# HIV Treatment and innovations in care



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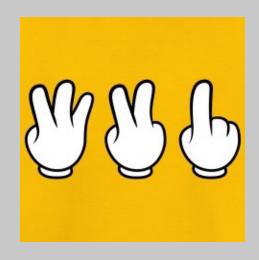
#### ART in 2022: 10 single tablets + 1 injectable ART



Limited access to some based on pricing.

# Looking forward...

- 1. Pipeline: new drugs and formulations.
- 2. Guidelines, standards & national commissioning.
- 3. Care: long-term health (ageing) and changes to the NHS.



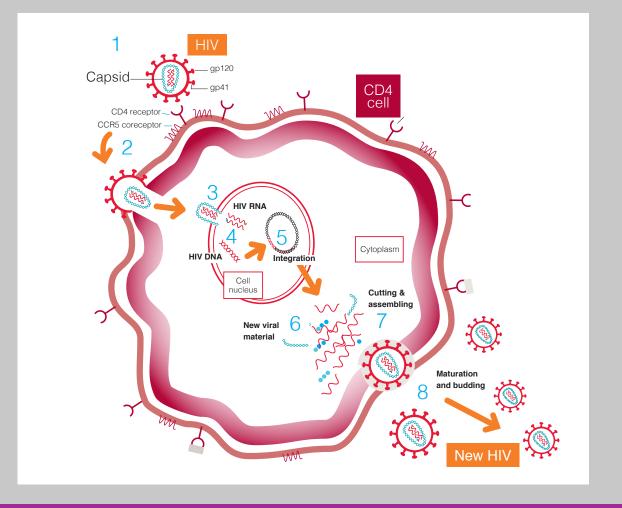
# 1. Treatment pipeline

- New drugs: lenacpavir, islatravir, maturation inhibitor, bNAbs.
- New formulations: weekly or monthly oral pills, long-acting injections, implants and infusions (3-6 monthly).
- Immune-based treatments bNAbs might allow breaks from ART.



