THE 2025 POSITIVELY AWARE

HIV DRUG CHART

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Each drug is recommended for use in combination with other antiretrovirals—except any single-tablet or long-acting complete regimen, or Apretude for PrEP. The doses here are for adults but many of the medications have pediatric dosing as well; see the individual drug page. For a complete description of HHS drug recommendations, go to clinicalinfo.hiv.gov. Consult with a health care provider about which drug therapy and dose is appropriate for you; see drug page or package insert for complete information. Drug chart information is current as of March 31, 2025. Special thanks to Eric K. Farmer, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP, for his review of this chart. Look up your drug by adding its name after typing positivelyaware.com/ in your browser (for example, positivelyaware.com/*biktarvy*).

These medications are complete regimens for HIV treatment:

SINGLE-TABLET REGIMENS (complete regimen comprised of multiple drug classes)

Atripla ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations

600 mg efavirenz, 200 mg emtricitabine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
EFV (NNRTI), FTC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime.

■ Generic is available.

Complera ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations if viral load <100,000 copies/mL and CD4 count >200 cell/mm³

25 mg rilpivirine, 200 mg emtricitabine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
RPV (NNRTI), FTC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with a meal.

Dovato ★ Recommended initial regimen for most people except people with viral load >500,000 copies/mL, HBV co-infection, or before results of genotypic resistance or HBV testing, with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

50 mg dolutegravir, 300 mg lamivudine
DTG (INSTI), 3TC (NRTI)

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

➤ This regimen is recommended for rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

Juluca ✔ Recommended as continuation therapy for people with undetectable HIV viral load for at least 6 months

50 mg dolutegravir, 25 mg rilpivirine
DTG (INSTI), RPV (NNRTI)

One tablet, once daily. Take with a meal.

Stribild ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations and with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA for PrEP)

150 mg elvitegravir, 150 mg cobicistat, 200 mg emtricitabine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
EVG (INSTI), COBI (PK booster), FTC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with food.

Symfi Lo ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations

400 mg efavirenz, 300 mg lamivudine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
EFV (NNRTI), 3TC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Should be taken on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime.

■ Generic is available.

Triumeq ★ Recommended initial regimen for most people if HLA-B*5701 negative with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

50 mg dolutegravir, 600 mg abacavir, 300 mg lamivudine
DTG (INSTI), ABC and 3TC (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

Biktarvy ★ Recommended initial regimen for most people with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

50 mg bictegravir, 200 mg emtricitabine, 25 mg tenofovir AF
BIC (INSTI), FTC and TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

➤ This regimen is recommended for rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

Delstrigo ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations

100 mg doravirine, 300 mg lamivudine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
DOR (NNRTI), 3TC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet once daily. Take with or without food.

Genvoya ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations and there is no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

150 mg elvitegravir, 150 mg cobicistat,
200 mg emtricitabine, 10 mg tenofovir AF
EVG (INSTI), COBI (PK booster), FTC and TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with food.

Odefsey ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations if viral load <100,000 copies/mL and CD4 count >200/mm³

25 mg rilpivirine, 200 mg emtricitabine, 25 mg tenofovir AF
RPV (NNRTI), FTC and TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with a meal.

Symfi ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations

600 mg efavirenz, 300 mg lamivudine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
EFV (NNRTI), 3TC and TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Should be taken on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime.

■ Generic is available.

Symtuza ✔ Recommended initial regimen in certain clinical situations; also for rapid ART for people who took Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

800 mg darunavir, 150 mg cobicistat, 200 mg emtricitabine, 10 mg tenofovir AF
DRV (PI), COBI (PK booster), FTC and TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with food.

➤ For people who took Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP, this regimen is HHS recommended for rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE (complete regimen)

Cabenuva ✔ Recommended as optimization therapy for people with undetectable HIV viral load for at least 3 months on treatment

cabotegravir long-acting, rilpivirine long-acting
CAB-LA (INSTI), RPV-LA (NNRTI)

Optional one-month oral lead-in with food, then two intramuscular gluteal (butt muscle) injections once every other month (monthly dose also available) administered by a health care provider. Consists of one injection of long-acting cabotegravir and one injection of long-acting rilpivirine. See dosing information in the POSITIVELY AWARE HIV Drug Guide.

These medications are prescribed for the prevention of HIV (PrEP):

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE

Apretude ★ FDA approved for the prevention of HIV (PrEP)

cabotegravir extended-release injectable suspension (CAB-LA, INSTI)

For HIV-negative adults and adolescents weighing at least 77 pounds (35 kg). Daily oral lead-in therapy for about a month is optional before injections begin, consisting of a 30 mg tablet of cabotegravir. One long-acting intramuscular gluteal (butt muscle) 600 mg injection monthly for the first two months and then one injection every 2 months thereafter. No food restrictions.

