

HIV Service Algorithms

Screening and Management of HIV related Co-Morbidities

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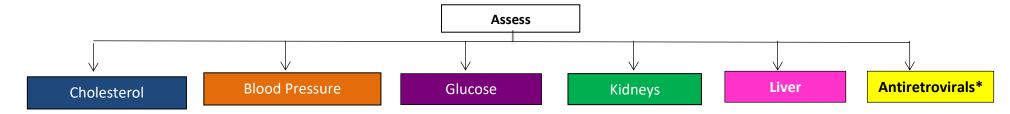
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Vaccination Recommendations in HIV Positive Adults at Alfred Health

VACCINE	RECOMMENDATION
Influenza	Annual
Diphtheria,	According to routine recommendations
tetanus,	
pertussis	
Varicella	2 doses if CD4 cells >200 and non-immune. Not recommended if CD4 <200 (MMRV not recommended)
Measles Mumps	2 doses if CD4 cells >200 and non-immune. Not recommended if CD4
Rubella	<200 (MMRV not recommended)
HPV	9vHPV registered and recommended for females up to 45 years and males up to 26 years 3 doses (0, 1, 6 months)
Pneumococcal	1 dose all. If never received PPV23 then PPV23 should be given a
conjugate 13	minimum of 8 weeks after the PCV13. If previously received one or
(PCV13)	more doses of PPV23 then PCV13 should be given at least 12 months
	after the most recent dose of PPV23
Pneumococcal	1 dose 8 weeks after PCV13 (if they have never received a previous
Polysaccharide	PPV23 dose)
23 (PPV23)	If a previous PPV23 dose given, then second dose of PPV23 is
	recommended 5-10 years after the last PPV23 dose (up to maximum of
Zostov	3 doses during person's adult life) 1 dose if CD4 cells >350 (when there is a strong indication to vaccinate
Zoster	it may be considered if CD4 200-350). Not recommended if CD4 <200.
	Serological confirmation of previous VZV infection recommended prior
	to vaccination.
Haemophilus	According to routine recommendations
influenzae	
Meningococcal B	2 doses for person at risk
Meningococcal	2 doses (at least 8 weeks apart)
ACWY	2 doses (de least o weeks apart)
Hepatitis B	3 doses (0, 1, and 6 months) 40mcg
	Check HBsAb 4-8 weeks after last dose, if <10 IU/ml, repeat 3 doses at
	40mcg
	If CD4 cells <200 consider deferring till CD4 count >200 and viral load undetectable
Hepatitis A	2 doses recommended (0, 6-12 months). Three doses if CD4 <350
	Can be used in combination with HBV (Twinrix) if CD4 >500 or consider
	with additional 20mcg dose hepatitis B (so total Hepatitis B dose is 40
	mcg) if CD4 count <500

Reducing Cardiovascular Risk in People Living with HIV

Lifestyle Advice – Should be highlighted in <u>ALL</u> patients			
Dietary Counselling	 Include vegetables (5 serves), whole grains (4-5 serves) and fruit (2 serves) in the diet every day Aim for 2-3 serves of fish per week Choose healthier fats and oil: choose lean meat, skinless poultry & low fat dairy; consider a handful of nuts or ¼ avocado each day Ensure portions aren't too large, limit sugary, fatty & salty meals and snacks 		
- Encourage regular moderate-intensity exercise (take the stairs, was work, swimming etc.) rather than vigorous exercise - Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise per day			
Lifestyle	 Smoking cessation advice, consider referral to smoking cessation clinic Limit alcohol to no more than standard 2 drinks/day 		



Consider ART modifications if 5 year CVD risk greater than 10% and treatment history and HIV resistance patterns allows:

- o Replace older NRTIs or abacavir with TAF, continue with lamivudine or emtricitabine
- o Replace older PIs or darunavir with atazanavir or INSTI (integrase inhibitor)
- o Cobicistat has more favourable lipid profile than ritonavir

