

Metabolic Complications & Common Opportunistic Infections in HIV Primary Care

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Objectives

- Describe Common Ols
 - Risk Factors
 - Presentation
 - Treatment
 - Prophylaxis
- Describe Metabolic Complications of HIV
 - Risk Factors
 - Presentation
 - Management/Guideline Recommendations
 - Lipodystrophy
 - Bone Disease
 - Renal Disease
 - Hypogonadism
 - Insulin Resistance
 - Cardiovascular Disease





Opportunistic Infections





Natural History of Untreated HIV Infection



Fauci AS, Pantaleo G, Stanley S, et al. Immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection. Ann Intern Med. 1996;124:654-663.



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Development of an OI

- Degree of immunosuppression
 - CD4 count is the most clinically useful predictor
- Exposure to opportunistic pathogens
 - Some are ubiquitous in the environment, others require specific exposure
- The virulence of the pathogen
- Use of prophylactic medications



Incidence of OIs

- Most common*
 - Oral candidiasis/Candida esophagitis
 - Pneumocystis pneumonia
 - Mycobacterium avium complex infection
 - Cytomegalovirus disease
- Moderately common*
 - Cryptococcal meningitis
 - Herpes Zoster
 - Kaposi sarcoma (HHV8)
 - Toxoplasmosis
- Least common*
 - Tuberculosis
 - PML (JC virus)
 - Cryptosporidiosis

*In resource-rich countries, prior to the advent of ART

Forrest DM, Seminari E, Hogg RS, et al. The incidence and spectrum of AIDS-defining illness in persons treated with antiretroviral drugs. Clin Infect Dis. 1998;27:1379-1385









Effective ART has reduced OI incidence



Palella FJ, Delaney KM, Moorman AC, et al. Declining morbidity and mortality among patients with advanced human immunodeficiency virus infection. N Engl J Med. 1998:338:853-860.





Candidiasis

- Increased incidence when CD4 count <200-300 cells/µL
- Thrush (soft palate, buccal mucosa, tonsils, hard palate)
 - Traditionally as smooth, removable white plaques, also can be atrophic (erythematous lesions)
- Candida esophagitis
 - Odynophagia, often with concurrent thrush
 - Diagnosis: endoscopy
- Angular chelitis

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Candidiasis

- Treatment
 - Oral candiasis: oral fluconazole 200mg 400mg daily for 7 -14 days
 - Esophageal candidiasis: oral (or IV) fluconazole 200mg 400mg daily for 14 – 21 days





https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines/html/4/adult-and-adolescent-oi-prevention-and-treatment-guidelines/<mark>321/pcp</mark>



Where is Pneumocystis naturally found?

A: Soil

- B: Bird droppings
- C: Mammal lung tissue
- D: Feline droppings
- E: Nonsterile water



Pneumocystis pneumonia

- Clinical features:
 - 1. Progressive dyspnea
 - 2. Fever
 - 3. Non-productive cough
- Compared to other immunosuppressed populations, infection is HIV is generally more subtle and indolent
- Chest x-ray
 - Diffuse interstitial infiltrates
 - Atypical: focal infiltrates, cystic lesions, nodular infiltrates
- Diagnosis: Induced sputum or bronchoscopy
 - Silver stain
 - Immunofluorescence
 - Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



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Pneumocystis chemoprophylaxis

- Primary prevention:
 - CD4 count <200 cells/µL AND/OR CD4% <14%</p>
 - Patients with AIDS-defining condition
- Secondary prevention
 - History of *Pneumocystis* pneumonia
- Regimens:
 - TMP/SMX (Bactrim DS): 1 tab MWF OR daily
 - Atovaquone
 - Dapsone
 - Inhaled pentamidine
 - Least effective
- Duration
 - Can stop when CD4+ count >200 cells/µL and CD4% ≥14% for 3 months
 - If developed *Pneumocystis* pneumonia when CD4 >200 cells/µL, must remain on prophylaxis for life





Where does *Toxoplasma gondii* reproduce?