ORAL MEDICATION

■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV TREATMENT

Truvada ★ FDA approved for the prevention of HIV (PrEP)

200 mg emtricitabine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
FTC, TDF (two NRTIs)

For HIV-negative adults and adolescents weighing at least 77 pounds (35 kg). Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. One tablet once daily, with or without food.

■ Generic is available.

ORAL MEDICATION

■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV TREATMENT

Descovy ★ FDA approved for the prevention of HIV (PrEP)

200 mg emtricitabine, 25 mg tenofovir AF
FTC, TAF (two NRTIs)

For HIV-negative adults and adolescents weighing at least 77 pounds (35 kg) for the prevention of HIV. Take one tablet once daily, with or without food. At this time, Descovy for PrEP is not FDA approved for the prevention of HIV for individuals assigned female at birth.

LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE

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■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV TREATMENT FOR HEAVILY TREATMENT-EXPERIENCED PATIENTS

lenacapavir for PrEP ● FDA approval for the prevention of HIV (PrEP) expected this year

lenacapavir long-acting injectable (LEN LA); brand name not yet determined

NOT YET APPROVED AT PRESS TIME.
Two 463.5 mg subcutaneous injections (for a total 927 mg) on Day 1 plus oral LEN loading dose (600 mg on Day 1 and again on Day 2), followed by two 463.5 mg (1.5 mL each) injections every six months thereafter

These drugs are prescribed in combination with medications from other drug classes for HIV treatment:

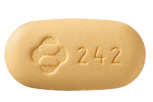
CAPSID INHIBITOR (Long-acting injectable)

Sunlenca ● For heavily treatment-experienced people whose current regimen is failing

lenacapavir (LEN)

There are two different initial options using a combination of injectable LEN with a loading dose of oral LEN tablets. The maintenance dose of two 463.5 mg/1.5 mL subcutaneous injections (for a total dose of 927 mg/3 mL) follows every six months, given by a healthcare provider. It must be used as part of a regimen with another antiretroviral(s).

INTEGRASE INHIBITORS



Isentress HD ✔ Recommended as a component of an initial regimen in certain clinical situations with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP
and **Isentress**
raltegravir (RAL)

Isentress HD: Two 600 mg film-coated tablets, once daily.
Isentress: One 400 mg film-coated tablet, twice daily.

Take with or without food.

Tivicay ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people with no history of Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP

dolutegravir (DTG)

One 50 mg tablet, once daily for people on HIV therapy for the first time or treatment-experienced without previous INSTI resistance. Twice-daily dosing for people who have viral resistance to INSTIs. Take with or without food.

➤ This drug is recommended as a component of rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

ORAL MEDICATION

■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV PREVENTION (PrEP)

Descovy ★ FDA approved for the prevention of HIV (PrEP)

200 mg emtricitabine, 25 mg tenofovir AF
FTC, TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. Take with or without food.

➤ This fixed-dose combination is recommended as a component of rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

ENTRY/ATTACHMENT INHIBITORS

ATTACHMENT INHIBITOR

Rukobia ▼ For people who are heavily treatment-experienced

fostemsavir (FTR)

One 600 mg tablet twice daily. Take with or without food.

ENTRY INHIBITOR: CCR5 ANTAGONIST

Selzentry ▼ For heavily treatment-experienced people who have CCR5-tropic virus

maraviroc (MVC)

150, 300, or 600 mg (available in 150 and 300 mg tablets), twice daily, depends on other medications used. Take with or without food.

■ Generic 150 mg tablets are available.
Brand name available only for oral solution 20 mg/mL.

LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE ENTRY INHIBITOR: CD4 POST-ATTACHMENT INHIBITOR

Trogarzo ▼ For people who are heavily treatment-experienced

ibalizumab-uiyk (IBA)

Administered once every two weeks via intravenous infusion. Treatment begins with an IV loading (starting) dose of 2,000 mg, followed by an 800 mg IV infusion or an IV push maintenance dose given every two weeks thereafter.

NON-NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS ("Non-nukes")

Edurant ✔ Recommended as a component of initial regimen in certain clinical situations in combination with two recommended NRTIs

25 mg rilpivirine
RPV

One tablet, once daily. Take with a meal.

Pifeltro ✔ Recommended as a component of an initial regimen in certain clinical situations (as a component of Delstrigo, or in combination with Descovy, Truvada or Cimduo)

100 mg doravirine
DOR

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

Intelence ✔ For treatment-experienced people with viral strains resistant to an NNRTI

200 mg etravirine
ETR

One tablet, twice daily. Take following a meal.

■ Generic is available.

