

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SOME POPULATIONS LIVING WITH HIV

Patient characteristics	Special considerations for some patients living with HIV	
People with a uterus and child bearing potential	<p>For people living with HIV (PLHIV), not currently pregnant, and of child bearing potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discuss contraceptive needs and preferred methods ■ Offer routine pregnancy testing ■ Be aware of potential drug-drug interactions (DDI) between ART medications and hormonal contraceptives and consult the MBHIVP⁵ ■ Provide pre-conception counselling 	<p>For PLHIV and pregnant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Perinatal HIV transmission can be prevented with ART and PLWH of childbearing potential can expect to have children without HIV ■ Refer to pediatric infectious diseases ■ Consult the MBHIVP pharmacist for review of ART in pregnancy ■ Breastfeeding is contraindicated.^{15,16,17} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Manitoba Infant Formula Program (MBHIVP) supports the cost of formula for infants born to PLHIV.
Transgender individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide welcoming, safe, appropriate and gender affirming care ■ Consult the Transgender Health Clinic or other provider experienced in gender-affirming care and endocrine therapy as indicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Be aware of potential DDI between ART and endocrine therapy and consult the MBHIVP¹⁴ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Refer to the BreastCheck Screening Guidelines, CancerCare Manitoba for individualized recommendations for breast cancer screening for transgender patients²² ■ Refer to the CervixCheck Screening Guidelines, CancerCare Manitoba for screening recommendations for all patients with a cervix or neo-cervix²²
Advanced HIV with CD4 <200 (15%) cells/mm³	<p>Patients with low CD4 counts may present with an OI and require treatment <u>or</u> be at risk for OI's and require primary or secondary prophylaxis against OIs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consult the MBHIVP for recommendations on initiating or re-initiating ART. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Based on CD4 counts and/or previous history of OI, primary care provider may initiate OI prophylaxis. For more information on prophylaxis to prevent OI's visit https://bccfe.ca/therapeutic-guidelines/opportunistic-infection-therapeutic-guidelines