

Appendix A

Assessing pharmacists' perspectives of HIV and the care of HIV-infected patients in Alabama

Baseline Demographics

1. Gender: Male Female
2. Age: 20-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61+
3. Race: White Black Asian Hispanic Other
4. Type of Practice: Hospital/Clinic Community/Retail
 Other: _____

HIV Experience and Education

5. In the past year, how many HIV-infected patients have you cared for?
 None
 Less than 25 patients
 25 – 100 patients
 Greater than 100 patients
6. How often do you care for HIV-infected patients?
 None
 Daily
 Weekly
 Monthly
 Less than monthly
7. My experience with HIV-infected patients has been:
 Personal only (a family member, close friend, or I am HIV positive)
 Patient-centered only (only caring for HIV positive patients)
 Both personal and patient-centered
 Neither
 Other
8. How much education have you had focused on HIV/AIDS?
 None
 Only lectures as part of my school curriculum
 Only post-graduate continuing education or specialty programs
 Both lectures from school curriculum and post-graduate continuing education or specialty programs
9. What class of drug is efavirenz? _____
10. What class of drug is lopinavir? _____
11. What class of drug is tenofovir? _____

Comfort Level and Confidence Dealing with HIV-Infected Patients

12. How confident are you in your level of HIV/AIDS knowledge?
- Not confident, I would be very uncomfortable caring for an HIV-infected patient.
 - Somewhat confident, I would be able to care for the patient, but would require a second opinion or confirmation before making a decision.
 - Pretty confident, I would be able to care for the patient and make a decision alone, but would prefer to have a second opinion or confirmation.
 - Extremely confident, I feel I have all the HIV/AIDS knowledge I need to provide the best care for my patient(s) on my own.
13. How comfortable are you counseling HIV-infected patients on their HIV medications?
- Not comfortable, I would be very uncomfortable counseling HIV-infected patients.
 - Somewhat comfortable, I would be able to counsel the patient, but would require a second opinion or confirmation before making a decision.
 - Pretty comfortable, I would be able to counsel the patient and make a decision alone, but would prefer to have a second opinion or confirmation.
 - Extremely comfortable, I feel that I can competently counsel HIV/AIDS patient(s) on my own.
14. I would feel more comfortable caring for HIV-infected patients on my own if: (check all that apply)
- I had more education on HIV/AIDS.
 - I had more experience with HIV-infected patients.
 - There was more information about HIV/AIDS available.
 - There were more medications available to treat HIV/AIDS.
 - I already feel completely comfortable caring for HIV-infected patients.

Continuity of Care

15. Are you the primary pharmacist or pharmacy for the majority of your patients who are HIV-infected?
- Yes
 - No
16. What would your show rate be for follow up visits with your HIV-infected patients?
- < 50 %
 - 50 % - 65 %
 - 65 % - 80 %
 - > 80 %

Provider-Patient Relationship and Professional Competence of the Provider

17. Do you feel your patients trust you and your decisions about their therapy and treatment?
- Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure.
 - Somewhat; Please explain _____

18. How important do you feel it is for your patient's to trust you?
 Not important
 Moderately important
 Important
 Extremely important
19. Do you feel your patients' health outcomes are based on or affected by their level of trust in you as a health-care provider?
 Yes
 No
 I'm not sure.
 Somewhat; Please explain _____
20. Do most of your patients follow your health-care recommendations?
 Yes
 No
 I'm not sure.
 Somewhat; Please explain _____
21. Do you include your patients in the decision making process about their health-care?
 Yes
 No
 I'm not sure.
 Sometimes; Please explain _____
22. Do you feel your patients are open and honest with you about their lifestyles, medication compliance, and other health issues?
 Yes
 No
 I'm not sure.
 Somewhat; Please explain _____
23. Generally, patients who are open and honest with you: (check all that apply)
 Have a higher CD₄ count.
 Have less opportunistic infections.
 Are more compliant with their medications.
 Are no different health wise from other patients who are not completely open and honest.
24. Do you worry about getting too close emotionally to your patients?
 Yes
 No
 I'm not sure.
 Somewhat; Please explain _____

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