- A: Contaminated soil
- B: Feline intestines
- C: Mammalian skeletal muscle
- D: Nonsterile water
- E: Bloodsucking insects



Toxoplasmosis

- Toxoplasma gondii is a long-lived parasite acquired from feline excrement, soil, undercooked meat
- Prevent exposure
 - Check Toxoplasma IgM/IgG
 - Advise to wash hands thoroughly after contact with soil
 - Advise against changing cat litterboxes
 - Advise against eating undercooked meat
- Chemoprophylaxis
 - TMP/SMX (Bactrim DS): 1 tab MWF OR daily
 - Initiation: CD4+ count <100 cells/µL</p>
 - Discontinue: CD4+ count >200 cells/µL for 3 months









From what source is *Mycobacterium avium* Complex infection acquired?

- A: Another infected person
- **B: Bird Droppings**
- C: Contaminated meat
- D: Nonsterile water
- E: Bat droppings





Mycobacterium avium Complex

- Variable presentation
- Disseminated disease
 - Constitutional symptoms: fever, night sweats, weight loss
 - Bone marrow suppression: anemia
 - Lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Diagnosis: Culture of organism (usually blood, lymphoid tissue)





Mycobacterium avium Complex

- Prophylaxis
 - CD4 count <50 cells/µL (these patients have a 20% risk/year of disseminated disease!)
 - Azithromycin 1200mg weekly
 - Rifabutin if cannot tolerate a macrolide
 - Can stop when CD4 >100 cell/µL for ≥3 months





Herpes simplex virus

- In HIV infection:
 - Very high prevalence of HSV-2 seropositivity (>70%)
 - HSV reactivations can be more frequent severe
 - More atypical presentations
 - Asymptomatic shedding is more frequent (up to 6-fold when CD4 <200 cells/µL).



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Herpes simplex virus

- Atypical presentations:
 - Chronic, severe mucosal ulceration
 - Deep genital and perianal ulcerations/fissures
 - Hypertrophic lesions
 - Mimic HPV, tumors
 - Esophagitis
 - Tracheitis
 - Disseminated disease



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Herpes simplex virus



- Diagnosis :
 - Send for HSV 1/2 PCR if active lesion present
 - Serologic testing for HSV-1 and HSV-2
 - USPSTF recommends against this in the asymptomatic, HIV-uninfected general population
 - HIV treatment guidelines recommend considering this in certain circumstances (atypical lesions, CD4 <250 cells/µL, infected partner)
- Treatment:
 - Mild/Moderate episodic outbreaks: acyclovir or valacyclovir for 5-10 days
 - Severe disease: IV acyclovir
- Prophylaxis:
 - Chronic, indefinite therapy with daily acyclovir or valacyclovir can be considered in those with frequent or severe recurrences
 - Consider especially if history of HSV outbreak and CD4 <250 cells/µL</p>

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Varicella zoster virus

If HIV+/VZV-

- Varicella zoster vaccine acceptable if CD4 ≥200 cells/µL, over age 8
- Herpes zoster (shingles)
 - Incidence 15-fold higher in HIV infection (occurring in 8-11% of HIVinfected patients)
 - Can occur at any CD4 count
 - Dermatomal herpes zoster:
 - valacyclovir 1g PO TID x 7-10 days (similar to in HIV-uninfected patients)
 - Extend course if slow to resolve



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Metabolic Complications of HIV





Metabolic Complications of HIV

- Lipodystrophy
- Bone Mineral Density Loss
- Renal Disease
- Hypogonadism
- Insulin Resistance/Diabetes Mellitus
- Heart Disease
 - Dyslipidemia
 - Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease





- Lipohypertrophy: CENTRAL fat accumulation
 - Dorsocervical fat pad (buffalo hump)
 - Abdominal/visceral fat (including liver)
 - Breast enlargement/gynecomastia
- Lipoatrophy: PERIPHERAL fat wasting
 - Face, arms, legs, buttocks
- These are distinct, but often concurrent
- Often associated with dyslipidemia and insulin resistance





