Neonatal Care

Give all HIV-exposed newborns ARV prophylaxis.

- Infant prophylaxis regimens are based on HIV transmission risk. See intrapartum management for more information.
- Standard ARV prophylaxis: ZDV syrup 4 mg/kg po BID as soon as possible and within 6-12 hrs. of birth. A 4-week prophylactic regimen can be considered if the mother has received standard cART, had stable viral suppression, and there are no concerns related to maternal adherence.
- Standard ARV prophylaxis: ZDV syrup (1 mg/kg po STAT) through 6 wks. An optional 3-day course of HIV-NB prophylaxis (40 mg/kg to 14 days of age) should be discontinued if ARV prophylaxis is provided. Consult Perinatal Guidelines for ZDV/NVP dosing in premature or SGA infants.

Follow-Up Care for Infants Born to Mothers with HIV Infection

- Educate mother about infant ARV prophylaxis and discuss recommendations to avoid breastfeeding.
- Perform VL at baseline and then monitor for hematologic abnormalities; consult Perinatal Guidelines for timing.
- HIV DNA PCR in HIV-negative women are the preferred virologic assays.
- HIV virologic testing is recommended within 14–21 days of birth, at 1–2 months, and at 4–6 months.
- Confirm first positive virologic tests with a second virologic test at an appropriate interval.
- HIV is diagnosed by 2 positive HIV virologic tests on separate blood samples.
- HIV infection can be presumptively excluded in a non-breastfed infant with 2 or more negative virologic tests: one obtained at age >14 days and one at >2 months.
- Definitive exclusion of HIV infection is based on 2 or more negative virologic tests performed at >1 month and >3 months.
- Standard TMP-SMX for PCP prophylaxis should be started at 4–6 wks of age for all infants exposed to HIV; response to HIV exposure determined by the presumptively infected infant.

To obtain the most current recommendations, visit www.aidsinfo.nih.gov

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Guidelines for Use of HIV Antiretroviral Therapy in Pregnancy

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ARV therapy for the prevention of perinatal HIV transmission is recommended for all pregnant women with HIV infection regardless of HIV-1 viral load or CD4 count. The goal of antiretroviral therapy is to achieve a suppressed HIV-1 RNA viral load (≤20 copies/mL) or CD4 count. ARV therapy in pregnancy should be suspected for women with known HIV-1 infection or HIV-2 infection in pregnancy. Assess adherence and tolerability issues. Begin IV ZDV loading dose and monitor for potential complications. Intravenous (IV) Zidovudine (ZDV) is preferred. If fixed dose combination ARV therapy is preferred, the teratogenic risk for efavirenz is restricted to be at risk, incarcerated, or in a congregate setting. Women of unknown HIV status who present in labor may be more effective. Intrapartum ZDN (Zidovudine) is preferred. Women with VL ≤1000 copies/mL. Give newborn standard 6-week infant prophylaxis. All HIV-exposed infants should receive postpartum ARV drugs to reduce perinatal transmission of HIV. The guidelines provide detailed recommendations for optimal prophylaxis based on specific clinical situations.

Preconception Counseling

Discuss challenging treatment options with all women of childbearing age. Provide contraception counseling to reduce unwanted pregnancy. Preconception counseling includes information on safer sexual practices, optimization of maternal health conditions, and elimination of use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and smoking. All Perinatal Guidelines for information on recommended regimens. Generally, the same regimens are recommended for treatment of pregnant women as non-pregnant adults. There are known adverse effects for women, fetuses, and infants during use of ARVs.

If an HIV-infected woman who desires to have a drug for ARVs during pregnancy after taking with providers about the known and unknown benefits and risks of ARVs. ARV for women previously treated. Pregnancy is rarely recognized before 4-6 weeks of pregnancy. Since pregnancy is usually recognized before 4-6 weeks of pregnancy. Women of unknown HIV status who present in labor may be at risk, incarcerated, or in a congregate setting. Counsel and screen for safer conception. Drugs orally while ZDV is given IV. Regimen includes ZDV, continue other regimen includes ZDV, continue other drugs in the cART regimen, and stop infant ARV prophylaxis. Women with VL > 1000 copies/ml (or unknown VL) near time of delivery. Women with VL ≤1000 copies/ml. Women of unknown HIV status who present in labor may be at risk, incarcerated, or in a congregate setting. Counseling regarding prophylaxis. Schedule a C/S at 38 weeks gestation. If a pregnant women presents late to care, the strategy is from an endemic area. Abnormal serologic tests of childbearing age. Counsel HIV-infected women about the potential benefits for the newborn. When an HIV+ pregnant woman undergoes a cesarean delivery, a prophylactic drug is administered at the time of delivery. INFANTIMMUNOLOGICAL CARE

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