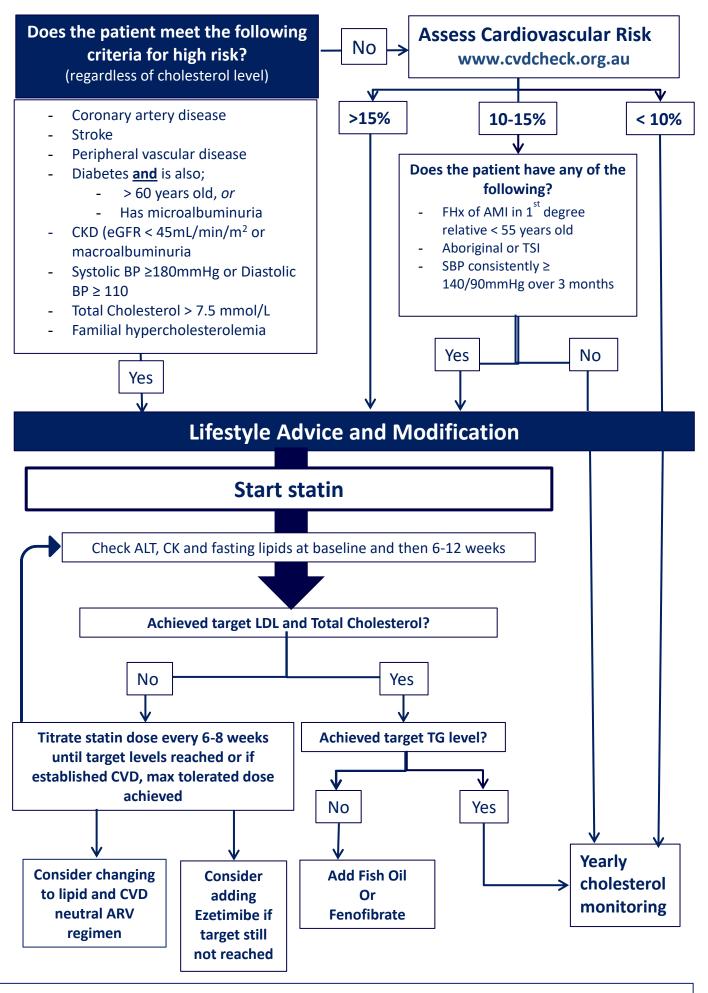
Hypercholesterolemia in HIV

Who to Screen	ALL HIV positive patients		
Frequency	Annually, immediately prior to starting ART and 6/12 post any change in ART		
How to screen	FASTING blood test for total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, triglycerides		

LIPID TARGETS ON THERAPY		
Total Cholesterol (TC)	<4.0 mmol/L	
High Density Lipoprotein (HDL-C)	≥1.0 mmol/L	
Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C)	<2.0 mmol/L	
Triglycerides (TG)	<2.0 mmol/L	
Non HDL cholesterol (non HDL- C)	<2.5mmol/L	

Stop statin if:
ALT > 3x ULN
Creatinine Kinase (CK) > 1000 U/L
CK > 500 U/L plus myalgia
Continue statin if only mild muscle
symptoms and CK < 500 U/L
Consider rechallenge after 4 weeks at
lower dose if reaction mild

Daily Drug Doses				
		Max. dose		
Agent	Starting dose	Non- PI/cobicistat ART	PI/cobicistat ART	Comments
Atorvastatin	10mg	80mg	40mg	Check for antibiotic (e.g.
Rosuvastatin	5mg	40mg	20mg	clarithromycin, fusidic acid), antifungal and other drug interactions prior to commencing
Pravastatin	20mg	80mg	40mg	2 nd line (lower potency)
Simvastatin	NOT recommended for co-administration with antiretroviral therapy			
Fish Oil (with high percentage of omega 3 FA)	Eg. Omacor 3-4g	No adjustment required		
Fenofibrate	145mg	No adjustment required		Monitor ALT/CK if combination statin/fibrate, ↑ risk of side effects. Dose reduce if renal dysfunction
Ezetimibe	10mg	No adjustment required		Used in combination, or as monotherapy if statin is contraindicated