Lipohypertrophy





Lipoatrophy





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- Lipohypertrophy
 - Risk factors
 - Protease inhibitor use
 - Duration of antiretroviral therapy
 - Markers of disease severity (low CD4, high viral load)
- Lipoatrophy
 - Risk factors
 - Older age
 - Markers of disease severity (low CD4, high viral load)
 - White race
 - Use of NRTI stavudine, zidovudine





- Management
 - Lifestyle modification
 - Can help in lipohypertrophy by reducing overall body fat
 - Limited benefit from changing ART regimen
 - NRTI-sparing regimens may help with lipoatrophy
 - PI-sparing regimen not effective in reversing lipohypertrophy
 - Cosmetic procedures
 - Liposuction
 - Filler injections
 - Diabetic medications
 - Glitazones may increase limb adiposity
 - Metformin may reduce central/visceral adiposity
 - Can also treat associated metabolic complications

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HIV and Bone Disease

- High prevalence of osteopenia and osteoporosis among HIV-infected patients relative to the general population
 - Up to two thirds affected at the time of HIV diagnosis
- Bone mineral density (BMD) loss may be up to 6.4 times than among the general population.
- Fracture prevalence is 3.5 times higher than among general population
- Mechanism: multifactorial
 - Comorbid smoking, alcohol and recreational drug use
 - Endocrine abnormalities: androgen and parathyroid dysfunction, vitamin D deficiency
 - Chronic immune activation/inflammation
 - Enhanced osteoclast activation
 - Antiretroviral therapy
 - NRTI (tenofovir)
 - PI



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HIV and Bone Loss

- Risks of osteopenia/osteoporosis in HIV
 - NRTI (especially tenofovir) and PI use
 - Lower weight
 - Female gender
 - Older age
 - Smoking status
 - Post-menopausal state
- Evaluation
 - DXA scan
 - In HIV, consider at >50 years of age
 - Workup for secondary cause
 - Thyroid/parathyroid dysfunction
 - Hypogonadism
 - Vitamin D deficiency



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HIV and Bone Loss

Management

- Vitamin D, Ca²⁺ supplementation
- Alendronate can improve BMD
- Consider avoiding tenofovir







HIV and Renal Disease

- Secondary to HIV itself
 - HIV-Associated Nephropathy
 - Usually when CD4 <200 cells/uL</p>
 - Usually progresses quickly
 - IgA nephropathy
- Secondary to other infections
 - HCV co-infection
- Secondary to medications
 - Tenofovir
 - Fanconi syndrome
 - TMP/SMX, pentamadine, sulfadiazine



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HIV and Male Hypogonadism

- Testosterone deficiency in 15-25% of young/middle-aged HIV-infected men
- Prevalence has declined with effective ART
- More likely due to hypothalamic-pituitary axis dysfunction than testicular dysfunction
- Can lead to BMD loss, lipodystrophy
- Clinical Presentation:
 - Depression
 - Low energy
 - Low libido, erectile dysfunction
 - Decreased muscle mass
 - Gynecomastia

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HIV and Male Hypogonadism

- Risk Factors:
 - Older age (but as young as 35!)
 - Low CD4
 - Detectable HIV RNA
 - IVDU
 - Hepatitis C
 - High BMI



Klein RS, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2005;41(12):1794.



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HIV and Male Hypogonadism

- Evaluation:
 - Free and total serum testosterone
 - Early morning, confirm result with second test
 - If testosterone deficiency, evaluate for secondary cause with FSH/LH (and consider other anterior pituitary hormone testing, TSH, prolactin)
 - Evaluate for presence of prostate cancer, depression prior to treatment
- Testosterone replacement
 - Use with caution in older age, presence of CVD risk factors
 - Post-treatment testosterone level monitoring (within 3-6 months)
 - Discontinue if no subjective improvement after several months





HIV and Insulin Resistance/DM

- Association with use of protease inhibitors, some NRTIs
 - Frequency of insulin resistance: 6% to 33%
 - Frequency of DM: 0.6–4.7 per 100 person-years
 - Onset weeks to months after starting therapy
- Mechanism
 - Inhibition of GLUT4 glucose transport function
 - Stimulation of hyperglycemia by other mechanisms







HIV and Insulin Resistance/DM

- Screening recommendations
 - DHHS: Screen with FPG every 6-12 months
 - Consider screening 1-3 months after ART initiation
- Treatment recommendations
 - Lifestyle modification
 - Registered dietician
 - Medical therapy
 - Comprehensive CVD risk reduction





HIV+ persons have 1.5-2x higher MI risk than general population, even among chronically suppressed patients.

