

Screening for and Managing Comorbidities in Older Adults with HIV Infection

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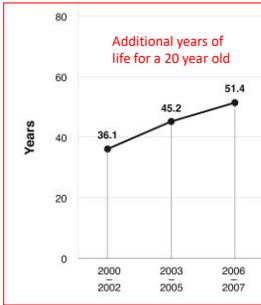
Learning Objectives

- After attending this presentation, learners will be able to:
- Assess risk for cardiovascular disease in people living with HIV (PLWH)
 - Diagnose diabetes mellitus in PLWH
 - Assess frailty in older PLWH

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People With HIV Are Living Longer!

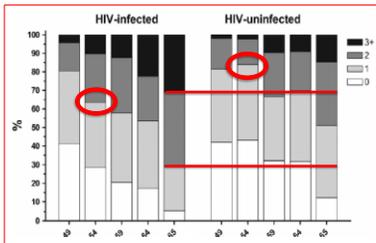
Samji, PLOS One, 2013



Multimorbidity is More Common in PLWH

- ✦ Cardiovascular
- ✦ Diabetes mellitus
- ✦ Chronic kidney ds
- ✦ Neurologic
- ✦ Osteoporosis
- ✦ Malignancy
- ✦ Depression

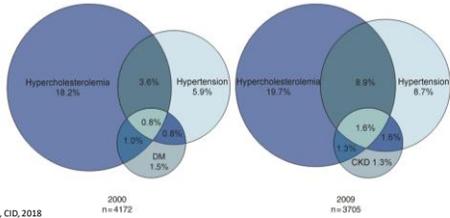
Schouten, CID, 2014



Aging is...

“Being nibbled to death by goldfish”
- My father in law, Richard Morris

NA-ACCORD: Most Common Age-Associated Conditions Among ART-Experienced PLWH 2000 and 2009



Cardiovascular Disease More Common in PLWH

- Myocardial infarction, heart failure, stroke: 1.5-2 fold higher than for HIV negative
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Blood clots
- Sudden death

Friedman, Circulation, 2019

AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

Characteristics, Prevention, and Management of Cardiovascular Disease in People Living With HIV

A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

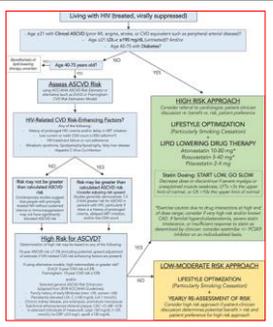
- Recognizes increased risk of ASCVD in persons living with HIV
- Addresses pathophysiology, screening, treatment
- Includes link to patient perspective from PLWH

Feinstein, Circulation, 2019

Screening and Treatment

- Two approaches
- High risk
 - Low-moderate risk

Friedman, Circulation, 2019



High Risk Approach

- Known clinical ASCVD, or
 - LDLc \geq 190 mg/dL (untx), and/or
 - Age 40-75 with diabetes mellitus
- OR
- Calculated high ASCVD risk by risk calculator tools
 - Presence of 2018 ACC/AHA “risk enhancers”

HIGH RISK APPROACH
Consider referral to cardiologist; patient-clinician discussion re: benefit vs. risk, patient preference

LIFESTYLE OPTIMIZATION
(Particularly Smoking Cessation)

LIPID LOWERING DRUG THERAPY
Atorvastatin 10-80 mg*
Rosuvastatin 5-40 mg*
Pitavastatin 2-4 mg

Statin Dosing: START LOW, GO SLOW
Decrease dose or discontinue if severe myalgia or unexplained muscle weakness, LFTs >3x the upper limit of normal, or CK >10x the upper limit of normal

*Exercise caution due to drug interactions at high end of dose range; consider if very high risk and/or known CAD. If familial hypercholesterolemia, severe statin intolerance, or insufficient response to statin as determined by clinician; consider ezetimibe +/- PCSK9 inhibitor on an individualized basis.

High Risk Approach

- Consider cardiology referral after risk-benefit discussion with patient
- Lifestyle optimization, particularly smoking cessation
- Lipid lowering therapy
- Start low – go slow
 - Decrease dose or stop if severe myalgia, unexplained muscle weakness, LFT > 3x ULN, CK > 10x ULN

Friedman, Circulation, 2019

Lipid Lowering Therapy¹

- Atorvastatin 10-80 mg
- Rosuvastatin 5-40 mg
- Pitavastatin 2-4mg
 - INTREPID study in HIV+: pitavastatin superior to pravastatin in reduction of LDL-c & non-HDL apolipoprotein B at 12 & 52 weeks; fewer drug-drug interactions; no glucose effect²
- Simvastatin & lovastatin contraindicated with PIs or cobicistat
- Statin toxicity or insufficient response
 - Consider adding ezetimibe +/-PCSK9 inhibitor

1. Friedman, Circulation, 2019; 2. Aberg, Lancet HIV, 2017

Low-Moderate Risk Approach: Use Calculators

High Risk for ASCVD?

