegravir, RAL)	
Protease Inhibitors (PI)					Trogarzo (ibalizumab, IBA) Post-Attachment Inhibitor		Tivicay [†] (dolutegravir, DTG)		
Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI)					Boosting Agents		Vocabria (cabotegravir, CAB)		
Edurant (rilpivirine, RPV)	Intencele [†] (etravirine, ETR)	Pifeltro (doravirine, DOR)	Sustiva [†] (efavirenz, EFV)	Viramune ^{††} (nevirapine, NVP)	Norvir [†] (ritonavir, RTV)	Tyboost (cobicistat, COBI)			

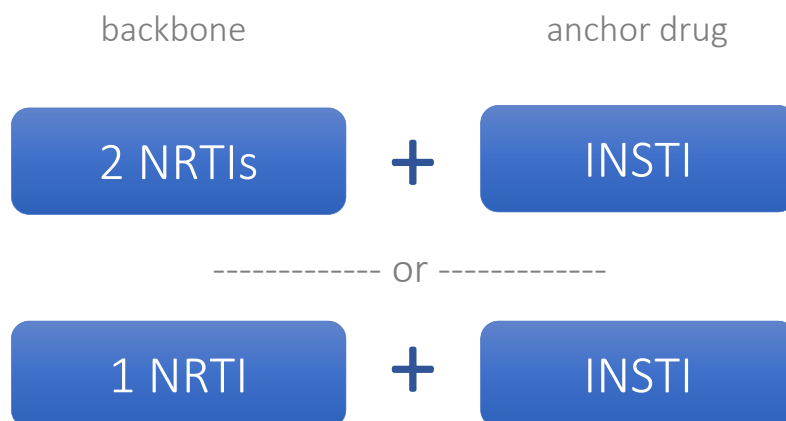
All pills shown in relative size/scale. Medication brand names appear in bold. Generic names and commonly used abbreviations appear in parentheses.

* Also available in liquid or powder form. † Generic formulation available. †† Chewable form available.

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Recommended Initial Regimens for Most PWH



HHS Antiretroviral Therapy Guidelines (6-3-2021). Slide adapted from David Spach.

Recommended Initial Regimens for Most PWH

INSTI + 2 NRTIs	Rating
Bictegravir-TAF-FTC	A1
Dolutegravir-ABC-3TC (if HLA-B*5701 negative)	A1
Dolutegravir + TAF-FTC	A1
Dolutegravir + [TDF-FTC or TDF + 3TC]	A1
INSTI + 1 NRTI	Rating
Dolutegravir-Lamivudine (except: HIV-1 RNA >500,000 copies/mL, HBV, no genotype)	A1

HHS Antiretroviral Therapy Guidelines (6-3-2021). Slide adapted from David Spach.

FDA-Approved Two-Drug Regimens

- DTG-3TC (*Dovato*®)
 - Dolutegravir + Lamivudine



- DTG-RPV (*Juluca*®)
 - Dolutegravir + Rilpivirine



- IM CAB-RPV (*Cabenuva*®)
 - Cabotegravir + Rilpivirine



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Long acting injectables are the future!

- Three long acting injectables are FDA approved to treat & prevent HIV
- Treatment
 - Cabotegravir-Rilpivirine (*Cabenuva*®) IM every 2 months
 - Lenacapavir (*Sunlenca*®) SQ every 6 months with orals for multidrug resistant HIV
- Prevention
 - Cabotegravir (*Apretude*®) IM every 2 months

Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U)

- Concept that an individual with an undetectable HIV VL cannot transmit HIV infection to their sexual partners

STUDY	FINDINGS
HPTN-052	96% reduction in infections among heterosexual couples when the partner with HIV started ART ¹
PARTNER-1	Of 58K condomless sex acts in 888 serodiscordant couples (40% MSM, partner with HIV with UD VL), no new HIV infections phylogenetically linked ²
PARTNER-2	972 serodiscordant MSM who are coupled had 76K condomless sex acts, no HIV infections phylogenetically linked ³

1-Cohen NEJM 2016, 2-Rodger JAMA 2016, 3-Rodger Lancet 2019

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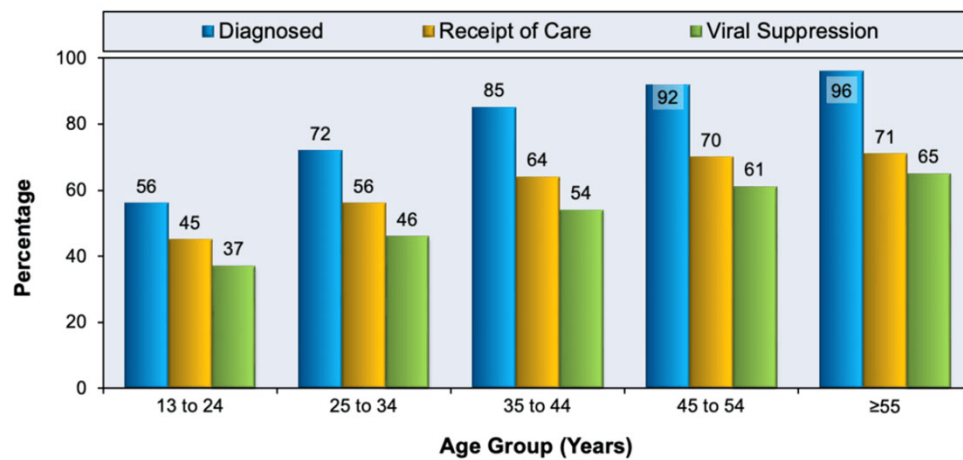
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Principles about HIV in the Older Adult

1. Older PWH have greater risk of developing non-AIDS complications than younger PWH.
2. Older PWH often have a blunted immunologic response to ART.
3. Chronic HIV may cause accelerated development of comorbid conditions that are common in older persons.
4. Persons > 50 may have a significant risk of HIV transmission due to unfavorable changes in mucosal surfaces and infrequent use of condoms.
5. ART substantially reduces AIDS-related and non-AIDS related mortality in older PWH.

