

PSM AREA - USE

TOOL NAME	ART Dispensing Tool
SUB-CATEGORIES	HIV/AIDS
COMMODITIES	Medicines
LATEST UPDATE	2008
VERSION	v1.3.35
DEVELOPED BY	MSH
WHEN TO USE	When a clinic or facility has no current system for managing dispensing efforts for patients on ART and OI treatments and needs to get one up and running quickly.
LANGUAGE(S)	English, French
LEVEL OF USE	Facility
FORM	MS Access-based application 4MB
AMOUNT OF TRAINING / TA REQUIRED	Generally speaking, a range of 7-10 days are needed. This includes time for data conversion, training, and go-live support. Discussions with MSH staff are required prior to planning for an implementation and the time requirements may be adjusted based on each site's situation.
INPUTS & OUTPUTS	INPUTS: Patient biographical information, patient dispensing information, select inventory information for all HIV/AIDS medicines/supplies tracked in the tool. Information about all ART and OI regimens dispensed. OUTPUTS: Wide variety of reports based on the information entered into the tool, including: Number of active patients by regimen, Patient schedule, List of patients (supported by different donors), etc.
COST	The software is free. However, if training is desired, those costs will need to be discussed with MSH.
ADVANTAGES	Is easy to use and maintain. Has ?batch?/lot and expiry date tracking for the medicines and supplies being dispensed. Can be used in conjunction with other existing software applications. Can be easily customized to work for other diseases besides HIV/AIDS.
LIMITATIONS	It cannot be used as a comprehensive clinical tool, as it only deals with pharmaceutical services and contains limited inventory functions.
AVAILABILITY	Available through MSH.
REMARKS	Minimum system requirements: Pentium-based processor, 256 MB RAM, 500MB hard disk space. The next software revision is planned in Q1 2009.
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