UNDETECTABLE AND BEYOND

EXPLORE WHAT SHAPED TODAY'S APPROACH TO HIV CARE

Four decades of advances in HIV research have enabled providers to reach for goals beyond simply achieving an undetectable viral load.¹

The path to today's standard of care in HIV treatment has been long. Revisit some of the key points of clinical progress that brought us here.

1980s AN UNCONTROLLED VIRUS

- Six years after the mysterious virus first appeared in 1981, the FDA approved the first nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI), zidovudine.²
- While single-class therapies helped suppress viral loads in some patients, their lack of durability allowed HIV drug resistance to emerge.³

stop the virus //

Working together to help stop HIV.

TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS

- By 1994, AIDS became the leading cause of death for all Americans ages 25 to 44.²
- The advent of a highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) in the mid 1990s gave patients and providers hope for the future. HAART used multiple mechanisms to create a higher threshold for HIV mutations, making durable viral suppression an achievable goal for many patients.3,4

INNOVATION AND SIMPLE ADMINISTRATION

2000s

- Early HAART regimens were far from perfect. Burdensome side effects and complex daily dosing made it difficult for people to adhere to regimens long term.4,5
- To improve the patient experience, the FDA encouraged development of single-tablet regimens (STRs).⁶ In the following years, STRs containing 3 medicines were approved. offering patients treatment options with a lower pill burden.7
- Treatment regimens offered improved viral suppression, but not without potential toxicity. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines still recommended deferring treatment for specific patients based on viral load and CD4 count.8

A COMPREHENSIVE THERAPY APPROACH CAN HELP SET UP YOUR PATIENTS FOR LONG-TERM TREATMENT SUCCESS

Per the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines, the primary goal of HIV treatment is to reach an undetectable viral load.¹ However, advancements in HIV medicine mean it's possible for providers to look beyond undetectable and consider other factors that may impact their patients' long-term treatment successes.

Consider these key factors of a comprehensive treatment approach¹:

Achieves and maintains viral suppression¹

> Offers simple administration that aligns with your patients' needs¹

Has a high barrier to resistance¹

sex, race)^{1,11}

Rigorously evaluated in diverse patient populations (age,

supports aging with HIV¹

Empowers providers to initiate treatment ASAP¹

Provides a safety and

tolerability profile that

2010s**SETTING A HIGH BAR**

• Over the next 8 years, treatment regimens continued to advance. Modern antiretrovirals (ARTs) now have a reduced pill burden and more convenient dosing requirements. Many treatment options are relatively well tolerated with sustained viral suppression and a higher genetic barrier to resistance.^{1,9}

• In a regional health system cohort analysis between 2000 and 2016, overall life expectancy of people living with HIV increased from 59 years to 77 years-an 18-year improvement.^{10*}

*Calculated based on life expectancy at age 21.

WORKING TOWARD

LONG-TERM **TREATMENT SUCCESS**

- Today, DHHS recommends initiating ART immediately after HIV diagnosis, regardless of viral load or CD4 count.1
- As HIV medicines advance, the number of patients aging with HIV is increasing.¹ It's important to consider therapies that account for the evolving needs of patients over the course of their lifelong treatment.
- It's important to empower people living with HIV through collaborative decision-making with their providers, reducing stigma, and supporting them through different stages of their life.

CD4. cluster of differentiation 4; DHHS, US Department of Health and Human Services; FDA, Food and Drug Administration

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