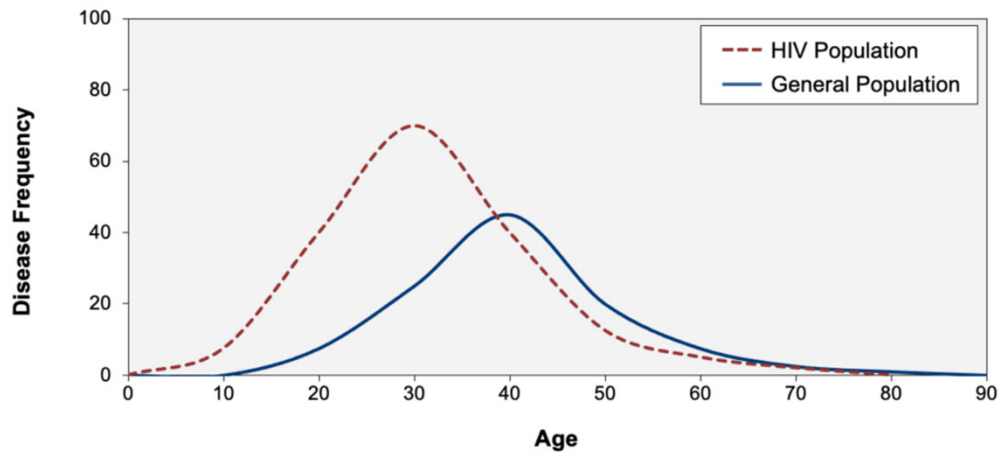
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Viral Response to ART in Older Adults



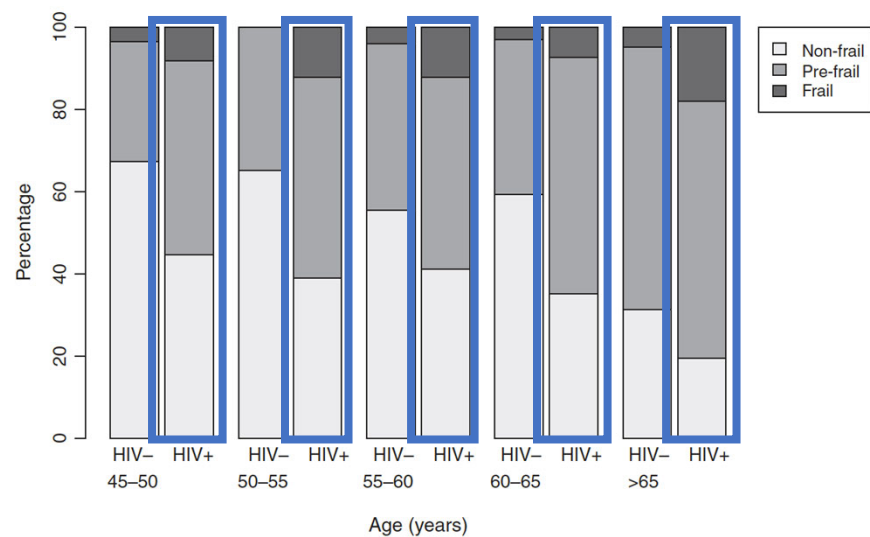
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Accelerated versus Accentuated Aging



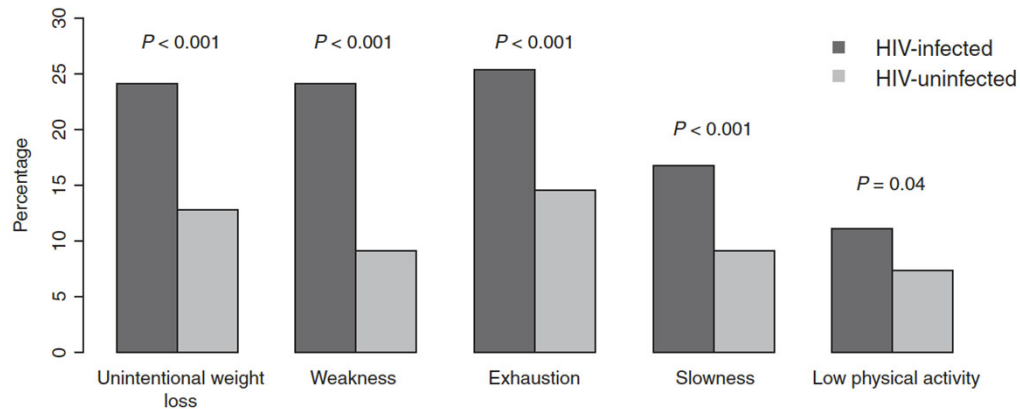
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Frailty occurs earlier in PWH



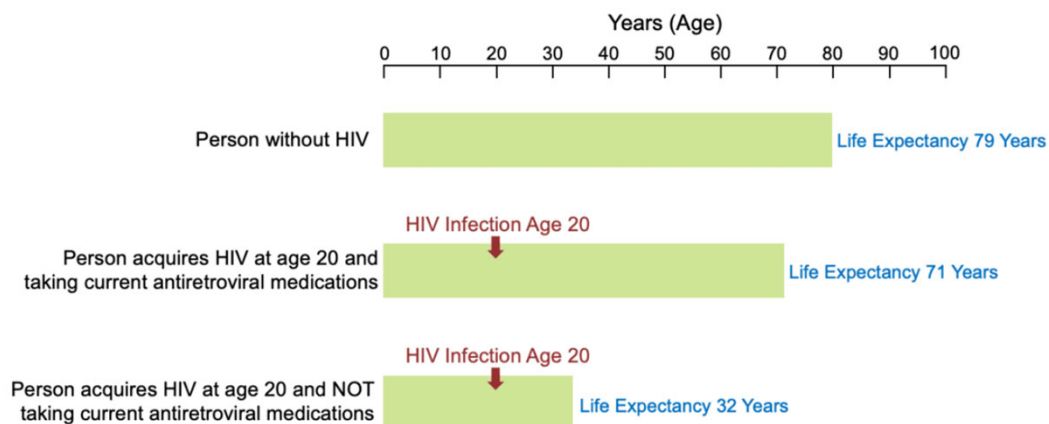
Kooji K et al, AIDS, 2016.

