

PSM AREA - POLICY, PROCUREMENT, SELECTION, USE

TOOL NAME	Rapid Advice: Antiretroviral therapy for HIV infection in adults and adolescents
SUB-CATEGORIES	HIV/AIDS
COMMODITIES	Medicines
LATEST UPDATE	2009
VERSION	None
DEVELOPED BY	WHO/OMS
WHEN TO USE	When developing national guideline for antiretroviral therapy.
LANGUAGE(S)	English, French, Russian
LEVEL OF USE	Central
FORM	PDF document file, 956 KB
AMOUNT OF TRAINING / TA REQUIRED	None
INPUTS & OUTPUTS	Inputs: none. Outputs: Standardized formulary for 1st and 2nd line regimens with simplified patient management and standardized laboratory monitoring.
COST	Free
ADVANTAGES	Important reference for development of national treatment guidelines. WHO now recommends earlier initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for adults and adolescents, the delivery of more patient-friendly antiretroviral drugs (ARVs), and prolonged use of ARVs to reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. For the first time, WHO recommends that HIV-positive mothers or their infants take ARVs while breastfeeding to prevent HIV transmission.
LIMITATIONS	None
AVAILABILITY	English: http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/arv/rapid_advice_art.pdf French: http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/arv/rapid_advice_art_fr.pdf Russian: http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/arv/rapid_advice_art_ru.pdf
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