# HIV lifecycle

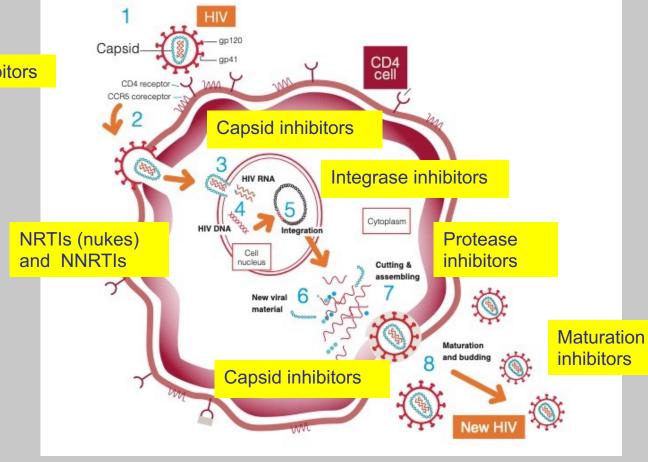
Stages where drugs can work

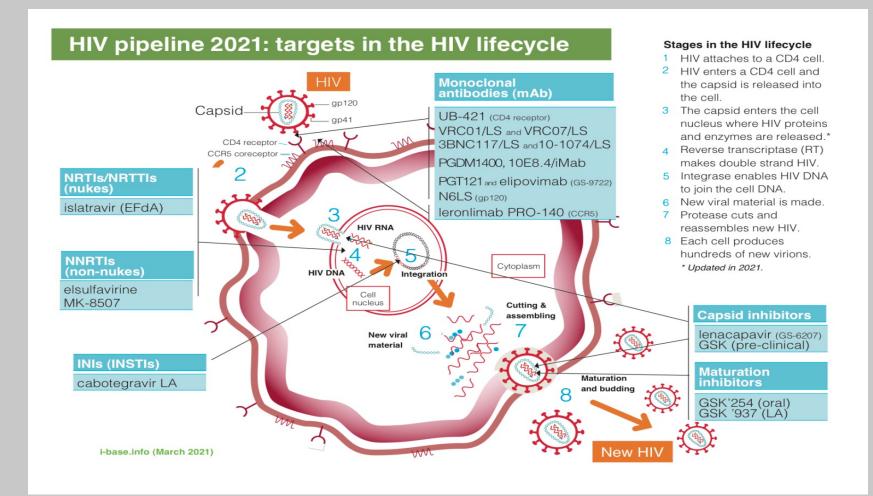


# Drug targets

**Entry inhibitors** 

- 1. Entry inhibitors.
- 3. Capsid inhibitors.
- 4. NRTIs (nukes) and NNRTIs.
- 5. Integrase inhibitors
- 6. Protease inhibitors
- 7. Capsid inhibitors
- 8. Maturation inhibitors





#### **bNAbs**

Broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibodies

- Isolated from people with strong immune responses to HIV. Adapted in long-acting formulations
- Active against HIV and boost immune system.
- Used as treatment and for prevention

## RIO study

- 70 participants diagnosed in early infection and started early ART.
- Undetectable viral load for >6 months.
- Randomise to bNAb or placebo for 24 weeks.
- Stop ART until viral load is either >1000 for sic weeks or confirmed >100,000.
- Potential to stay undetectable off-ART for more than 6 months.

#### **Formulations**

Long acting injections or infusions.

Slow release microneedle patches.

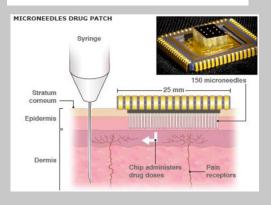
Implants etc.



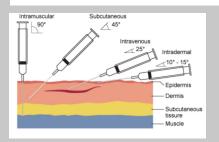
Already used for *contraception* (*choice*), bone health (*convenient*) and schizophrenia (*adherence*),

### Alternatives to oral pills

#### Microneedle drug patch



#### Long-acting depot injections



**Implants** 



Vaginal rings



Thanks to Kim Scarsi

# 2. Guidelines...

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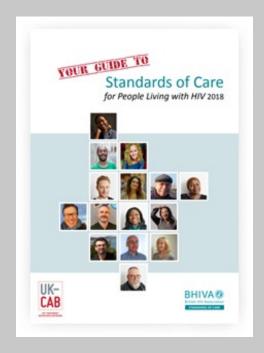
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## **UK Standards of care**

8 sections covering different aspects of care.

Plus suggested audits.



# 3. Future care and ageing...

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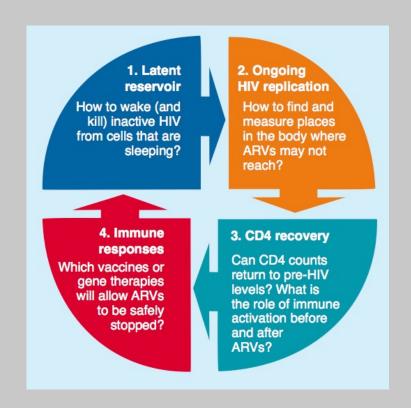
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#### Future cure...?

New international focus on cure-related research.

- (i) Eradication (cure) or
- (ii) Remission (where viral load stays undetectable without need for ART).



# 1. Treatment summary

 Is there either need or demand for alternatives to daily oral ART.

Define population.

How to ensure access?

## 2. Guidelines summary

Are their benefits or gaps in guidelines?

How do we influence these?

How to engage and protect NHS.

# 3. Ageing and future care summary

 What are our biggest concerns and needs for long-term care?

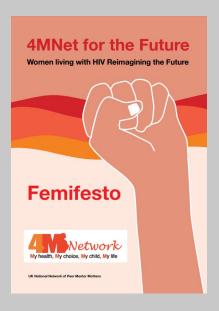
What new services need to be developed or expanded?

#### Questions?











# Additional slides



## The immune system in overdrive



When not on ART your immune system is steadily worn down.

High viral load increases risk of heart attacks, cancers and other serious problems.



# On ART the immune system rests

HIV treatment (ART) stops the virus lifecycle. This lets your immune system recover and become stronger again.

ART lets your immune system rest.

Even a really low CD4 count can return to much safer levels.

