

Myanmar ART Guideline

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- Background
- 2014 Myanmar ART guideline and 2016 supplement
- Experience in a large HIV hospital with 8000 cohorts



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National AIDS Programme

HIV Estimates and Projections, AEM, Myanmar (December 2014).

- Type of epidemic = concentrated around KAP
- Prevalence age 15+ = 0.45%
- FSW=6.3%
- MSM=6.6%
- PWID=23.1%
- PLHIV = 212,000 (F=34%)
- New infection = 15,000
- Died = 9,000

- The number of patients on ART by the end of **2015 = 106,490** (Dr HNO, NAP, 7/3/16)
- The number of patients estimated to be on ART by the end of **2016 is 144 437**. (68%)
- ART centers = 100
- DC sites = 140

- Myanmar ART guidelines closely reflected WHO guidelines
- Revised and developed 1-2 years after the launch of WHO guideline

| WHO | Myanmar |
|------|---------|
| 2002 | 2004 |
| 2006 | 2007 |
| 2010 | 2011 |
| 2013 | 2014 |
| 2015 | 2016 |

WHO ARV Guidelines Evolution 2002 to 2015

| Topic | 2002 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | 2013 | 2015 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| When to start | CD4 ≤ 200 | CD4 ≤ 200 | CD4 ≤ 200 - Consider 350 - CD4 ≤ 350 for TB | CD4 ≤ 350 - Regardless CD4 for TB and HBV | CD4 ≤ 500 - Regardless CD4 for TB, HBV PW and SDC - CD4 ≤ 350 as priority | Towards Treat All Adolescents age band |
| Earlier initiation | | | | | | |
| 1st Line ART | 8 options - AZT preferred | 4 options - AZT preferred | 8 options - AZT or TDF preferred - d4T dose reduction | 6 options & FDCs - AZT or TDF preferred - d4T phase out | 1 preferred option & FDCs & STR - TDF and EFV preferred across all pops | Continue with FDC and harmonization across age bands |
| Simpler treatment | | | | | | |
| 2nd Line ART | Boosted and non-boosted PIs | Boosted PIs - IDV/r LPV/r, SQV/r | Boosted PI - ATV/r, DRV/r, FPV/r LPV/r, SQV/r | Boosted PI - Heat stable FDC: ATV/r, LPV/r | Boosted PIs - Heat stable FDC: ATV/r, LPV/r | Greater number of options |
| Less toxic, more robust regimens | | | | | | |
| 3rd Line ART | None | None | None | DRV/r, RAL, ETV | DRV/r, RAL, ETV | Encourage HIV DR to guide |
| Viral Load Testing | No | No (Desirable) | Yes (Tertiary centers) | Yes (Phase in approach) | Yes (preferred for monitoring, use of PoC, DBS) | Support for scale up of VL using all technologies |
| Better and simpler monitoring | | | | | | |

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| PMTCT | AZT 4 wks; SD NVP to mother and infant | M: AZT fr 4 wk+SD NVP Infant: SD NVP; AZT 1 wk | M: AZT fr 4 wk + SD NVP+ AZT/ 3TC 7d Infant: SD NVP+ AZT 1 wk | M:As early as 14 wk Option A (AZT +/- SD NVP+ AZT/3TC 7 d) Option B (triple ARV) Infant: daily NVP | M: Option B Option B+ Infant: daily NVP | Option B+ |
| Children | | | <12 mth– treat all >12 mth – if CD4< age speicific thresholdl | <24 mth – treat all >24 mth – if CD4< age specific threshold | < 5 yr --- treat all > 5 yr --if CD4<500 | Treat all age band |
| HIV/TB | | CD4<350 | CD4<350 | Any CD4, treat all | Any CD4, treat all | Any CD4, treat all |
| HIV/HBV | | | | Treat if HBV treatment is indicated | Treat all | Treat all |
| Serodiscord ant couples | No specific recommendation | | | | Treat all | Treat all |



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- Date: **7th March 2016**
- Venue: Myat Nan Yone Hotel, Naypyitaw

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WHO Strategy III (Diagnosis)

A1 (Determine-D)

D(+)

Consider reactive

D(-)