Refer to Cardiology/ HIV metabolic clinic if unable to reach targets

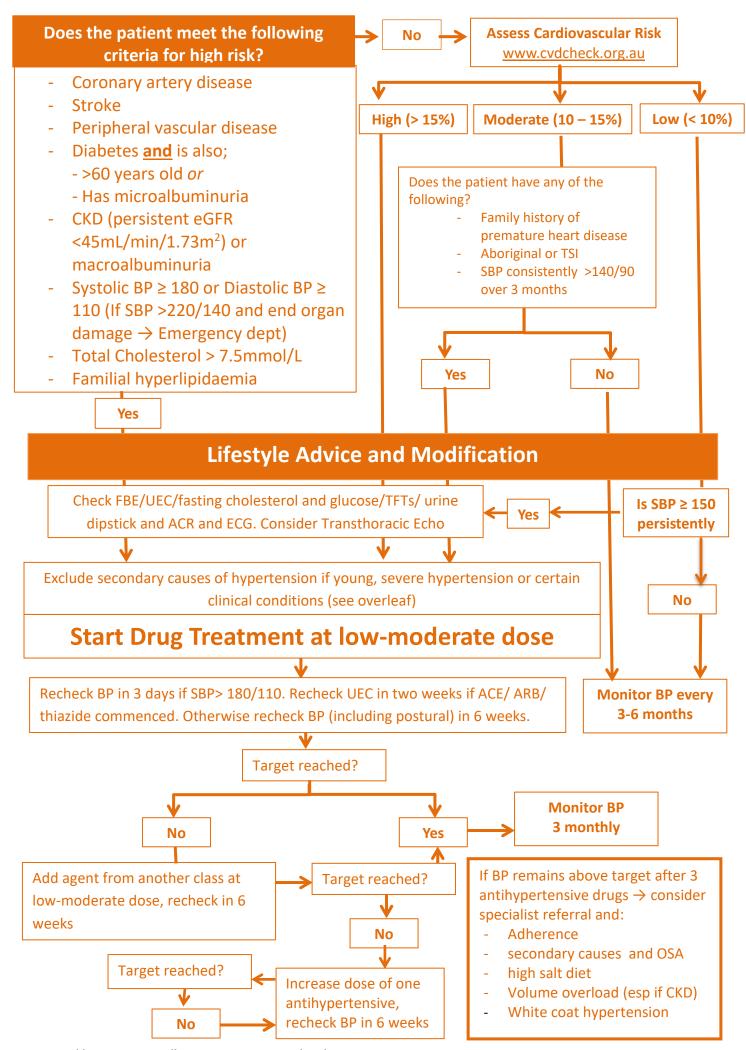
Blood Pressure monitoring and management in HIV

Who to Screen	ALL HIV positive patients	
Frequency	At each visit or at least annually	
How to screen	Measure BP at rest with an appropriate sized cuff in both arms at level of heart, ongoing measurement to be done in the arm with the highest BP Measure blood pressure three times in one sitting (average last two) on at least two separate occasions to confirm reading If hypertensive confirm with 24 hourly or home BP measurement	

Targets of Therapy (clinic		
measure		
Patient	TARGET	
Group	(mmHg)	
High risk		
(see	SBP	
overleaf)	<130/80	
and able to		
tolerate		
Otherwise	<140/90	

Secondary Hypertension			
Causes	When to suspect	How to investigate	
Primary	Hypokalaemia (not	Plasma	
Hyperaldosterism	excluded if potassium	aldosterone:renin	
	normal)	before commencing	
		ACE Inhibitor/ ARB	
Cushing's syndrome	Cushingoid or on PI	24 hour urinary free	
	with inhaled	cortisol	
	glucocorticoid		
Phaeochromocytoma	Headaches/ sweating	24 hour urinary	
	and palpitations	catecholamines and	
		metanephrines	
Polycystic kidney disease	Family history/	Renal tract US	
	enlarged kidneys		
Reno-vascular	Young and female/	Doppler renal	
	acute worsening of Cr	ultrasound	
	following ACE Inhibitor		
Co-arctation of aorta	Radial-femoral delay	TTE	
Obstructive sleep	Obese, daytime	Sleep study	
apnoea	somnolence or snorer		
Drugs such as NSAIDs/steroids/SNRIs/recreational eg metamphetamine			

Drug	Indication for 1 st line therapy	Comments	Example drug, dose range
ACE inhibitor	CKD, Diabetes, CCF	Do not combine with ARB. Avoid if pregnant.	Ramipril, 2.5mg-10mg daily
Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker (ARB)	CKD, Diabetes, CCF	Do not combine with ACE In. Avoid if pregnant.	Candesartan, 8-32mg daily
Thiazide Diuretic		Avoid if gout. Increase risk of diabetes.	Hydrochlorothiazide, 25mg daily
Calcium Channel Blockers	Angina	Do not combine verapamil with Beta blocker Caution with PI ARV therapy	Amlodipine, 2.5mg-10mg daily
Beta blockers	Not recommended first line use except if angina, post AMI or selective BB for CCF	Inferior benefit compared to first line agents. Avoid in asthma and bradycardia.	Atenolol, 25-100mg, in one or two doses