Frailty occurs more frequently in PWH



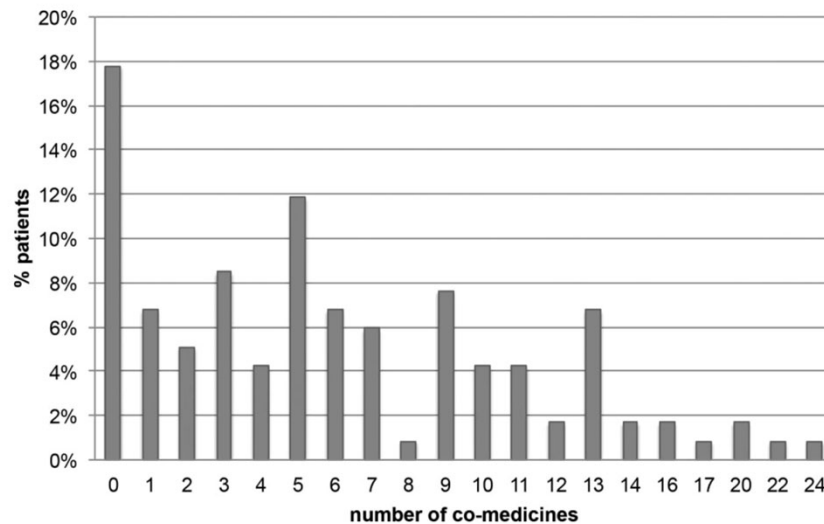
Kooji K et al, AIDS, 2016.

Life expectancy in HIV is similar to the general population



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Polypharmacy is prevalent in older PWH



Gimeno-Gracia M, HIV Clinical Trials, 2015.

Examples of ART drug-drug interactions

- Cations
 - Polyvalent cations can bind to and chelate certain INSTIs
- Antacids
 - H2 blockers and PPIs can inactivate rilpivirine, which requires an acidic environment for absorption
- Pharmacologic boosters needed with protease inhibitors
 - Ritonavir and cobicistat inhibits CYP 3A4

The screenshot shows the HIV Drug Interactions website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, University of Liverpool branding, and links for Language and Apps. Below this is a menu with links: About Us, Interaction Checkers, Prescribing Resources, Videos, Site News, Contact Us, and Support Us. A blue banner below the menu contains an important notice regarding idelalisib interactions. A green text link points to COVID-19 therapy interactions. A disclaimer states that if a drug is not listed, it cannot be assumed safe to coadminister. The main content area features three columns: HIV Drugs, Co-medications, and Drug Interactions. In the HIV Drugs column, 'prez' is entered and 'Darunavir/cobicistat (DRV/c)' is selected. In the Co-medications column, 'fluticasone' is entered and 'Fluticasone' is selected. The Drug Interactions column shows a 'Do Not Coadminister' warning for the combination of Darunavir/cobicistat (DRV/c) and Fluticasone. A 'Switch to table view' button and a 'Reset Checker' button are also visible.

HIV Drugs	Co-medications	Drug Interactions
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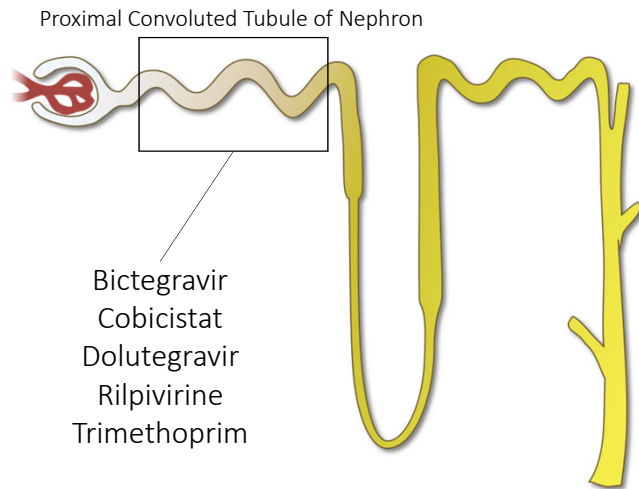
hiv-druginteractions.org

ARVs have adverse effects

- Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) – [NRTI class](#)
 - Bone demineralization
 - Nephrotoxicity
 - Less bone and kidney issues with tenofovir alafenamide (TAF), prodrug of TDF
- Weight gain – INSTI class, TAF
- Cardiovascular risk – Abacavir ([NRTI class](#))
- Hyperlipidemia – TAF, Darunavir ([Protease inhibitor class](#))

Benign Effects of ART on Creatinine

- BIC, DTG, RPV, cobicistat, and TMP inhibit proximal tubular secretion of creatinine (Cr), which may increase the serum Cr without changing the GFR
- May expect a 10-20% (or 0.1-0.2 mg/dL) increase in Cr, usually within first few weeks of therapy, then plateaus
- Check a Cr level one month after starting any of these medications to establish a new baseline