Report Non Reactive

A2 (Uni gold - UG) and A3 (Stat Pak-SP)

D(+)
UG(+)
SP(+)
Report positive

D(+)
UG(-)
SP(-)

No risk factors
Consider Negative

D(+)
UG(+)
SP(-)
D(+)
UG(-)
SP(+)

Risk factors → Report Indeterminate

Report Indeterminate
Follow up after 4 to 6 weeks

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Pre-ART care

- WHO staging
- Processing for ART : CSG sessions and baseline laboratory tests
- CPT
- TB screening and IPT

Five TB screening questions

- Current cough
- Fever
- Weight loss
- Night sweats
- Lymph node enlargement

If a positive response to at least ONE question

- Sputum AFB & geneXpert
- CXR
- USG (Abd)
- LN aspirate and AFB smear
- Urinary LAM ?

- Empirical antiTB should be considered despite all the negative investigations
- In line with NTP guidelines
- Higher risk of SE (skin rash, hepatitis)

IPT

- If 5 screening questions negative , IPT
- INH 300 mg/d for 6 mth
- Decrease risk of developing active TB by 33 – 64%
- More effective if TST positive
- Practical issues

CPT

- All symptomatic individuals (WHO 2,3,4)
- CD4 < 350
- One double strength 960 mg tab
- Dapsone 100 mg OD if septrin hypersensitive

Laboratory assessment for pre- ART

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Hb g/dl | Baseline |
| CD4 count | Baseline |
| Fasting blood sugar | Baseline |
| ALT, AST | Baseline Desirable |
| Creatinine (for Cr clearance calculation) | Baseline Desirable |
| HBs Ag, HCV Ab | Baseline Desirable |
| Urinalysis (proteinuria, glucosuria) | Baseline |
| Chest X- rays | Baseline if indicated |

Summary of key recommendations for ART in the new guidelines

I. When to start

1. Adults and Adolescents

- i. HIV positive individuals – **CD4 \leq 500 cells/mm³**; priority to those with CD4 less than 350/mm³
- ii. HIV positive symptomatic ARV naïve individuals- WHO clinical stage 2 if CD4 \leq 500 cells/mm³ *OR* WHO clinical stage 3 or 4 irrespective of CD4 cell count

2. Pregnant women

- iii. **HIV positive pregnant women – CD4 \leq 500 cells/mm³** irrespective of clinical symptoms *OR* WHO clinical stage 3 or 4 irrespective of CD4 cell count

3. Children

- iv. **Initiate ART in all HIV infected children less than 5 years**
- v. For children more than 5 years, follow same criteria as adults.

Special Populations

- vi. HIV/TB coinfection– **Treat all HIV/TB coinfecteds** individuals irrespective of CD4 count
- vii. HIV/HBV coinfection – Provide ART to HBV/HIV coinfecteds if ALT level 2.5 times more than the upper limit of normal.
- viii. Sero discordant couples – **Treat all sero discordant couples** irrespective of CD4 count.
- ix. **Key populations – Treat all irrespective of CD 4 count**
(Key populations include FSWs, MSMs, TGs and PWIDs)

5. PMTCT

- When to start ART - As soon as feasible
 - Recommended first line regimens- **same as for other adults.**
 - Prophylaxis for infants born to pregnant women on ART-
 - **All infants regardless of feeding mode – daily NVP for 6 weeks**
- i. ART for HIV infected pregnant women **who need treatment for own health**
- Preferred regimen is TDF/3TC(FTC)/EFV or alternate first line
- ii. ARV prophylaxis for pregnant women **who do not need treatment for their own health**
(CD4 more than 500/cmm and WHO stage 1 or 2)
- Prophylaxis regimens for the mother: TDF/3TC (FTC)/EFV or alternate first line*
- Option B:** - Continue ARV till 1 week after cessation of breastfeeding.
- Option B plus:** Do not stop ARV to mother. (For detail information please refer to text)

II. What ART to start?

Adults and Adolescent

- i. HIV positive ARV naïve adults and adolescents – **TDF + 3TC (FTC) + EFV is the preferred first line regimen**, unless there is any contraindication.
- ii. If the preferred first line cannot be used, the **alternate** first line regimen, in order of preference are: **AZT+3TC+EFV; AZT+3TC+NVP; ABC+3TC+EFV**

