

7 Drug users and HIV

Questions

1. Why are drug users frequently excluded from ARV treatment?
2. Is exclusion of drug users from ARV treatment based on scientific evidence?
3. What treatment and services would you include in a system of comprehensive care for injecting drug users? List at least 5.
4. Is there an interaction between ritonavir and ecstasy? If so, what is recommended to manage this?
5. Is there an interaction between ritonavir and heroin? If so, what is recommended to manage this?
6. Is there an interaction between efavirenz and methadone? If so, what is recommended to manage this?
7. Is there an interaction between efavirenz and AZT? If so, what is recommended to manage this?
8. What is an opiate?
9. What is recommended?
10. How would you distinguish between symptoms of ARV side effects and symptoms of methadone withdrawal?