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## Democratic Republic of Congo

The following provides a summary of specific guidelines from the country's national guidance strategy. Use the jump links in yellow to access details by patient population. This summary can be downloaded or e-mailed to yourself or a colleague. The original country guidance document can also be found below the jump links for download.

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### **Adults, Adolescents, Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women**

#### **Year Issued:**

2013

#### **Reference:**

National Guidelines for the Treatment of HIV Infection

#### **Screening for PLHIV for TB Every Visit? (Y/N) (Intensified Case Finding):**

No

#### **Criteria for Starting TB Prophylaxis Among TB-Exposed PLHIV:**

No specifics indicated

#### **Criteria for Starting TB Prophylaxis Among Unknown TB-Exposed PLHIV:**

Not specified

#### **Criteria for Starting: ARV 1st Line Regimen:**

All patients with HIV/TB co-infection are eligible for ART.

- Initiate ATT first. Initiate ART within 2-8 weeks of ATT initiation.
- TDF+3TC (or FTC)+EFV

#### **Alternative:**

In combination with Rifampicin:

- NVP can be used at 2 x 200mg/day
- Boosted IP can be used

**Avoid** LPV/r and NVP in pregnant women.

## **ARV 2nd Line Regimen:**

- AZT + 3TC (or FTC) + LPV/r (at doses of LPV 2 x 400mg/day and RTV 2 x 200 mg/day)

**Avoid** LPV/r and NVP in pregnant women.

## **Co-Infection Addressed Under Existing HIV Guidelines? (Y/N):**

Yes

**Children**

## **Year Issued:**

2013

## **Reference:**

National Guidelines for the Treatment of HIV Infection

## **Screening for PLHIV for TB Every Visit? (Y/N) (Intensified Case Finding):**

No

## **Criteria for Starting TB Prophylaxis Among TB-Exposed PLHIV:**

No specifics indicated

## **Criteria for Starting TB Prophylaxis Among Unknown TB-Exposed PLHIV:**

Not specified

## **Criteria for Starting: ARV 1st Line Regimen:**

**All** children with TB/HIV co-infection are eligible for ART.

- Initiate ATT first. Initiate ART within 2-8 weeks of ATT initiation.

### **Patients who develop TB while on ART:**

#### **<3 years old:**

- If patient on a regimen containing NVP or LPV/r: Switch to ABC+3TC+AZT for the duration of the ATT

#### **3-10 years old:**

- ABC+3TC+EFV

## **ARV 2nd Line Regimen:**

No specifics indicated

**Co-Infection Addressed Under Existing HIV Guidelines?  
(Y/N):**

Yes

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