Screening and Management of Diabetes in HIV

Who to Screen	ALL HIV Positive Patients > 40 years of age or at any age if they	
	present with one of the risk factors listed below	
Screening	Every 3 years or annually if evidence of impaired glucose tolerance or	
Frequency	impaired fasting glucose	
	Fasting blood Glucose (FBG)	
How to screen	Random blood glucose (RBG) is a reasonable alternative if unable to obtain FBG	
	HbA1C ≥ 6.5% on 2 separate occasions also diagnostic of diabetes (however may	
	underestimate diabetes in HIV population)	



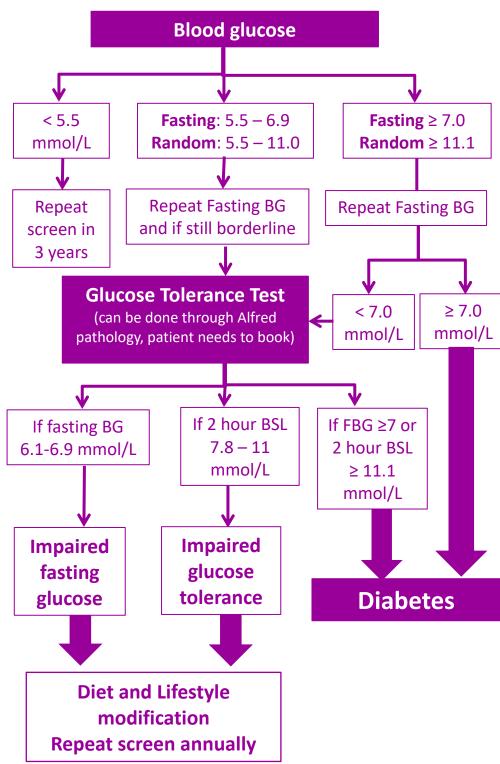
Impaired fasting glucose and impaired glucose tolerance

Indicator of ↑ risk of diabetes

These patients are already at ↑ risk of cardiovascular disease.

Strict control of cardiovascular risk factors should be a priority

Life style change can delay or prevent progression to diabetes



Management Steps following a new diagnosis of type 2 Diabetes

Step 1:

Further testing to perform

- HbA1C (3 monthly)
- Urinary albumin-creatinine ratio (annually)
- Serum UEC (3 monthly if on metformin otherwise annually)
- Lipids (annually)
- FBE, LFTs and Thyroid Function Tests (annually)

Refer all patients to:

- 1. Dietician
- 2. Diabetes Educator (esp if on hypoglycaemic that requires BSL monitoring)
- 3. Ophthalmologist
- 4. Podiatrist if clinical evidence of peripheral neuropathy/ PVD
- 5. Bariatric surgical clinic if 18-65 years old, and BMI >40 (or BMI >35 and an additional obesity related co-morbidity such as OSA)

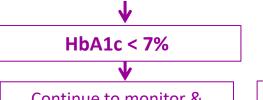
Step 3:

Step 2:

Calculate cardiovascular risk (www.cvdcheck.org.au) and optimise management of other risk factors (cease smoking, treat hypertension or albuminuria with ACE Inhibitor first line and treat dyslipidaemia as per guideline)

Step 4:

Trial lifestyle modification for three months and recheck HbA1c



HbA1c >7%

Continue to monitor & encourage diet adherence

Consider Metformin if eGFR >30 (Starting dose 500mg BD) May worsen lipoatrophy

Targets of Therapy		
Fasting BSL	6-8 mmol/L	
HbA1C	6.5-7%	

Titrate not more frequently than fortnightly to maximally tolerated dose (3g)

If on dolutegravir or eGFR 30-50, increase only to 1g daily and consider ceasing if both present

Refer to Endocrinology and consider ART modification:

- Symptomatic or severe (BSL >20) hyperglycaemia
- Hyperglycaemia despite above
- Significant complications present
- Any other concerns

Kidney Injury in HIV

Who to Screen	ALL HIV positive patients		
Screening Frequency	Yearly for Non-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) containing ARV regimens Three monthly for first year and then 6 monthly thereafter for patients on TDF		
5 , ,	Three (3) monthly in patients with chronic kidney injury (eGFR <60ml/min)		
	Serum UEC and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)		
How to screen	Serum Phosphate if on TDF		
	Spot urine albumin-creatinine ratio (ACR) for all and protein-creatinine ratio		
	(PCR) if on TDF		