Why?

- Chronic immune activation/inflammation
- Increased prevalence of traditional CVD risk factors
- Increasing age → 50% HIV+ persons are >50 years old
- More high-risk coronary artery plaque
- Higher prevalence of smoking and substance use
- Specific ART drug exposure
- Clinical practice











Non-calcified Plaque

- Non-calcified plaque is
 - Considered high-risk plaque morphology
 - Of all plaque types, carries highest risk of mortality
 - Lipid-rich, pro-inflammatory, higher concentration of activated foamy macrophages, more prone to rupture/thrombosis
- HIV+ patient have higher prevalence of non-calcified plaque



Leschka S et al. ECR. 2010







Chronic immune activation/inflammation

- Multiple markers of inflammation are associated with risk of CVD in HIV-infected patients
 - IL-6, hsCRP, D-Dimer
 - Duration of UNTREATED infection may substantially contribute to CVD risk
 - Lower CD4 nadir associated with high CVD-related mortality







Dyslipidemia

- Before ART
 - Total cholesterol \downarrow , LDL \downarrow , HDL \downarrow
 - LDL appears more prone to oxidation in HIV infection
 - Triglycerides increase ↑
- After ART
 - Total cholesterol, LDL ↑ (to pre-infection levels)
 - HDL remains low, may modestly [↑]
 - HDL level inversely associated with CVD risk
 - Triglycerides remain ↑, PI use can further ↑

LDL more easily damaged and proinflammatory, protection from HDL diminished

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HIV and cardiovascular disease Protease Inhibitor Use

- This increased risk with PI use was thought to be restricted to first-generation PIs, but...
- Boosted darunavir was recently found to be associated with a 59% increase in CVD per 5 years of exposure







HIV and cardiovascular disease Substance Use

- HIV+ patients more likely smoke tobacco, to abuse alcohol, use recreational substances (marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines) than general population
- HIV+ smokers carry 2x risk of MI than HIV+ non-smokers
- Smoking is associated with non-calcified plaque in general population
- Cocaine use is associated with atherosclerosis progressions among HIV+ men
- Interaction of HIV and other substances on atherosclerosis poorly characterized







HIV and cardiovascular disease Substance Use

- Smoking is associated with many plaque measures (coronary artery calcium, total plaque, calcified plaque, and coronary artery stenosis >50%) among HIV+ men, compared to HIV- men
- No conclusive significant associations with recreational substance use and subclinical atherosclerosis



Kelly SG et al. Plos One. 2016



Primary and Secondary Prevention

- 2013 ACC/AHA Practice Guidelines
 - Statin therapy recommended for

1) Clinical ASCVD – MI, CVA, angina, PAD (Secondary Prevention)

2) LDL >190 mg/dL (Primary Prevention)

- 3) DM, age 40-75 (Primary Prevention)
 - High-intensity statin if 10y ASCVD risk ≥7.5%

4) No ASCVD or DM, but 10yr ASCVD risk ≥7.5% (Primary Prevention)







2013 ACC/AHA Practice Guidelines

ASCVD Risk Estimator*		
All fields are required to compute ASCVD risk.		
Gender	Age	Race
Male Female	20-79	White
		African American
HDL - Cholesterol (mg/dL)	Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	Other
20-100	130-320	
		Systolic Blood Pressure
Diabetes	Treatment for Hypertension	90-200
Yes No	Yes No	
		Smoker
		Yes No

*Intended for use if there is not ASCVD and the LDL-cholesterol is <190 mg/dL

**Optimal risk factors include: Total cholesterol of 170 mg/dL, HDL-cholesterol of 50 mg/dL, Systolic BP of 110 mm Hg, Not taking medications for hypertension, Not a diabetic, Not a smoker



http://www.cvriskcalculator.com



And there's an app!