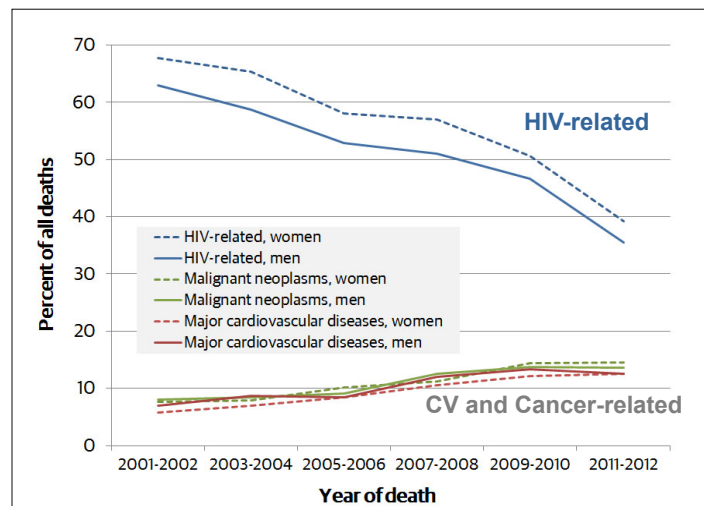
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PWH tend to have more risk factors for comorbidity

- Depression/anxiety
- Substance use (smoking, alcohol, meth, opiates, etc)
- Health disparities
- Co-infections (hepatitis B and C, for example)
- Side effects from ART
- Stigma and impact of living with a chronic disease

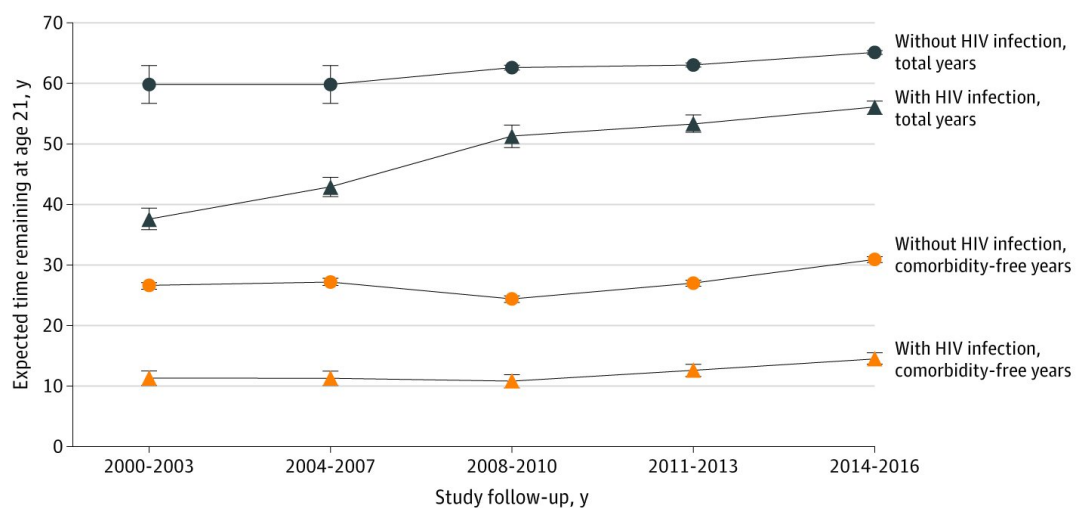
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CV and cancer related deaths on the rise in PWH



Hanna et al, CID, 2016.

Overall & Comorbidity-free Survival in PWH



Marcus et al, JAMA Open Netw, 2020.

PWH have higher rates of comorbidities

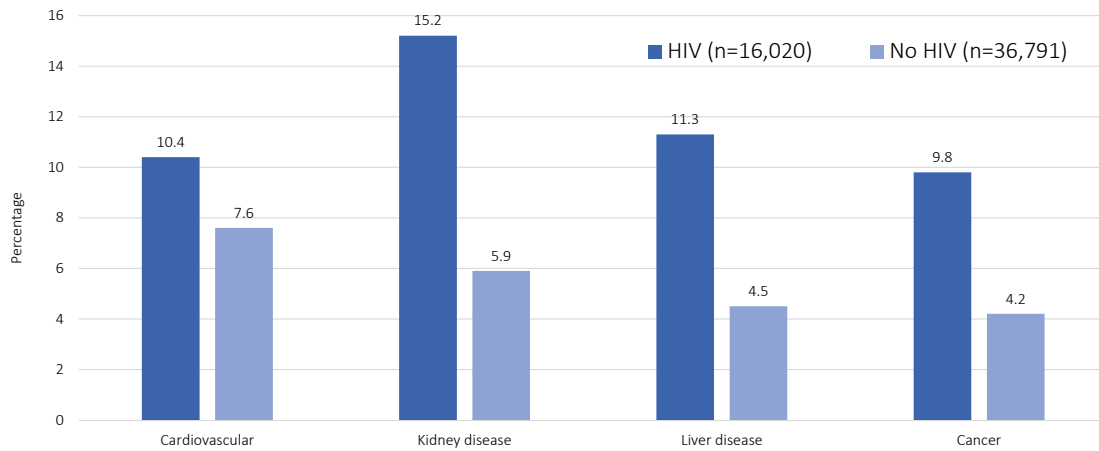
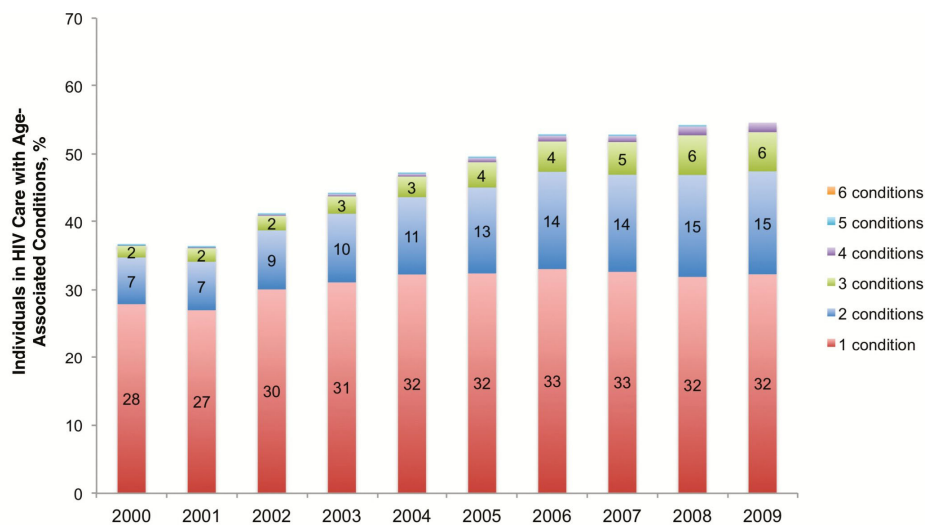


