

It Takes a Village



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Change through innovation – improving the treatments and changing the narratives through advocacy in HIV. #ItTakesAVillage



Diagnosis and Stigma

Diagnosis:

- Stigma interferes with accessing diagnosis & supports
- A journey to prepare for and receive a diagnosis
- Need for support while reconciling with beginning on medications, accepting HIV as associated with risks of other health conditions

Stigma definition:

- “A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.”

Sources of historical and ongoing stigmatization:

- Combined stigma against people with HIV and other identifiable groups (sexual orientation & gender identity minorities, injection drug users, sex workers)
- Criminalization of HIV, both in Canada and globally
- Misconceptions about HIV transmission, lack of education
- Individual & systemic actions of health care workers & system, employers, educational institutions, criminal justice system

Multidisciplinary Care and Relationship Building

Multidisciplinary Care:

- Consider varied healthcare provider opinions

Relationship Building:

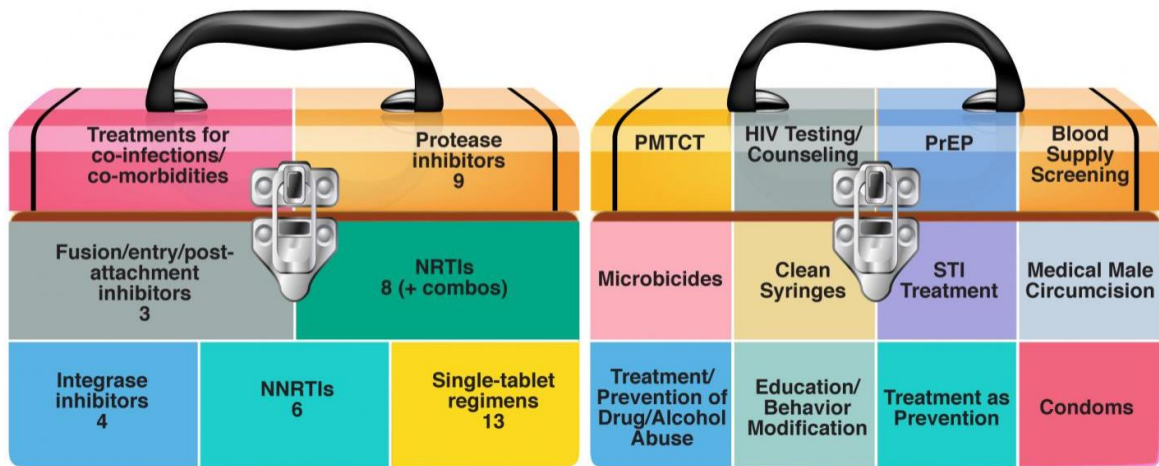
- Establishing a partnership
- Supporting patient autonomy
- Compliance is based on patient satisfaction



Treatment and Prevention

Treatment

- Treatment
 - Continued development over 30 years
 - Revolutionized industry
- Side effects
 - Quality of life
 - Life-threatening SEs
- Prevention
 - Education
 - PrEP
 - Undetectable = Untransmittable



Legacy

AIDS Memorial Quilt



Vancouver AIDS Memorial



Questions?