Some ARVs that require dose adjustment in patients with renal impairment					
		Creatinine Clearance (based on Cockroft-Gault equation)			
	Usual Dose	30 – 49 ml/min	15 – 29 ml/min	5 – 14 ml/min	Dialysis
Lamivudine	300mg daily	150mg daily	100mg daily	50mg daily	25mg daily
Emtricitabine	200mg daily	Usual dose	200mg 72 hrly	200mg 9	6 hourly
Tenofovir (TDF)	300mg daily	Consider ceasing			
Tenofovir (TAF)	25mg daily (unboosted)	Usual dose Do not commence if CrCl <30 ml/min			
Atazanavir	300mg daily (with ritonavir)	Do not use in treatment experienced people on dialysis			
Maraviroc	300mg BD	Not recommended if CrCl <30ml/min			

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) induced renal dysfunction

TDF can lead to proximal renal tubule toxicity (Fanconi-like syndrome) which occurs in 0.5 – 1.5% of patients receiving TDF. Is often reversible if TDF is ceased in the early stages. It can also cause a slow decline in eGFR.

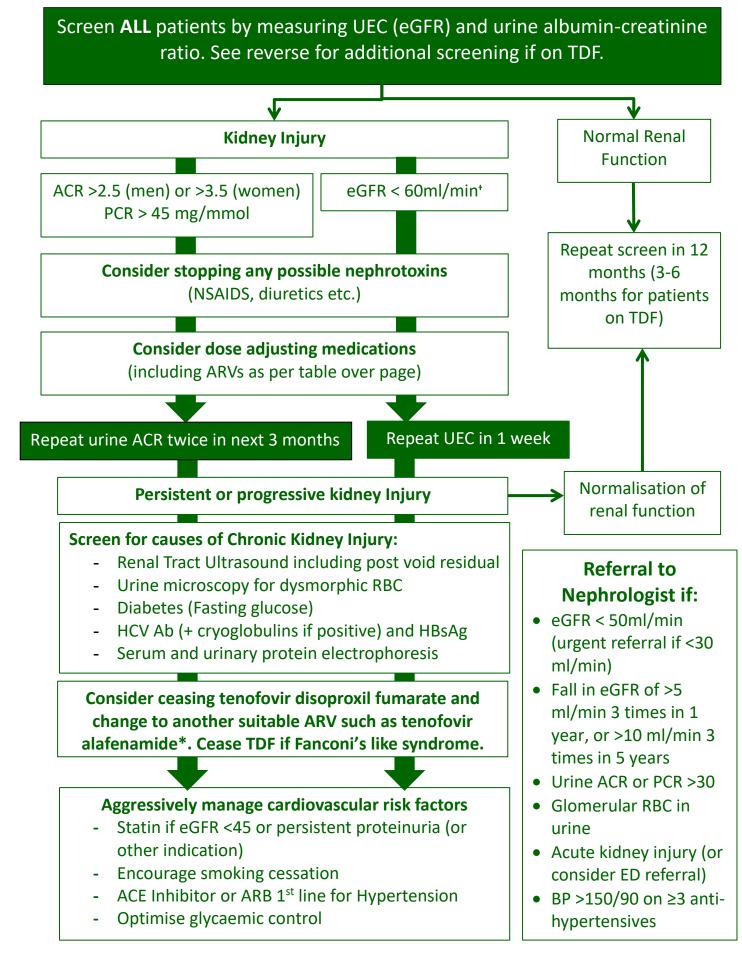
Some Features of Fanconi-like Syndrome:

- Glycosuria
- Tubular proteinuria (compared to albuminuria)
- Hypophosphatemia (<0.8 mmol/L)

TDF should be ceased in all patients with Fanconi's like syndrome

Consider ceasing TDF if chronic kidney injury identified (eGFR <60mL/min/1.73m2) or high risk for chronic kidney disease

TDF should be exchanged for a suitable alternative (such as tenofovir alafenamide) - ensure HIV resistance profile and hepatitis B status taken into account. TAF not recommended if eGFR <30mL/min/1.73m2



[†] Cobicistat and dolutegravir decrease eGFR without true effect on glomerular filtration

If changing TDF to an alternative other than TAF ensure HIV resistance profile and hepatitis B status taken into account. TAF not recommended if eGFR <30mL/min/1.73m2