Primary and Secondary Prevention

 2013 ACC/AHA Practice Guidelines miss the majority of HIV-infected persons with subclinical, high-risk plaque

~75% with high risk atherosclerotic plaque would NOT meet recommendation.





Zanni MV et al. AIDS. 2014



Primary and Secondary Prevention

- HIV+ subjects with subclinical atherosclerosis are unique:
 - Young (15% <40 years)</p>
 - Low LDL/TC, possibly due to HIV itself (46.4% had LDL cholesterol <100 mg/dl)



Zanni MV et al. AIDS. 2014



HIV and cardiovascular disease Primary and Secondary Prevention

 Statins can reduce noncalcified plaque volume and high-risk features in HIV+ individuals

- After 1 year of therapy
 - 19.4% reduction with atorvastatin
 - 20.4% increase with placebo



Comparison of the 1 year change in non-calcified plaque volume in study participants Median and IQR.





Primary and Secondary Prevention

- Statins can reduce progression of atherosclerosis
 - Rosuvastatin 10mg daily
 - 0.019 mm (95% CI 0.002–0.037 mm) lower coronary artery intimal medial thickness change over the 96-week study period compared with placebo







So... How are we doing?





Among people living with HIV in North America who are eligible for statin therapy, approximately what percent is taking a statin?

A: 90%

B: 75%

C: 50%

D: 25%

E: 10%





How are we doing?

THE STATIN GAP!

About half of all HIV+ patients in North America who should receive a statin actually do*

 Patients who are younger (<40 years), black, have CD4
200 and are on PI-based
ART are more likely to fall into the gap







Mascolini M. Big Gap Between Statin Eligibility and Prescriptions in 15 HIV Cohorts. CROI, February 13-16, 2017, Seattle WA



How are we doing?

- In Chicago
 - Convenience sample of 460 HIV+ clinic patients seen 6/2015-6/2016
- Prescribing practices per 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines of HIV providers were evaluated





HIV and cardiovascular disease How are we doing?



*Includes peripheral arterial disease, ischemic stroke **In absence of CVD, DM, and LDL<190 mg/dL





Statin Therapy

- Challenges
 - Increased pill burden
 - Drug-drug interactions
 - Many statins metabolized by cytochrome P450 system (CYP3A4)
 - PIs can inhibit (mostly) and induce CYP3A4
 - NNRTIs can inhibit and induce CYP3A4 (to a lesser extent)





HIV and cardiovascular disease Statin Therapy



Statin AUC decreases with successive generations of PIs



Chauvin B et al. Clinical Pharmacokinet. 2013



HIV and cardiovascular disease Statin Therapy

Safest statins (with highest dose tested in a trial)

- Atorvastatin 20mg* (submaximal dose) level IIb
- Rosuvastatin 10mg* (submaximal dose) level lb
- Pitavastatin 4mg level lb
- Pravastatin 40mg level Ib

*Increased safety monitoring required if exceeding doses

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- Know your patients' risk factors
- Calculate their 10-year ASCVD risk scores
- Initiate statin therapy if recommended
- Smoking cessation





Conclusions

- Recognize (and PREVENT) common Ols
- Some Ols can be treated in the outpatient primary care setting
- Lipodystrophy is difficult to reverse, and associated with metabolic complications
- Osteopenia/osteoporosis is very common in HIV
- Hypogonadism is common as well, should be thoughtfully evaluated and treated
- HIV+ patients are vulnerable to CVD, and to the worst kind of atherosclerotic plaque (non-calcified)
- HIV+ patients have UNDIAGNOSED high-risk atherosclerosis
- HIV+ patients have many CVD risk factors: dyslipidemia, aging, smoking and other substance use
- Current statin guidelines aren't being applied vigorously to HIV+ patients
- Statins can be safely used, when ART taken into account





Thank you!

Questions?