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Multimorbidity is rising in PWH



Wong et al, CID, 2018.

Multimorbidity in HIV, especially those aging

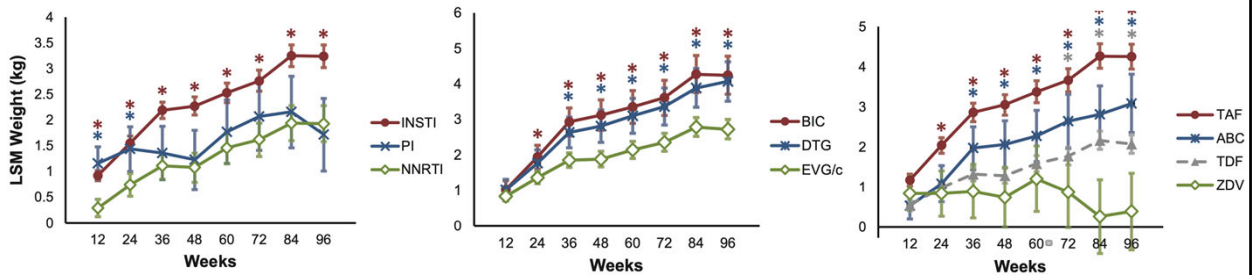
- **Weight Gain**
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Renal Disease
- Neurocognitive Decline
- Cancer
- Osteoporosis
- Testosterone deficiency

ART and Weight Gain: A Chronology

- CROI 2019 – An association between INSTIs & weight gain is reported, perhaps more so with DTG¹⁻⁴
- ADVANCE Study 2019 – RCT in Sub-Saharan Africa, combination of TAF/FTC + DTG led to the most weight gain⁵
- IAS 2020 – OPERA cohort demonstrated weight gain in PWH switching from TDF to a TAF-containing regimen, most pronounced in the 1st nine months after switch⁶
- ID Week 2020 – A cohort study finds switch from TDF to TAF associated with more weight gain than switch from ABC to TAF⁷

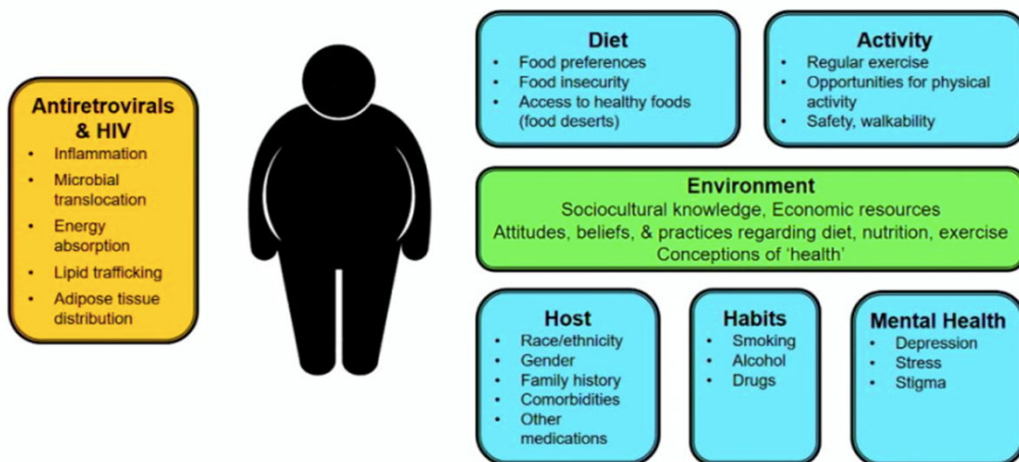
1-Lake, CROI 2019 #669. 2-Bourgi, CROI 2019 #670. 3-McComsey, CROI 2019 #671. 4-Kerchberger, CROI 2019 #672. 5-Venter WDF et al. NEJM. 2019. 6-Mallon, AIDS 2020 # OAB0604. 7-McComsey GA, ID Week 2020.

Weight Change in a Pooled Analysis of ART Start



Sax PE, CID, 2021.

Weight gain is multifactorial



Koethe, CROI 2019 #158.

