

Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) ART & PrEP

The frontline worker's role in team-based care

LAI for treatment and prevention is an important tool in the HIV care and prevention toolkit. As a frontline worker, you should feel confident talking with clients about LAI as a *possible* option. A medical provider will determine if a client is eligible for LAI based on ART history, comorbidities, current medication list, and other factors.



Encourage clients interested in LAI to talk to their medical provider about it.

Partner with medical teams to evaluate potential barriers and facilitators to LAI success—e.g., ability to attend appointments consistently, transportation needs, insurance, motivation, injection tolerance, and medical mistrust, among others.



Help make visits a “one-stop-shop.” Collaborate with the medical team to make clients' visits to the clinic as productive as possible. Address case management, behavioral health, benefits, and other needs during the client's visit for injections and/or bloodwork.



Consider social determinants of health to prioritize access and uptake among communities and groups who would benefit most from LAI to achieve equity in viral suppression and HIV prevention outcomes.



Address medical mistrust. As a frontline worker, you play a vital role in addressing wariness of medical institutions based in historical harms and personal experiences of discrimination by ensuring a welcoming and accessible system of care.



Be prepared to collaborate with the medical care team for practical support.

Address transportation needs, incentivize visits, provide appointment reminders, and offer other forms of practical support.



Facilitate good communication between the medical team, pharmacy, and client.

Communicate updated contact information, changes in insurance, side effects, and appointment changes.



Know the names of medications.

- HIV Treatment: Cabenuva (cabotegravir + rilpivirine; 2 shots)
- HIV Prevention: Apretude (cabotegravir; 1 shot)

Remember: LAI is an *ongoing* treatment or prevention regimen.
It is not a cure or vaccine.

