

HIV in Pregnancy

First prenatal visit

Standard initial prenatal care labs plus:

- CBC with differential, electrolytes (including Ca, Mg, PO4)
- AST, ALT, total bilirubin, albumin, lipase, GGT, G6PD level, HgbA1C
- PPD (no controls), or TB Quantiferon
- Hepatitis A and C antibodies, Hep-BSA
- Toxoplasma IgG for baseline status
- Herpes simplex virus 1 and 2 IgG antibody for baseline status
- CMV IgG antibody for baseline status
- Send HIV genotype testing^A
- CD4 count, HIV viral load

Refer to Infectious Disease Service and High Risk OB clinic^B
 If previously on antiviral regimen do not change without discussing with Infectious Disease doctor or perinatal HIV consultation
 If not on regimen, medication regimen to be decided

Subsequent visits

- If CD4 < 200, give PCP prophylaxis (Bactrim DS QD)¹
- If CD4 < 50, add prophylaxis (Azithromycin 1200mg)²
- Obtain monthly viral load, CBC, chemistry, LFTs, CD4 count q3 months if baseline CD4 is < 300.
- Begin post-partum contraception counseling
- If evidence of AIDS or worsening disease, perform growth scans monthly starting at 28 weeks
- Growth scan at 32 weeks

- Repeat LFT's and lactic acid in 2 days
- If > 2X above baseline, consult immediately.^C

Counsel regarding no difference in vertical transmission rate with elective C/S³

34-36 Weeks

Counsel regarding <2% rate of vertical transmission with elective C/S⁴

Elects vaginal delivery

Viral load < 1000 copies/ml

Viral load > 1000 copies/ml

Desires scheduled

- Await spontaneous labor
- If patient lives at distance or history of fast labor, consider induction of labor for controlled delivery
- Upon admission to L & D, give ZDV 2 mg/kg/hr IV load, followed by 1mg/kg/hr drip^{*}
- Continue all ART meds as scheduled during labor
- Delay AROM, no FSE, avoid assisted delivery^{5,6, E}
- Avoid Methergine if postpartum hemorrhage if patient is on a Protease Inhibitor⁸
- May need additional uterotonics if patient taking nevirapine, efavirenz or etravirine⁸

* IV zidovudine should be administered if HIV RNA >1,000 copies/mL (or unknown HIV RNA) near delivery, but it is not required if receiving combination ARV regimens and have HIV RNA ≤1,000 copies/mL consistently during late pregnancy and near delivery and no concerns regarding adherence to the regimen. Avoid magnesium sulfate and AZT in same IV line^{8,D}

- Admit at 38 weeks
- Load with ZDV 2mg/kg/1hr three hours prior to C/S^{*} followed by 1 mg/kg/hr until cord clamp
- Continue all ART meds as scheduled

Post-partum

- Continue ART regimen
- Contraceptive counseling – encourage LARC immediately PP
- Schedule clinic follow-up in 2-4 weeks
- Counsel regarding NO breast feeding^{7,D}
- Confirm Pediatric follow-up for infant, and counsel mother on administration of AZT to infant

UNC Notes
 A When ordering a genotype, write in comments "OK by Dr. Farel".
 B Notify Dr. Rahangdale (pager 919-347-0453) and refer to Clinic (919-966-7199). Schedule in Mon AM MFM Fellows Clinic
 C Consult Pager 919-216-0626
 D Contact Dr. Rahangdale if not giving IV AZT or if patient desires breastfeeding
 E Notify Peds Social Worker and Tom Belhorn at delivery

References

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- 8) Reference: <https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/Guidelines/HTML/3/perinatal-guidelines/0>

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