



BRITISH COLUMBIA
CENTRE *for* EXCELLENCE
in HIV/AIDS

Drug Treatment Program

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PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET for DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

This sheet is to be provided to the patient or his/her guardian at the time of Drug Treatment Program enrolment

What is the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (the “BC-CfE”)?

The BC-CfE is a treatment and research centre based at St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver. Our goal, as mandated by the Ministry of Health, is to improve the health of people living with HIV/AIDS by advancing and promoting the most effective programs to treat and prevent HIV.

What is the Drug Treatment Program?

The Drug Treatment Program provides free HIV medicine to all medically eligible HIV- positive persons and persons at high risk of HIV infection living in BC. The BC-CfE administers the Program on behalf of the BC Ministry of Health’s PharmaCare program. The Program is required to make sure that each patient gets the right care and treatment after being diagnosed as HIV-positive or deemed clinically at risk of HIV infection.

For this purpose the BC-CfE:

- collects and monitors the results of every HIV plasma viral load test done in BC (a standard test done only after a positive HIV diagnosis);
- reviews and authorizes all program prescriptions for HIV medicines written in BC;
- follows up with your doctor if we have any questions about your prescription; and
- keeps a health record for every patient which includes all HIV test results, all prescriptions written for HIV/AIDS drugs, and other relevant health information.

How does this work?

The BC-CfE collects all plasma viral load test results done in BC to make sure patients are started on the right treatment at the right time. Your doctor will complete the Drug Treatment Program Enrolment and Prescription Request forms, which act as your first prescription for HIV medication. The forms are sent to the BC-CfE and entered into your health record in our secure database. You may ask your doctor for a copy of the completed forms.

These forms collect important information about your health and a BC-CfE doctor or pharmacist reviews it, along with the results of your plasma viral load or HIV screening tests. Their review ensures you qualify for free HIV medication through the Drug Treatment Program and the medication prescribed for you meets current guidelines.



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What Information Does the BC-CfE collect?

To make sure you receive the right treatment, at the right time, and to confirm you are eligible for coverage by PharmaCare, we collect your plasma viral load or HIV screening test results plus basic identifying information, including your full legal name, gender, birth date and BC Personal Health Number.

Once your doctor writes your first prescription and you enroll in the Program, we collect your address and relevant information about your health history, your current health lab test results, current medications and any side effects from medications you've taken. This information is required in order to dispense your medication and to check the prescribed HIV medications will be safe and effective for you.

We collect updates of this information as necessary and whenever there is a change to your medication. We add all updates to your health record in our secure database.

How does the BC-CfE use and disclose my personal information?

Your personal health information is used and disclosed to others such as your physicians, pharmacist or nurse practitioner, to give you care and treatment, and make sure the HIV medication prescribed for you is safe and effective. For this purpose, we may send some of your health information to your own doctor or nurse practitioner or to a pharmacy to fill your prescription. It may be used for other legal requirements such as for PharmaCare coverage or legal reporting purposes.

We de-identify the information and use it for public health monitoring, drug safety, health research and other health system purposes. When health information is de-identified, we remove any information, which could be used to identify who you are or to locate you (such as your name, birth date, personal health number or address).

How does the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program protect my privacy and make sure my personal information is secure?

The BC-CfE is committed to safeguarding your personal Information. We are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, a privacy law that lays out clear rules for how we collect, use and store your information. The Drug Treatment Program stores patient information in the BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program Database, a very secure, computerized database. Access to the database is extremely limited and is logged and monitored. We only use and disclose your personal Information for the purposes we describe in this notice. If you have any questions about your privacy at the BC-CfE please email us at privacy@cfenet.ubc.ca.

Questions?

If you have questions about the Drug Treatment Program or BC-CfE Registry, please contact 604-806-8515.