Sustiva ✔ Recommended as a component of an initial regimen in certain clinical situations (as a component of Atripla, Symfi, or Symfi Lo, or in combination with Descovy, Truvada or Cimduo)

600 mg efavirenz
EFV

One tablet, once daily. Take on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime.

■ Generic is available.

NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS ("Nukes")

Cimduo ★ Recommended as component of initial regimen for most people when combined with Tivicay; recommended as component of initial regimen in certain clinical situations when used in other combinations

300 mg lamivudine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
3TC, TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

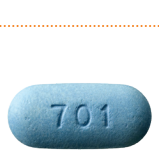
➤ This fixed-dose combination is recommended as a component of rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

Emtriva ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people

200 mg emtricitabine
FTC

One capsule, once daily. Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. Take with or without food.

■ Generic and brand available for 200 mg oral tablets. Brand name only available for 10 mg/mL oral solution.



■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV PREVENTION (PrEP)

Truvada ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people

200 mg emtricitabine, 300 mg tenofovir DF
FTC, TDF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Take with or without food.

➤ This fixed-dose combination is recommended as a component of rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

■ Generic is available.

■ ALSO FDA APPROVED FOR HIV PREVENTION (PrEP)

Descovy ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people

200 mg emtricitabine, 25 mg tenofovir AF;
FTC, TAF (two NRTIs)

One tablet, once daily. Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. Take with or without food.

➤ This fixed-dose combination is recommended as a component of rapid ART for someone newly diagnosed or entering care with no or minimal labs available.

Epivir ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people

lamivudine
3TC

One 300 mg tablet, once daily; or one 150 mg tablet, twice daily. Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. Take with or without food.

■ Generic is available.

Viread ★ Recommended as a component of initial regimen for most people

300 mg tenofovir DF
TDF

One tablet, once daily. Also FDA approved for the treatment of hepatitis B. Take with or without food.

■ Generic and brand name available for 300 mg oral tablets. Brand name available only for oral powder 40 mg/GM and 150 mg, 200 mg and 250 mg oral tablets.

PK ENHANCERS (Boosters)

Tybost ✔ Used only as a booster for other drugs; recommended as a component of an initial regimen in certain clinical situations

150 mg cobicistat
COBI (PK booster)

Used only for boosting—**not an active antiretroviral**. One pill daily, taken at the same time with either Prezista 800 mg or Reyataz 300 mg. Take with food.

Norvir ✔ Used only as a booster for other drugs; recommended as a component of an initial regimen in certain clinical situations

ritonavir (RTV)

Used only for boosting— **not an active antiretroviral**. One pill taken once or twice daily at the same time with a PI. Must be taken with food.

■ Generic and brand name available for 150 mg oral tablets. Brand name only available as Norvir 100 mg oral packet.

PROTEASE INHIBITORS (Boosted and unboosted)

Prezcobix ✔ Recommended as a component of initial regimen in certain clinical situations or as a component of a preferred initial regimen for people with HIV who previously used Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP and are starting medication before results of resistance testing are available

800 mg darunavir, 150 mg cobicistat
DRV (PI), COBI (PK booster)

One tablet, once daily. Take with food.

Prezista ✔ Recommended as a component of initial regimen in certain clinical situations or as a component of a preferred initial regimen for people with HIV who previously used Apretude (CAB-LA) for PrEP and are starting medication before results of resistance testing are available

darunavir (DRV)

One 800 mg tablet with 100 mg Norvir (ritonavir), once daily for first-time therapy and treatment-experienced adults without Prezista-related resistance; or one 600 mg tablet plus 100 mg Norvir, twice daily for treatment-experienced people with Prezista-related resistance. Prezista must be taken with Norvir or Tybost; see Prezcobix. Take with food.

■ Generic and brand name available for 600 mg and 800 mg oral tablets.

LEGACY DRUGS These drugs are rarely prescribed:

Aptivus	Combivir*	Epzicom**	Evotaz	Fuzeon	Kaletra	Lexiva*	Retrovir	Reyataz	Viracept	Viramune XR*	Ziagen*
tipranavir (TPV)	lamivudine/ zidovudine (3TC/AZT)	abacavir/ lamivudine/3TC	atazanavir/cobicistat (ATZ/COBI)	enfuvirtide (T-20, or ENF)	lopinavir/ritonavir (LPV/r)	fosamprenavir calcium (FPV)	zidovudine (AZT or ZDV)	atazanavir sulfate (ATV)	nelfinavir (NFV)	nevirapine (NVP)	abacavir sulfate

* Combivir, Lexiva, Viramune/Viramune XR and Ziagen are no longer available in the brand formulation and are now only available in generic form.
** Epzicom brand has been discontinued; generic is available for abacavir 600 mg / lamivudine 300 mg oral tablets

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