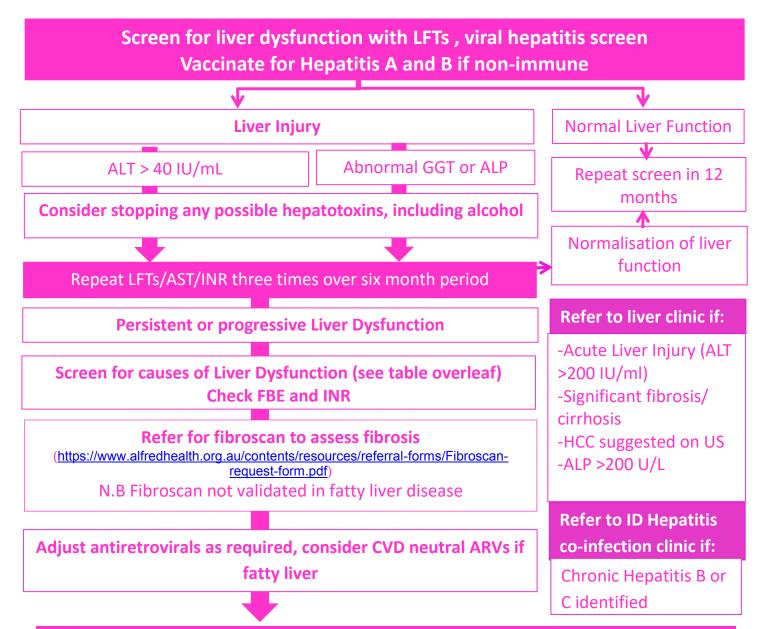
Liver Health in HIV

Who to Screen	Any HIV positive patient		
Screening Frequency	3 monthly if on hepatotoxic medications otherwise annually		
How to screen	LFTs (Note that atazanavir will cause hyperbilirubinemia which is not clinically significant if less than 100µmol/L) Annual Hepatitis A, B and C serology if remains at risk (eg unvaccinated for hep A & B, ongoing IVDU/MSM for hep C) If HepBcAb + HepBsAb positive/HepBsAg negative – immune If HepBsAg + HepBcAb positive OR HepBcAb positive + HepBsAg and HepBsAb negative – annual HBV DNA, HepBsAb, HepBsAg		

Causes of Persistent Abnormal LFTs		
Condition Assessment		
Alcohol	Alcohol history	
Drugs	Drug history, including non-prescription and alternative therapies	
Viral Hepatitis	Hep B serology (HbsAg/HBsAb/HBcAb) and Hep C serology/HCV RNA (Hep A IgG to determine immunity)	
Autoimmune Hepatitis	ANA, ASMA, AMA, anti- LKM	
Coeliac Disease	Coeliac serology	
Hemochromatosis	Iron studies	
Wilson's Disease	Ceruloplasmin	
α1-antitrypsin deficiency	α1-antitrypsin	
Fatty Liver	Liver Ultrasound (presence of steatosis when other causes such as alcohol have been excluded)	
Non hepatic causes	Myopathy, strenuous exercise, heart failure	

Management of Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)

- 1. Diet and Exercise advice (involve dietician) cornerstone of therapy
- 2. Consider referral for bariatric surgery if 18-65 years old, and BMI >40 (or BMI >35 and an additional obesity related co-morbidity such as diabetes)
- 3. Avoid alcohol
- 4. No compelling evidence for the use of Vitamin E, metformin and glitazones when used purely for management of steatosis
- 5. Manage other cardiovascular risk factors, statins have been shown to be safe in NAFLD



Common ARVs that require dose adjustment in patients with liver impairment				
		Childs Pugh Score		
	Usual Dose	(https://www.mdcalc.com/child-pugh-score-cirrhosis- mortality)		
		Α	В	С
Abacavir	300 mg BD or 600 mg daily	200mg BD	Contraindicated	Contraindicated
Efavirenz	600mg daily	No adjustment but may increase CNS effects		
Nevirapine XR	400mg daily	No adjustment	Contraindicated	
Atazanavir (with booster)	300mg daily	No adjustment	No adjustment but no booster recommended	Not recommended
Darunavir (with booster)	800mg daily	No adjustment		Not recommended