Co-infections

- iii. HIV/TB coinfection – Same as above ; **ART to be started 2 to 8 weeks after** start of TB treatment ;
- iv. HIV/HBV coinfection – NNRTI regimens that contain **both TDF+3TC (or FTC)**

Children (not applicable to this topic)

≤ 3 yrs

Preferred

ABC/AZT + 3TC + LPV/r

Alternative

ABC/AZT + 3TC + NVP

Special circumstances

d4T + 3TC + NVP (or) LPV/r

3 – 10 yrs (< 35 kg)

ABC + 3TC + EFV

AZT / TDF + 3TC + EFV

> 10 yrs (> 35 kg)

As for adult

Laboratory monitoring of ART

| | |
|---|---|
| Hb (For AZT) | Baseline and at 4, 8, 12 weeks ; every 6 months desirable |
| CD4 count | Baseline and every 6 months |
| Plasma viral load : targeted | At 12 months after the ART initiation and as needed only to confirm virological failure |
| Fasting blood sugar | Every 6 months desirable |
| AST, ALT | Every 6 months (if NVP used at 4,8 12 weeks) desirable but not compulsory |
| Creatinine | Every 6 months if TDF used especially in high risk patients |
| Lipid profile (at least cholesterol and triglyceride | Every 12 month (Desirable) |
| Urinalysis (Proteinuria, Glucosuria) | Baseline and Every 6 months if TDF used |
| Chest X-ray | Initially and when indicated |

Clinical considerations for TDF toxicity

- Laboratory monitoring is not mandatory to initiate treatment with TDF.
- Urine dipsticks may be used to detect glycosuria
- Do not initiate TDF when the estimated glomerular filtration rate is <50 ml/min, or in long-term diabetes, uncontrolled hypertension and renal failure.
- Monitor growth in children using TDF.

Treatment failure and switching to 2nd line

- Where available , use viral load (VL) to confirm treatment failure
- A persistent VL of > 1000 copies/ml confirms treatment failure
- Where VL is not available, use immunological criteria (CD4 count) to confirm clinical failure

| 1st line ART | 2nd line ART |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adult | |
| d4T or AZT | TDF |
| TDF | AZT |
| Children | |
| ABC | AZT |

- (--) + 3TC + Boosted PI

PEP

- PEP should be offered, and initiated as early as possible, preferably within 6 hours to all persons with a HIV exposure, and within a window of 72 hours
- Either 2 or 3 drug combinations may be prescribed
- TDF/AZT + 3TC + (LPV/r) for 28 days



GUIDELINE ON WHEN TO START ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND ON PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR HIV

SEPTEMBER 2015

Coming new guideline

- Test and treat (offer) for all age groups
- PMCT – Option B+ for pregnancies, to continue at township level.
- **First line**
 - preferred option: TDF+XTC+EFV (600)
 - Newer alternative option should be available e.g, **Dolutegravir (DTG)**, Raltegravir
- Routine VL monitoring (at 6 mth and yearly)

- 2nd line --- no change (LPV/r or ATZ/r)
- 3rd line -- ?
 - In 2013 , 21 pts on 2nd line were randomly selected to test for viral load
 - 18 pts (86%) --- undetectable
 - The others have very low viremia --- around 200 copies/ml

- Adolescent friendly clinic and proposed 15 years to be transferred for adult ART
- PEP (Three drugs combination) 2NRTI+EFV/PI regimen
- PrEP modeling exercise in selected area for priority population depending on the available resources.