Multimorbidity in HIV, especially those aging

- Weight Gain
- **Cardiovascular Disease**
- Renal Disease
- Neurocognitive Decline
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PWH have a higher risk of Cardiovascular Disease

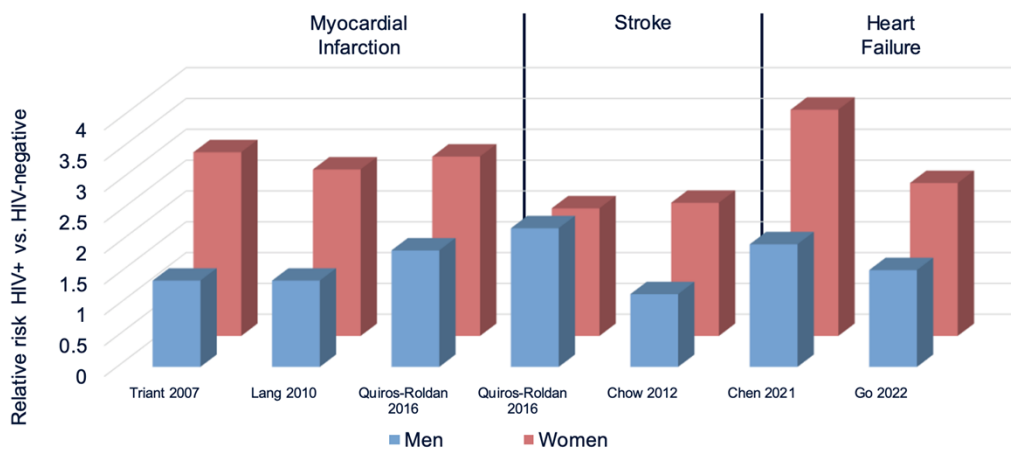
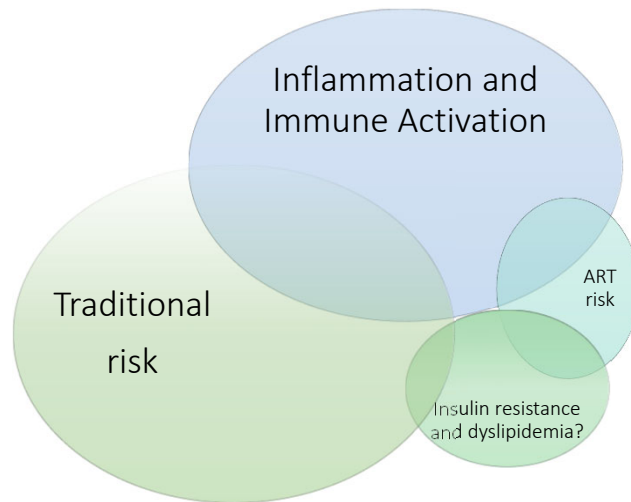


Image from Chris Longenecker from Kentoffio K, Curr Opin HIV AIDS, 2022.

Increased Risk of CVD in PWH is Multifactorial



Adapted from Chris Longenecker and Hillary Liss.

Circulation

Volume 140, Issue 2, 9 July 2019; Pages e98-e124
<https://doi.org/10.1161/CIR.0000000000000695>



AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

Characteristics, Prevention, and Management of Cardiovascular Disease in People Living With HIV: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

Matthew J. Feinstein, MD, MSc, FAHA, Chair, Priscilla Y. Hsue, MD, Vice Chair, Laura A. Benjamin, PhD, Gerald S. Bloomfield, MD, MPH, FAHA, Judith S. Currier, MD, Matthew S. Freiberg, MD, MSc, Steven K. Grinspoon, MD, Jules Levin, MS, Chris T. Longenecker, MD, FAHA, and Wendy S. Post, MD, MS On behalf of the American Heart Association Prevention Science Committee of the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention and Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing; Council on Clinical Cardiology; and Stroke Council

Management of CV risk in PWH

- Start ART as soon as possible
- Check lipids
 - 2020 HIVMA PC Guidance suggests at baseline, then q5y if normal or q6-12m if abnormal or CV risk factors are present
- Calculate ASCVD and start statin if appropriate, perhaps at lower %s
 - Beware PIs and NNRTIs with statins
 - In general, atorvastatin, pitavastatin, and rosuvastatin OK
- Discuss smoking cessation, BP control, diet, and exercise

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REVIEW ARTICLE

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Kidney Diseases Associated with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection

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Common Causes of CKD in PWH

- The usual causes, including non-ART medication side effects
- Hepatitis B or C
- HIV-associated nephropathy (HIVAN)
 - Nephrotic range proteinuria not on ART (low CD4, high VL)
- Tenofovir-associated nephrotoxicity

Cohen SD, NEJM, 2017.

Tenofovir-Associated Nephrotoxicity

- Due to TDF more often than TAF
- May or may not reverse with drug discontinuation
- Higher risk with ritonavir-boosted medications, caution with cobicistat
- Use of tenofovir can lead to any of the following:
 1. GFR decline
 2. Proteinuria
 3. Proximal tubulopathy
 4. Fanconi syndrome (a type II renal tubular acidosis)

Cohen SD, NEJM, 2017. Hamzah L, J Infect, 2017. Cattaneo D, JAIDS, 2018.

Diagnostic Workup of Cr Elevation in PWH

CONSIDER BENIGN ART EFFECT

Did the patient recently start an ART which can lead to an elevation in serum Cr and is the increase < 20% from baseline? If yes, continue medication.

CONSIDER TENOFVIR EFFECT

Recall TDF >> TAF more likely implicated. If concerned, obtain UA and send urine protein:creatinine ratio. Send urine Cr, urine PO₄, serum Cr, and serum PO₄ to calculate a FePO₄. If elevated, refer to nephrology.

CONSIDER NON-HIV RELATED CAUSES

Comorbid conditions, such as HTN and DM, are increasingly common in PWH. Screen for Hep B and Hep C. Review medication list for nephrotoxic meds.