Bone Health in HIV

Who to Screen	Any HIV positive patient > 40 years old	
Screening Frequency	3 yearly until > 60 years of age then annually	
How to screen	 DEXA for high risk (see overleaf) Calculate FRAX score (mark YES for other secondary causes of osteoporosis) for everyone else Measure serum Ca, PO₄, Vitamin D Screen for testosterone deficiency (in men) 	

Calcium and Vitamin D Supplementation			
	Definition of deficient	Replacement Doses	Comments
25-OH	<50 nmol/L mild deficiency	1,000 IU daily	Check ALP and PTH to exclude osteomalacia.
Vitamin D	<25 mod-severe deficiency	4,000 IU daily for 4 weeks, then 1,000 IU daily	Replace before treat with bisphosphonates
		Encourage increased dietary intake	First line
Calcium	Less than 3 serves of high calcium food (i.e. dairy) per day	If osteoporosis or >80y.o, supplement with caltrate 600mg daily if dietary calcium inadequate	Must be taken with food. Do not take within 2 hours of oral bisphosphonate

Screening for Secondary Causes of Osteoporosis		
Condition	Screening Test	
Hyperparathyroidism	Parathyroid Hormone (PTH), Ca	
Hypogonadism	(Men) Free & total Testosterone Luteinizing Hormone (LH) (Women) Menstrual history, Oestradiol, FSH and prolactin	
Cushing's syndrome	If clinical suspicion order late evening salivary cortisol	
Hyperthyroidism	Thyroid function tests (TFT)	
Renal disease	UEC, if on TDF also Se PO4, spot urine PO4, fractional excretion PO4, urine PCR	
Vitamin D Deficiency	Vit D level	
Coeliac Disease	Coeliac antibodies	
Liver disease	LFTs	
MGUS/ Myeloma	SPEP/ and light chains	

Treatment for Osteoporosis			
Non Pharmacological	Quit smoking, cease excessive alcohol intake, resistance and balance exercise for falls reduction		
Pharmacological			
Zoledronic Acid	5mg IV 1-2 yearly		
Risedronate	35 mg p.o. weekly		
Alendronate	70 mg p.o. weekly		
Comments			
Take oral bisphosphonates after fasting overnight and after taking stay fasting/upright for 30min			
Bisphosphonates should not be given to patients undergoing dental procedures			
Avoid Bisphosphonates if CrCl<35ml/min			

Encourage healthy diet (including adequate calcium), appropriate sunlight exposure, smoking cessation, minimial alcohol and resistance exercise for fracture prevention Does the patient meet the Calculate FRAX score (10 year following (MBS reimbursable) fracture risk) No criteria for high risk? www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/tool.jsp Age > 70 y.o Primary Hyperparathyroidism **Low Risk High Risk** Hypogonadism Premature menopause **Major** > 20% or Major < 20% and Hyperthyroidism Hip <3% Hip > 3% Cushing's syndrome **Chronic Liver Disease** Chronic Kidney Disease Repeat FRAX **Lateral Thoracolumbar** Coeliac Disease or other 1-3 years spine X-ray malabsorptive conditions **Rheumatoid Arthritis** Prednisolone (≥7.5mg daily for 3 months) or androgen deprivation therapy **Fracture** No Fracture Yes Refer to Baseline **DEXA scan to determine BMD** endocrinology **DEXA** scan T ≥ -1.0 T <-1 and > -2.5 T ≤ -2.5 Osteopenia Osteoporosis Normal Consider Tenofovir DF (TDF) - induced bone disease and ceasing Repeat DEXA In 5 years Screen for secondary causes of bone loss (see overleaf) If secondary Repeat DEXA **Bisphosphonate** cause 1-2 years identified may not **Refer to Endocrinology if:** Repeat DEXA 1 year require - Secondary Osteoporosis treatment - Severe osteoporosis on DEXA (Z score <2) - Failure of 1st line therapy - Osteomalacia **PBS Indications for Bisphosphonates Established Osteoporosis** Osteoporosis >70 years old AND BMD T-Had minimal trauma score ≤ -2.5 fracture

