

# Help your medical provider choose the right medications for you

Medications can help you live well with HIV, but only if you take them when you are supposed to—on time, every time. Complete this form and share it with your medical provider. This information can help him/her better understand you, and your lifestyle. Then, you can work together to decide what HIV medications might be right for you.

## About You

**What language do you prefer to speak?**  English  Spanish  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your current living situation?**  Stable housing (*house, apartment, etc.*)  Transitional housing (*shelter, halfway house, etc.*)  
 I'm staying with a friend(s)  I'm homeless  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Whom do you live with most of the time?**  I live alone  Partner or spouse  
*(check all that apply)*  Parent(s)/Grandparent(s)  Children that I am responsible for  
 Other family members  Friend(s)/Roommate(s)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is aware of your HIV status?**  I haven't told anyone yet—Do you plan on telling someone?  Yes  No  Unsure  
*(check all that apply)*  Partner/Spouse  Parent(s)/Grandparent(s)  
 Other family members  Children that I am responsible for  
 Friend(s)/Roommate(s)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is anyone supportive of helping you live with HIV?**  No  Yes—Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(talking with you about your feelings, taking you to appointments, etc.)*

**How many meals do you have each day?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are your eating habits consistent?**  No  Yes

**Do you have a refrigerator to store your medications if needed?**  No  Yes

**Are you a smoker?**  No  Yes

**Do you use alcohol or other substances?**  No  Yes—Alcohol Drinks per week: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes—Other substances Times per week: \_\_\_\_\_

**What other medications are you using, including those on an as-needed basis?**

Prescription medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Over-the-counter medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Herbal products: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been diagnosed with liver or kidney disease?**  No  Yes

**Do you have a history of heart disease?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does anyone in your family have a history of heart disease?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been diagnosed with a mental health disorder?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does anyone in your family have a mental health disorder?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been diagnosed with depression?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been diagnosed with other conditions/infections?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have trouble sleeping or relaxing?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have trouble concentrating on tasks?**  No  Yes—Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever suffered from anxiety attacks?**  No  Yes

*(sudden panic, loss of breath, fast heartbeat, etc.)*

**How would you rate the amount of stress in your life? (please circle)** Low Stress 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High Stress

**How do you relieve stress in your life:** \_\_\_\_\_ **over →**

## For Women

- Are you currently sexually active with a male partner?  No  Yes
- Have you considered having a baby?  No  Yes
- Have you ever had an unplanned pregnancy?  No  Yes

## Work Information

I don't work (go to the next section)

- What type of work do you do?  Office/Professional  Computer/IT/Technical  Medical/Dental  
 Customer Service  Retail/Restaurant  Factory/Machinery Worker  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- When do you work?  Days (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)  Nights (5:00 pm to midnight)  
 Late Night (midnight to 8:00 am)  I work two or more shifts/jobs

- How many hours a day do you work?  0 to 4 hours per day  5 to 8 hours per day  8 to 12 hours per day  It varies

- My work schedule is:  The same every week  Different week-to-week

- How many days a week do you typically work? (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  It varies

## School Information

I don't go to school (go to the next section)

- What is your school schedule?  Full time  Part time

- When are your classes?  Day classes  Night classes  Both

- If you are in school, how many days a week do you attend classes? (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

## Concerns You Have (check all that apply)

- How effective and reliable the medication is
- What will happen if I miss a dose or stop taking my medications for a while (forget to take on a trip, forget to renew my prescription, etc.)
- Side effects I might have
- Will the meds change the way I look
- The medication won't work
- How much the medication will cost
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer these questions if you are currently taking HIV medications, or have taken HIV meds in the past

- Are you currently taking HIV medications?  Yes  Not now, but I have in the past

What medications? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- If you are currently taking HIV medications, how many times have you missed a dose in the past month? \_\_\_\_\_  I don't remember

- If you have taken HIV medications in the past, when did you stop? Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  I don't remember

Why did you stop? \_\_\_\_\_

- What were your most recent CD4 and viral load counts? CD4: \_\_\_\_\_ Viral Load: \_\_\_\_\_  I don't remember

- When was the date of your last resistance test?  Genotype  Phenotype Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  I don't remember

- Have you ever changed HIV regimens?  No  Yes—When? \_\_\_\_\_  I don't remember