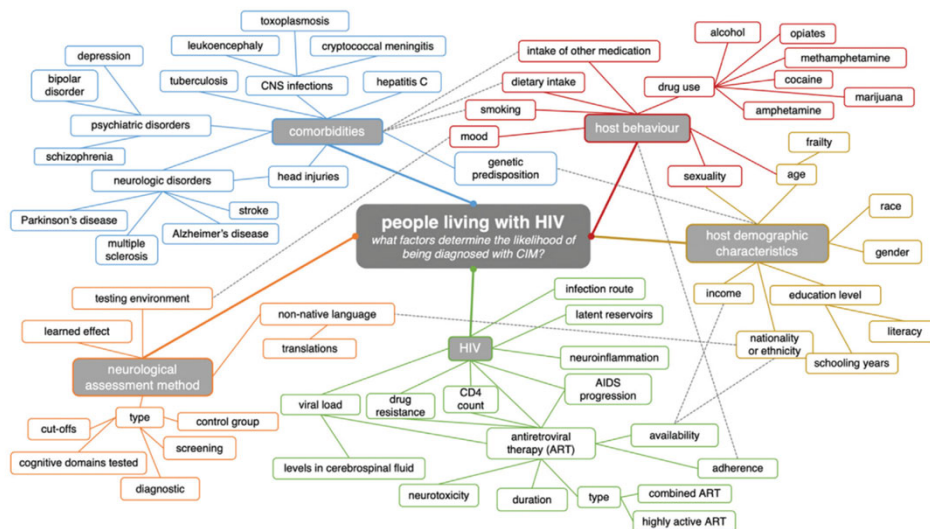
SEND OTHER DIAGNOSTIC WORKUP

If FePO₄ < 20%, patient is not on tenofovir-containing ART, patient has proteinuria, or high suspicion remains, consider renal ultrasound, post-void residual, and nephrology consultation.

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Neurocognitive Decline is Multifactorial in PWH



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Evaluation of Memory Changes in HIV

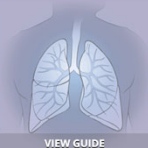

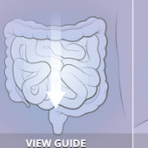
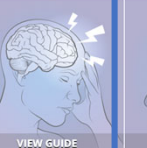
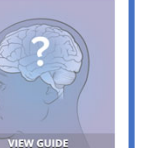
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Evaluation of Memory Changes in PWH

- What is the most recent CD4 cell count?
- Is the person taking a medication known to cause neurologic or cognitive side effects?
- Has syphilis testing been performed?
- Are there associated symptoms that suggest a metabolic, toxic, or psychiatric disorder?
- Are there signs or symptoms that suggest obstructive sleep apnea?
- Could HIV infection be the cause?

DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH TO CHRONIC MEMORY CHANGES IN PERSONS WITH HIV

INITIAL EVALUATION OF ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF CD4 COUNT OR ART STATUS

Obtain medical, psychiatric, and sexual history; review medication list; screen for substance use, and perform physical examination, including neurologic examination

Order laboratory tests, including complete metabolic panel, TSH, B12, folate, serologic testing for syphilis, hepatitis B and C testing

History, physical examination, and/or laboratory evaluation suggests metabolic, toxic, vascular, or psychiatric cause of memory changes

Treat identified cause of memory changes

No evidence of metabolic, toxic, vascular, or psychiatric causes of memory changes

MRI brain (with contrast if no contraindication)

Consider CSF evaluation (as indicated by clinical presentation and MRI findings, including evaluation for CNS infection, HIV CNS escape, and non-HIV-related processes)

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION IF CD4 COUNT <200 CELLS/MM³

In addition to performing the recommended evaluation for persons with any CD4 cell count, add:

- MRI brain (with contrast if no contraindication)
- CSF evaluation (as indicated by clinical presentation and MRI findings, consider evaluation for PML, neurosyphilis, HIV CNS escape, and non-HIV-related causes)
- Evaluation is typically performed in conjunction with expert consultation[^]

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Cause of memory changes identified

Treat identified cause of memory changes

No cause of memory change identified

Evaluate level of impairment using a validated tool for HAND and refer for formal neurocognitive testing

Asymptomatic neurocognitive impairment

Mild impairment in at least 2 domains not attributable to comorbid conditions AND not causing functional impairment

Mild neurocognitive disorder

Mild impairment in at least 2 domains not attributable to comorbid conditions AND functional impairment in ADLs

HIV-associated dementia

At least moderate impairment in at least 2 domains not attributable to comorbid conditions AND major functional impairment

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HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorders (HAND)

- A spectrum of disorders due to HIV that can cause cognitive decline
- HIV-associated Dementia (HAD) is the most severe of HAND¹
 - International HIV Dementia Scale (IHDS) can be used in diagnosis
- In 2023, International HIV Cognition Working Group suggested moving away from HAND alone toward HABI (HIV-associated brain injury), which would include HAND and HAD and incorporates multimorbidity²
- Management includes treating HIV
 - Current ART have excellent CNS penetration
 - No data to support intensifying ART if already suppressed³

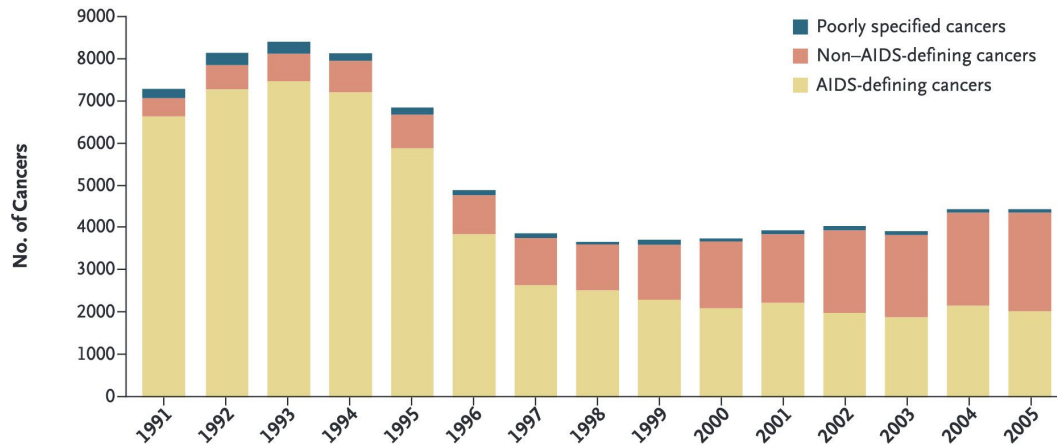
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Cancer epidemiology in PWH is shifting

B Cancers among Persons with AIDS



Yarchoan R, Uldrick TS. NEJM, 2018.