Experience in an HIV hospital

- The proportion of people initiating ART with very low CD4 counts remains high, **with more than one in four people starting ART at CD4 ≤ 100 cells/mm³** across all regions

CD4 at the time of initiation

| | 2008 N=365 | 2012 N=782 | 2015 N=2167 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| % WHO stage 3 or 4 | 16(CD4>200) | 12(CD4>350) | 5(CD4>500) |
| Median | 63 | 128 | 154 |
| % < 50 | 42 | 26 | 25 |
| % < 100 | 61 | 40 | 40 |
| % < 200 | 84 | 65 | 56 |
| % < 350 | NA | 88 | 76 |
| % < 500 | NA | NA | 95 |

Major OI prevalence among 1853 in-pts (2015)

| Disease | % prevalence | % Mortality |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| TB -- All | 44 | 27 |
| TBM | 14 | 50 |
| Crypto Meningitis | 5 | 28 |
| PJP | 4 | 44 |
| Toxoplamosis | 2 | 14 |
| Penicilliosis | 2 | 9 |
| MAC | 1.5 | 7 |

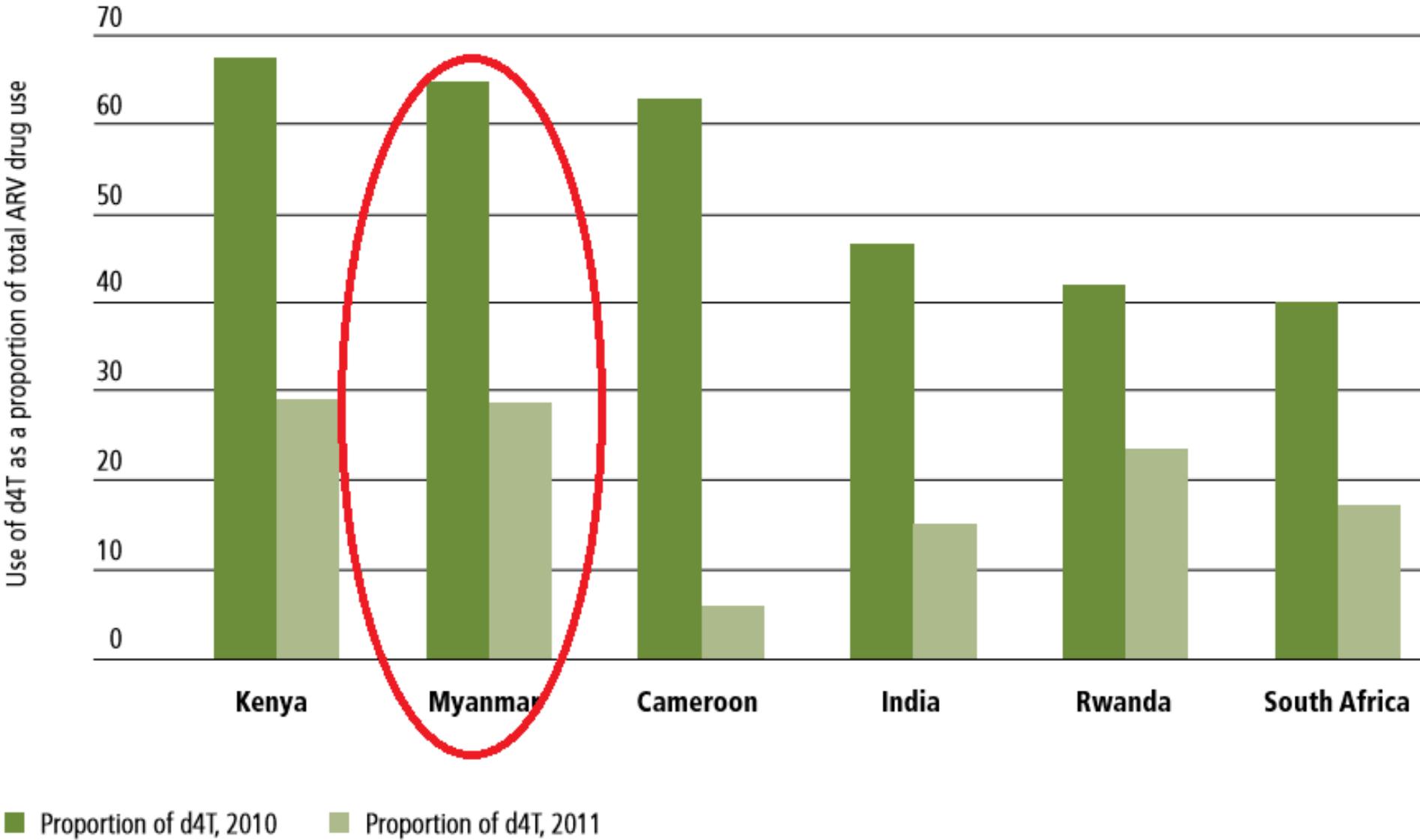
Rate of COD among 440 deaths

| Disease | % of Total Death |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| TB --- All | 50 |
| TBM | 28 |
| PJP | 7.5 |
| Cryptococcal meningitis | 6 |

