

10:20 - 11:10 AM AIDS Therapy--General, Retrovir®

(10:20 - 10:40 AM) AIDS Therapy--General

1. Is it necessary to follow T4 counts once AIDS is diagnosed?
2. Is it necessary to get p24 Ag?
3. What is first-line therapy for the following opportunistic infections?
 - * PCP
 - * toxoplasmosis
 - * candidiasis
 - * HSV
4. How is treatment failure in PCP patients defined?
- 5a. Do you feel that pain control drugs are adequate?
b. If not, what other drugs are needed?

(10:40 - 11:10 AM) AIDS Therapy--Retrovir®

1. What is the role of Retrovir® once AIDS is diagnosed?
2. Should Retrovir® be continued in hospitalized PCP patients?
3. What are some of the side effects of Retrovir®, and how often would you monitor for side effects?
4. When should the Retrovir® dosage be reduced?
5. How do you know when treatment is working?
6. What is the use of Zovirax® with Retrovir®?
7. Name the 3-5 most promising immunomodulating drugs.
8. What is the role of immunomodulating drugs with

11:10 - 12:50 PM AIDS Counseling--General, Support System, Legal/Financial

(11:10 - 11:50 AM) AIDS Counseling--General

1. How do you tell a patient he/she has AIDS?
- 2a. Who should a patient tell that he/she has AIDS?
b. How is this best achieved?
3. What do you consider the primary physician's role to be regarding the psychological and social needs of AIDS patients?

4. How do you handle suicidal patients?
5. How do you work with an IV substance abuser with AIDS who tells you, "Why stop shooting--I'm going to die anyway"?
6. What is your approach in working with children with AIDS or children whose parents have AIDS?
7. What are the different psychosocial issues that heterosexual persons with AIDS encounter?
8. How do you work with a patient using a holistic approach to their disease?
9. How do you counsel a patient who wants an experimental drug?
10. How do you handle the patient who refuses treatment?

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AIDS Counseling--Support System

1. How do you assess the patient's support system?
2. Where can the AIDS patient go for support (ie, emotional, social)?
3. What can an AIDS patient do when he/she can no longer care for himself/herself?
4. How do you help a patient determine where he/she should live (ie, parents, friends)?
5. What guidelines should be established to ensure against transmission of the disease to family members?
6. How do you structure support groups for families, friends, and lovers, and those in bereavement?
- 7a. When do you present the option of "no-code" status to the patient?
b. To the family/lover?
8. How can a patient qualify for a hospice?

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AIDS Counseling--Legal/Financial

1. What is the role of the primary physician in informing about insurance?
2. How long should an AIDS patient continue working?
3. How can a patient obtain a prescription for Retrovir®?
- 4a. How can he/she pay for Retrovir®?
b. How can they liquidate assets to qualify?
5. What legal resources are available for patients?

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Luncheon

2:15 - 2:45 PM

Neurological Evaluation

1. Define the spectrum of neurological involvement with AIDS.
2. How do you confirm diagnosis of neurologic AIDS?
3. What is the role of MRI y CR scanning?
4. Which neurological symptoms of AIDS are treatable?
5. What is the role of Retrovir® in encephalopathy?
6. How do you manage severe peripheral neuropathy?

2:45 - 3:10 PM

Infection-Control Guidelines

1. What would you recommend as infection-control guidelines?
- 2a. What guidelines do you offer to the patient's family?
b. Your staff?
3. How should the risk of occupational exposure from an HIV-positive surgeon be handled?
4. Are there any other occupations where employees offer an occupational risk?

3:10 - 4:00 PM

Health Care Providers

- 1a. What are you doing to protect yourself against infection?
b. To which guidelines do you most adhere?
2. How do you keep your staff from quitting?
3. Is stress reduction/counseling useful?
4. Why should you treat AIDS patients?
5. Care for the caregivers has become a primary issue since many of them become prone to "burnout." What type of support system do you envision?