Determination of high risk may be based on any of the following:

10-year ASCVD risk $\geq 7.5\%$ (including potential upward adjustment of estimate if HIV-related CVD risk-enhancing factors are present)

If using alternative models, high-intermediate or greater risk?

D:A:D: 5-year CVD risk $\geq 3.5\%$

Framingham: 10-year CVD risk $\geq 10\%$

Friedman, Circulation, 2019

ASCVD Risk Assessment Tools

- Tools: AHA/ACC calculator; D:A:D; Framingham
- Traditional risk assessment tools may **underestimate** risk in PLWH **by 1.5 -2 fold**, especially if
 - Hx of prolonged viremia: delayed ART initiation, treatment failure, non-adherence
 - Nadir or current CD4 $< 350/\text{mm}^3$
 - Metabolic syndrome: lipodystrophy, fatty liver
 - Hepatitis C

Friedman, Circulation, 2019; <http://www.cvriskcalculator.com>; <https://chp.dk/Tools-Standards/Clinical-risk-scores>

Low Risk Approach: Risk Enhancers

Selected general ASCVD Risk Enhancers
(adapted from 2018 ACC/AHA Guidelines):

- Family history of early MI/stroke (men <55, women <65)
- Persistently elevated LDL-C ≥ 160 mg/dL (≥ 4.1 mmol/L)
- Chronic kidney disease, pre-eclampsia, premature menopause
- Subclinical atherosclerosis (Arterial plaque; CAC >0; ABI <0.9)
- In selected individuals (if measured): Lp(a) >50 mg/dL (>125 nmol/L); hs-CRP ≥ 2.0 mg/L; apoB ≥ 130 mg/dL

Friedman, Circulation, 2019

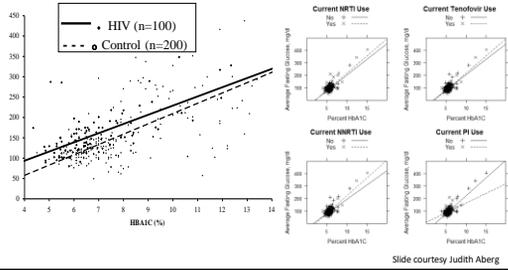
But also...

- Control risk factors other than lipids
 - Smoking, smoking, smoking!
 - Diabetes mellitus – 2.4x increased risk of MI
 - Hypertension – 35% prevalence in tx-experience
 - Obesity: encourage exercise and diet: education!
- Aspirin prophylaxis? Not studied in PLWH
- Statin (without hyperlipidemia)?
 - Wait for REPRIEVE trial...

Diabetes Mellitus: ADA Definition (2019)

- Hemoglobin A1C $\geq 6.5\%$
 - "In conditions associated with an altered relationship between A1C and glycemia, such as ...HIV...**only plasma blood glucose criteria** should be used to diagnose DM." Only applies when on ART
- Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 126 mg/dL, confirmed by repeat
- Plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL 2 hrs after 75 g oral glucose tolerance test
- Random plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL with polyuria and polydipsia

A1C May Under- or Overestimate Depending on ART



Smoking and Cancer in PLWH

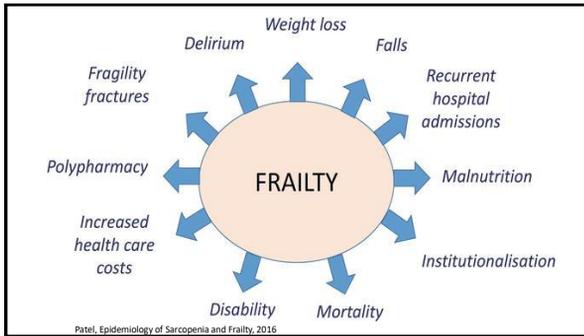
- Smoking: up to ¾ of PLWH
- Cancer burden attributable to smoking
 - Lung cancer: 94%
 - Other 'smoking related' cancers (esophageal, oral, etc.): 31%
 - Anal cancer: 32%
 - All cancer: 9%