Lack of CRAAG test

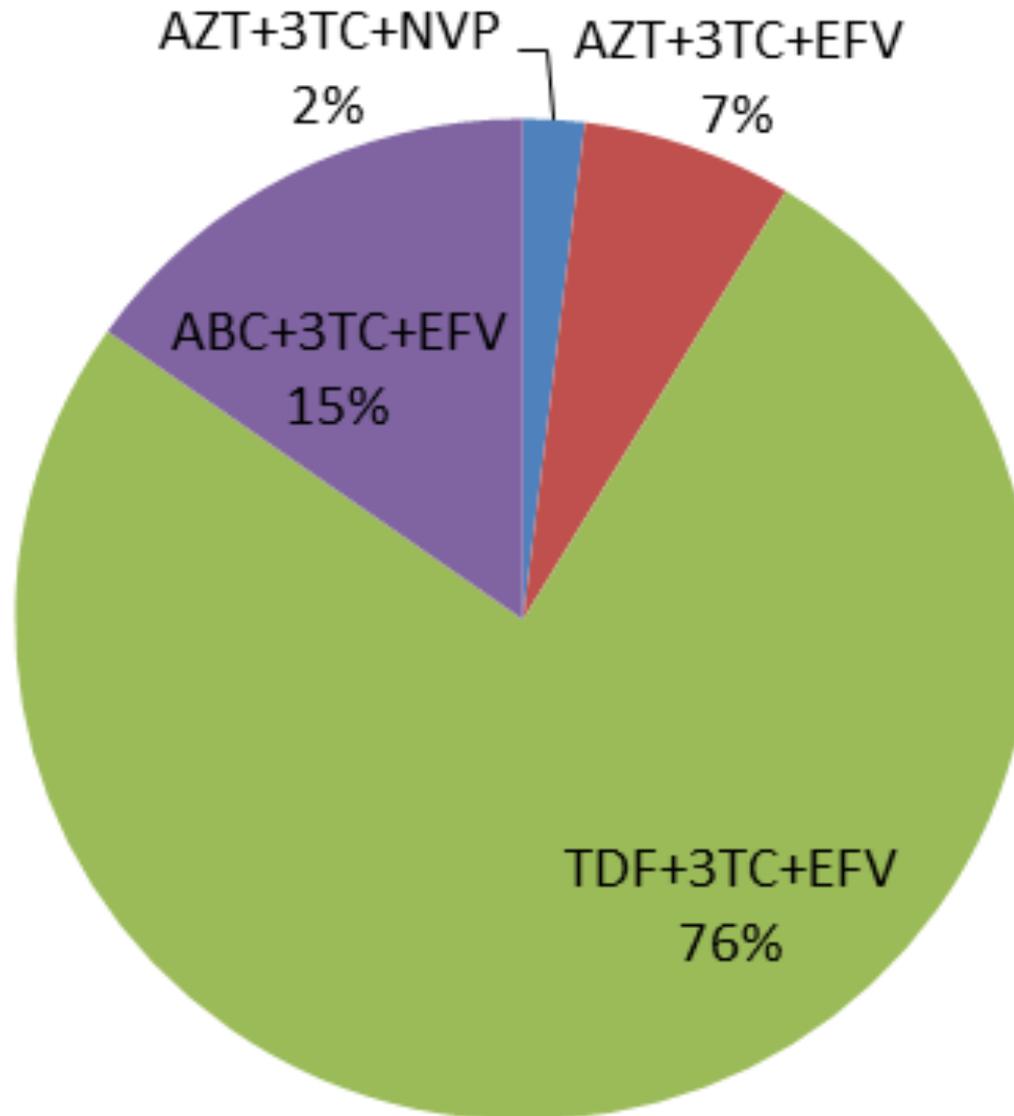
- **Cryptococcal meningitis** remains a leading cause of mortality among people with HIV, contributing **up to 20% of AIDS-related deaths** in low- and middle-income settings (17) , and WHO recommends **systematic Cryptococcus antigen screening for everyone with CD4 \leq 100 cells/mm³** and preemptive treatment for those with positive antigen test (18) .