Cancer Screening in PWH

Disease	Approach	Notes
Anal CA	ANCHOR study shows benefit to screening for anal dysplasia	TBD
Colon CA	C-scope q10yrs or FIT yearly age 45-75	Same as for without HIV
Lung CA	Annual low dose CT chest if age 50-80 and 20 pack-year smoking hx and smoked within last 15yrs and would be candidate for curative resection (grade B)	Same as for without HIV
Prostate CA	Ages 55-69 should make an individual decision about prostate CA screening with their clinician (do not screen if ≥ 70 yo)	Same as for without HIV
Breast CA	Mammogram q1-2 yrs in age 50-75	Same as for without HIV
Cervical CA	See next slide	Different in HIV

Table modified from David Sears

Cervical Cancer Screening in PWH

Age	Recommendation
<21	Pap within 1 yr of sexual activity, no later than age 21
21-29	Pap at diagnosis of HIV, repeat yearly x 3, then if all normal, Pap every 3 years
<30	No HPV testing unless abnormalities are found on Pap
≥30	Pap with HPV cotesting; if both negative consecutively x 3, then Pap with HPV q 3 years

Key Points:

- Most will need Pap with HPV co-test
- Never stop screening (i.e. in women without HIV recommendation is to stop screening at age 65 but women with HIV continue)
- Abnormal Pap and/or HPV follow-up is different too

National HIV Curriculum. 2020 HIVMA Primary Care Guidance.

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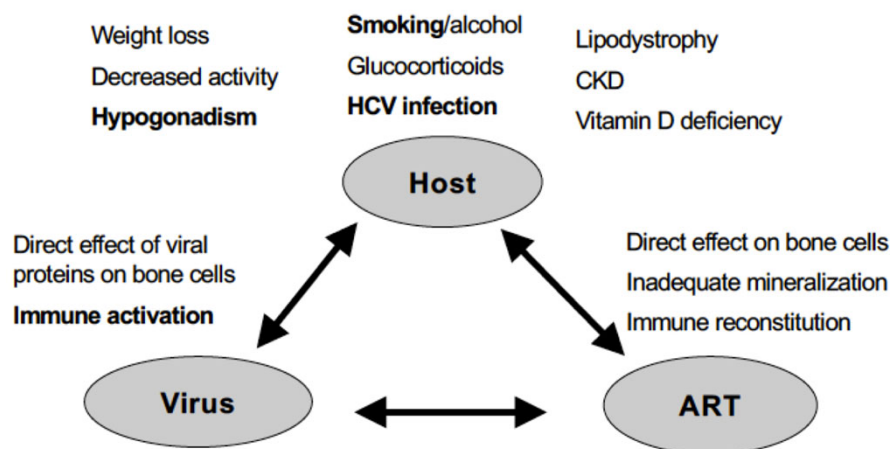
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Relationship between HIV and Osteoporosis

- Osteoporosis is more common in PWH compared to age-matched individuals without HIV¹
 - PWH have a higher risk of low bone mineral density (BMD) and fragility fractures²
- Reasons are multifactorial
 - ART contributes as well, specifically TDF and protease inhibitors
 - ART initiation leads to 2-6% loss in BMD during the first 2 years of therapy³
 - HIV-1 can infect osteoclast precursors and increase bone resorption⁴
- Increased risk of osteoporosis with HCV, commonly seen in PWH⁵
- Unrelated to osteoporosis, PWH are at increased risk of avascular necrosis

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Etiologies of Bone Loss in HIV are Multifactorial



Brown TT, HIV and the Bones

Recommendations for Evaluation and Management of Bone Disease in HIV

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Brown TT, CID, 2015.

Management of Bone Disease in PWH

- DXA screening in men with HIV \geq 50 and postmenopausal women
- Optimize ART if possible
 - If osteopenia or osteoporosis, avoid PIs and TDF if possible
 - Switching from TDF to TAF leads to improvements in BMD
 - Over 48 weeks, can improve BMD by +1.5 to +2.3¹
 - In osteoporosis, OK to use TAF or can switch to a TFV-sparing regimen entirely
- Treat for osteopenia or osteoporosis similar to how is done for general population

Pozniak, JAIDS, 2017.

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Testosterone Deficiency in PWH

- Background
 - In 1988, 50% of a small cohort of men with AIDS had a lab diagnosis of low T¹
 - In a US study of 530 men, laboratory-confirmed low T found in 9.3% of PWH, as compared to 7.2% in matched HIV-negative controls²
 - Among PWH who initiated T, only 24% had laboratory-confirmed T deficiency³
- When screen? In men with HIV if symptoms are suggestive of low T
- How screen? Fasting AM blood draw of free AND total testosterone
 - HIV can increase SHBG concentrations, which can lead to falsely elevated total T

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Conclusions

- People with HIV are living longer and growing older
- Greater than 50% of PWH are over 50
- Do not forget to screen older adults for STIs and HIV
- PWH may have accelerated and accentuated aging, more frailty, more multimorbidity, and polypharmacy