Attekruze, AIDS, 2018

Issues Associated with Polypharmacy

- Drug interactions: **DON'T GUESS – LOOK IT UP!**
 - Cobicistat, ritonavir: strong CYP3A4 inhibitors
 - PIs: darunavir, atazanavir: check interactions
 - NNRTIs other than doravirine: CYP3A4 inducers; lowered by PPIs
 - INSTIs: polyvalent cations; bictegravir: CYP3A4, UGT1A1: rifampin/rifabutin; metformin (increased 40%!); atazanavir contraindicated
 - Additive toxicities: nephrotoxic drugs, etc.
 - Inappropriate drugs
 - Risk for forgetting doses
 - Risk for forgetting prescriptions
 - Expense
- <https://www.hiv-druginteractions.org>



Tools for Assessing Frailty

- Fried's Frailty Phenotype
 - 5 physical variables
- Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB)
 - 3 physical tasks
- Frailty Index
 - 40 physical, psychological, social/functional variables

Fried's Frailty Phenotype

Frailty indicator	Measure
Weight loss	Self-reported weight loss of more than 10 pounds or recorded weight loss of $\geq 5\%$ per annum
Self-reported exhaustion	Self-reported exhaustion on CES-D depression score (3-4 days per week or most of the time)
Low energy expenditure	Energy expenditure <383 KCal/week (males) or <270 KCal/week (females)
Slow gait speed	Standardised cut-off times to walk 15 feet, stratified by sex and height
Weak grip strength	Grip strength, stratified by sex and BMI Requires dynamometer

Key. CES-D, Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression; BMI, body mass index.

Fried, J of Gerontology, 2001

Interventions to Prevent Frailty

- Exercise, strength and balance training
- Social interaction
- Healthy diet
- Preventative health care and screening
- Management of medications
- Smoking cessation

Screening for HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorders

Screening tools have variable sensitivity/specificity

- Mini-mental state examination (MMSE)
- International HIV dementia scale (IHDS)
- Montreal cognitive assessment (MoCA)
- Simioni symptom questionnaire (SSQ)
- Cognitive assessment tool-rapid version (CAT-rapid)

Joska, AIDS Behavior, 2016

Screening for HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorders

Screening for HIV dementia

- IHDS + CAT-rapid = most sensitive/specific

Screening for asymptomatic/mild HAND

- **No screener had adequate sensitivity/specificity:** need full neuropsych testing

Don't forget reversible causes ... syphilis, thyroid disease, B12 deficiency, depression

Joska, AIDS Behavior, 2016

Screening for Mental Health and Substance Use Issues

- Depression and substance use are common; screening is uncommon
- Easy screening tools available (and reimbursable!)
- Depression - PHQ 2 and 9; Anxiety - GAD-2 and 7
 - PHQ-2: Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following (score 0-3)
 - Little interest or pleasure in doing things
 - Feeling down, depressed or hopeless
- Alcohol: CAGE and AUDIT
- Drug Use: TICS; opioid risk tool

National HIV Curriculum: <https://www.hiv.uw.edu/page/mental-health-screening/phq-2>

Tools for Screening

- National HIV Curriculum
- <https://www.hiv.uw.edu>

Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ-2)

The PHQ-2 inquires about the frequency of depressed mood and anhedonia over the past two weeks. The PHQ-2 includes the first two items of the PHQ-9.

- The purpose of the PHQ-2 is to screen for depression in a "first stage" approach.
- Patients who screen positive should be further evaluated with the PHQ-9 to determine whether they meet criteria for a depressive disorder.

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	+1	+2	+3
2. Feeling down, depressed or hopeless	0	+1	+2	+3

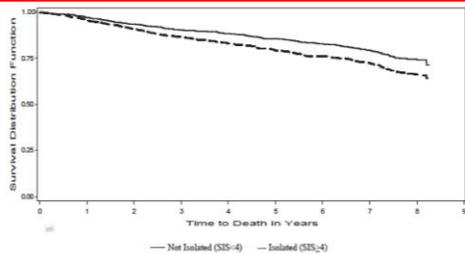
PHQ-2 score obtained by adding score for each question (total points)

Interpretation:

- A PHQ-2 score ranges from 0-6. The authors identified a score of 3 as the optimal cutpoint when using the PHQ-2 to screen for depression.
- If the score is 3 or greater, major depressive disorder is likely.
- Patients who screen positive should be further evaluated with the PHQ-9, other diagnostic instruments, or direct interview to determine whether they meet criteria for a depressive disorder.

<https://www.hiv.uw.edu/page/mental-health-screening/phq-2>

Social Isolation Is Associated with Increased Mortality



IDSA GUIDELINES

Primary Care Guidelines for the Management of
Persons Infected With HIV: 2013 Update by the
HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious
Diseases Society of America

2020 UPDATE COMING!!

Aberg, CID, 2014

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Question-and-Answer Session