Fig. 8.3. Countries reducing d4T use >50% between 2010 and 2011

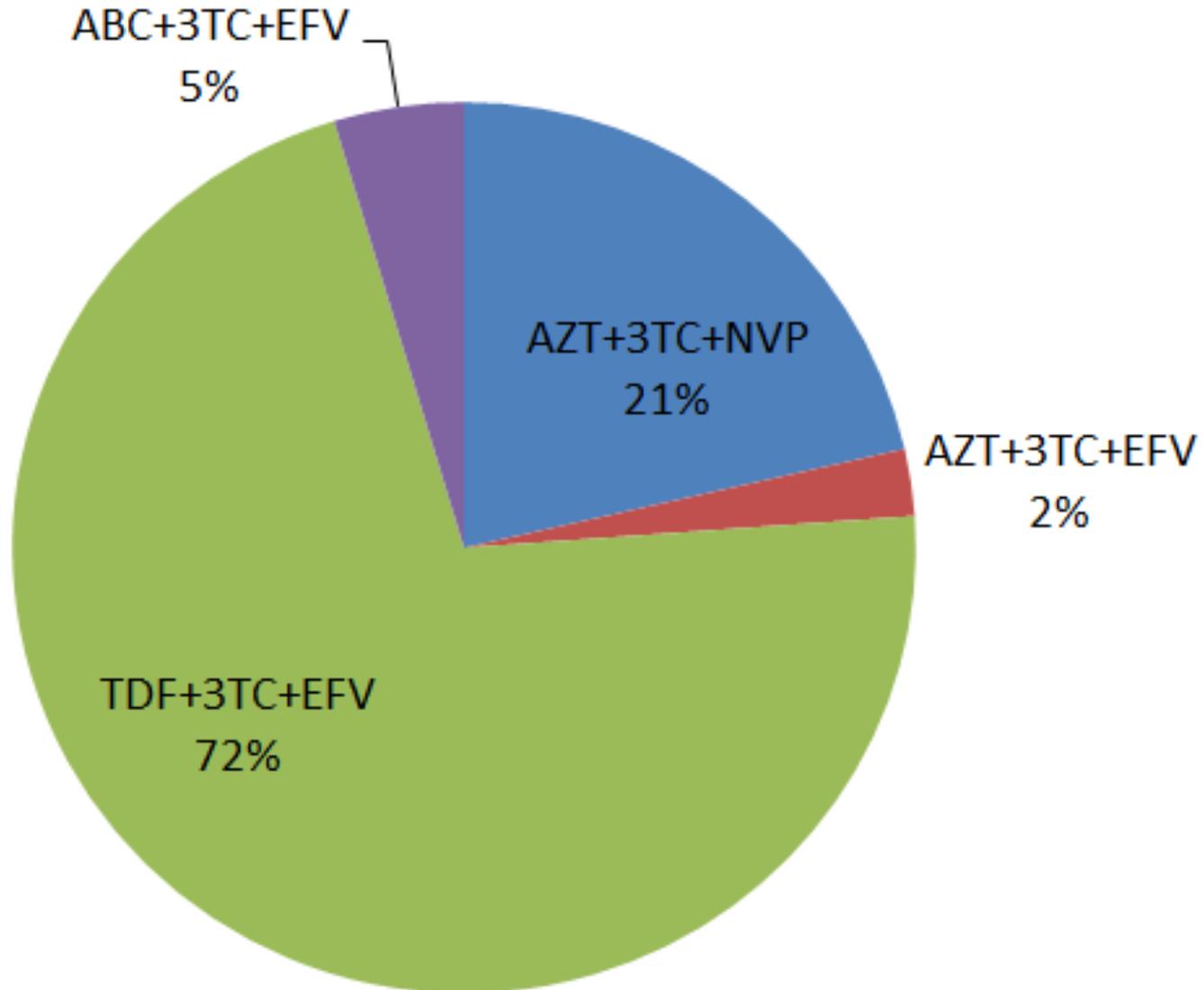


- d4T phase out started in 2011
- Completed at the end of 2014

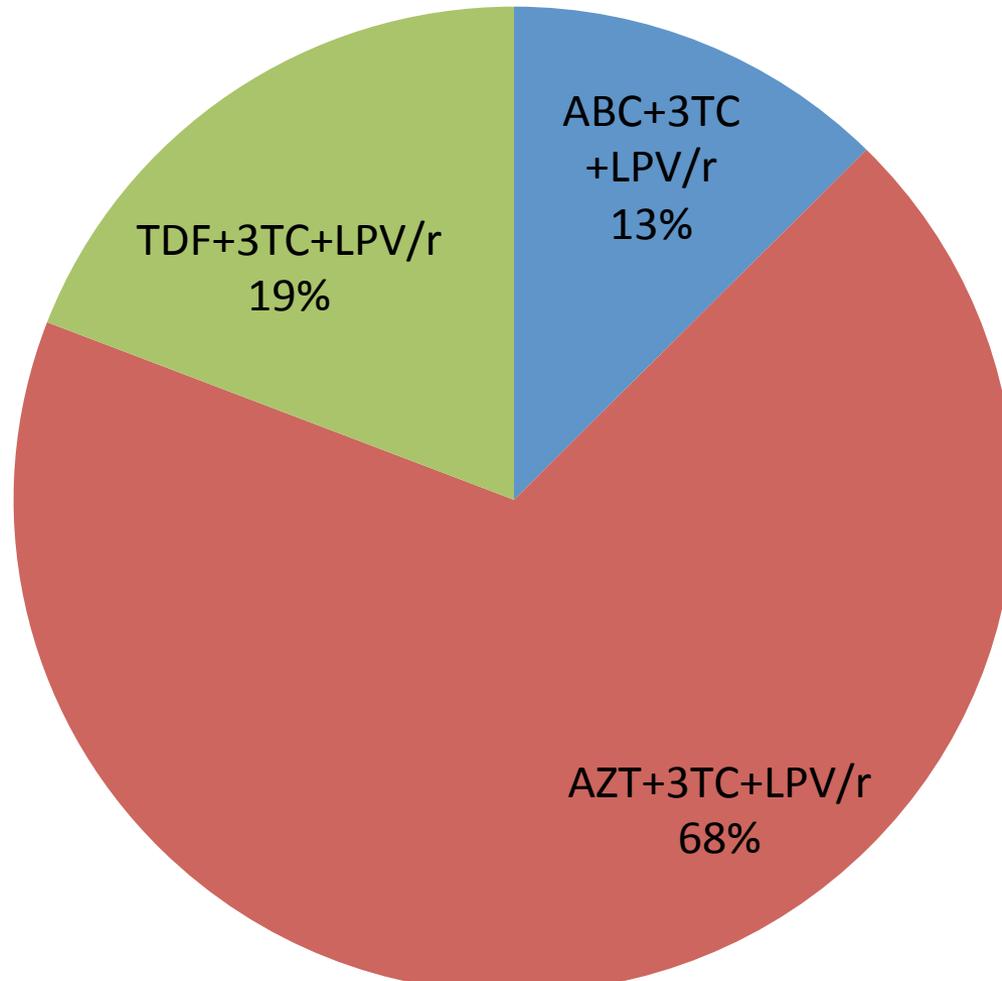
1st line ART 2015 (2200 pts)



1st line ART of 7229 pts



2nd line ART (209 pts)



Renal toxicity of TDF

- Starting regimen is TDF ---- changed to the other regimen
- $57/4304 = 1.3\%$
- Some deaths attributed to ARF d/t TDF toxicity

Survival rate in relation to change in guideline

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|----------------|------|-------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 2004 guideline | | | 2007 GL | | 2011 GL | | 2014 GL |
| 2005 cohort | | | 2008 cohort | | 2012 cohort | | 2015 cohort |
| Yr 1 | Yr 5 | Yr 10 | Yr 1 | Yr 5 | Yr 1 | Yr 3 | Yr 1 |
| 96 | 79 | 69 | 83 | 76 | 80 | 73 | 89 |

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