Screening/Diagnosis and Management of STIs in HIV

Who to Screen	ALL HIV Positive Patients	
Screening Frequency	At least annually 4 times per year (or every occasion of HIV VL testing) in MSM	
Indications for 3 monthly STI testing (every opportunity)	Any unprotected anal sex, >10 partners in 6 months Episode of STI in last 12 months Participate in group sex Use of recreational drugs during sex	
	Collect first void urine (FVU), anal and throat swab for chlamydia and gonorrhoea PCR Put each site swab into COBAS transport medium Patient can self-collect anal swab if asymptomatic LGV PCR testing will be performed on original rectal swab if chlamydia PCR on rectal swab is positive AND patient is symptomatic	
How to screen/diagnose	Collect urethral &/or anal swab for gonococcal culture if discharge present or asymptomatic positive PCR result Collect e swab Collect anal swab for herpes simplex (HSV) PCR if proctitis	
	Syphilis serology quarterly, Hepatitis A IgM, Hep BsAg and Hep C serology annually	

Management of Positive Results in Asymptomatic Patients

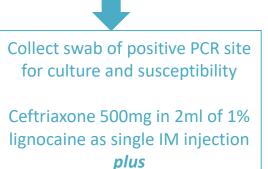


for 7 days

Rectal Infection

Doxycycline 100mg BD

for 7 days



Azithromycin 1g as a single dose

Gonorrhoea

Chlamydia

Management of Symptomatic Urethritis

- Doxycycline 100mg BD for 7 days (recommended first line by MSHC)
 Or
- Azithromycin 1g single dose

If symptoms or contact tracing suggest gonorrhoea is possible then treat with:

- Ceftriaxone 500mg in 2ml of 1% lignocaine as a single IM injection plus
- Azithromycin 1g stat

Management of Symptomatic Proctitis

Do not wait for test results

- Ceftriaxone 500mg in 2ml of 1% lignocaine as a single IM injection plus
- Doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 21 days plus
- Valaciclovir 500mg bd for 5 days
 Doxycycline can be ceased if Chlamydia PCR results is negative

Management of Positive syphilis serology

Early syphilis: primary, secondary or early latent syphilis (<2 years from acquisition if previous negative test available)

Single dose of benzathine penicillin 1.8g
 (administered as 2 x0.9 g syringes – one in each buttock)

Late syphilis: (if tertiary syphilis has been excluded)

3 doses of benzathine penicillin 1.8g given one week apart

Indications for LP to rule out neurosyphilis

- 1. Neurological (including hearing loss and tinnitus) or ophthalmic signs or symptoms
- 2. Evidence of tertiary syphilis
- 3. Failure of RPR titre to fall 4-fold within 12 months of adequate treatment
- 4. Some recommend LPs in those with low CD4 cells, High RPR (>1:32) and late latent syphilis

Other Considerations

Test of cure with PCR no earlier than four weeks if:

- rectal chlamydia
- symptomatic or PCR positive gonorrhoea at any site or use of non standard therapy

Contact tracing (www.letthemknow.org.au for patients)

Advise to refrain from sex for 7 days post treatment

Screening and Diagnosis of Neurocognitive Impairment

Any HIV positive patient > 45 years old Current CD4 cell count <350 cells/µL Nadir CD4 cell count <200 cells/μL Who to Screen Prior CNS Opportunistic infection Family history of dementia Presence of or high risk of Cardiovascular Disease (smoker/high cholesterol/hypertension/diabetes mellitus) Screening Annually, or presence of symptomatic cognitive difficulty Frequency Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) Scale OR 3 questions 1) Is the patient experiencing frequent problems with memory? 2) Does the patient feel they are slower planning activities, problem How to screen solving or making decisions? 3) Does the patient have difficulty paying attention to reading, conversations or watching a movie? - If possible, collateral history from partner/family/colleagues

Confounding conditions

- Severe Psychiatric conditions
- Use of Psychotropic drugs
- Alcohol excess
- Sequelae from prior CNS pathology
- Current CNS Opportunistic
 Infections or neurological disease
- Cardiovascular disease or high CVD risk: hypertension, diabetes

Investigations for Neurocognitive impairment

- Drug & Alcohol assessment
- Depression screen
- Brain MRI
- Formal neuropsych assessment
- CSF examination biochemistry, cell count, HIV VL, EBV PCR, CMV PCR
- Cerebrovascular assessment
- APOE-E4 gene allele

Initial screen confirms cognitive difficulty

IADL Score of 0 on 2 or more measures or

presence of memory, attention or planning

Evaluate & manage confounding conditions
Rescreen 3 months after confounding
condition managed

Formal Neuropsychological examination OR International HIV Dementia Scale – Score of ≤10 – evaluate further for dementia

Neurocognitive Impairment confirmed

Neurological Exam + Brain MRI + CSF examination to exclude other possible causes of impairment

