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#46 A 32-year-old HIV uninfected woman who has lived in Philadelphia all her life, with no recent travel, presented with acute hepatitis and pending liver failure at 32 weeks of gestation.

She had been in excellent health and had an unremarkable pregnancy until she presented with fever and abdominal pain for 2 days.

She had been followed regularly by her obstetrician and was up to date on all vaccines.

She has no other remarkable exposures and this is her first pregnancy.

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#46 Her physical examination was remarkable for fever, tachycardia, tachypnea, and diffuse abdominal pain.

She had no rash or petechiae.

WBC:15000 /cu mm, Platelets 55,000; Haptoglobin normal; Hg 11g/dl

ALT 350 units/L, AST 500/L, Alkaline phosphatase 170 units/L
Blood and urine cultures negative on multiple occasions the first few days of hospitalization.

Acetaminophen levels were undetectable.

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#46 She had an emergency C section, but during the first 3-4 days postpartum, her transaminases continued to rise to >25 x ULN with a rising bilirubin, she developed shock and respiratory failure and was admitted to the ICU.

A bronchoalveolar lavage including a respiratory panel was unremarkable as were more blood cultures.

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#47 A 68-year-old man underwent heart transplant and is maintained on mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus, and prednisone, as well as valganciclovir, atovaquone and nystatin swish + swallow.

He had a low white blood cell count and his valganciclovir was stopped early; he developed active CMV viremia for which he is started on treatment with valganciclovir.

He previously was diagnosed with invasive pulmonary aspergillosis. At the time of diagnosis, blood and BAL galactomannan were positive/above the upper limit of the assay, and 1,3 beta-D-glucan was >500 pg/ml positive.

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#47 His pulmonary lesions improved and he became afebrile on voriconazole.

Three months later, while he was still on voriconazole, he became febrile and a large new pulmonary lesion appeared on CT in a different location. The earlier lesion had nearly resolved.

1,3 Beta D glucan had fallen to 216 pg/ml. His serum galactomannan is negative.

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#47 His bronchoalveolar lavage was not diagnostic: the BAL galactomannan was negative.

His new lesion is shown below on chest CT. A biopsy is performed.



Grocott-Gomori methenamine silver (GMS) 400x

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#48 A 24-year-old man who moved from Cambodia is found to have HIV infection.

Initial lab work-up reveals HIV RNA 12,560, CD4 cell count 327/mm³, and HLA -B5701 negative and he is started on abacavir, lamivudine and dolutegravir which he is tolerating well.

Further work-up reveals an interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) is positive.

He is asymptomatic and has a negative CXR.

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- C) Start treatment for latent TB infection with daily INH + B6 X 6-9 months
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What do you advise?

- A) Cabotegravir/rilpivirine is a reasonable choice for her
- B) Cabotegravir/rilpivirine is not FDA approved for women
- C) Cabotegravir/rilpivirine should not be given with a history of virologic failure on an NNRTI-containing regimen
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#50 A 54-year-old man on tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)/emtricitabine/bictegravir has difficulty refilling his medications and decides to take them every other day.

At his next follow-up visit, 3 months later, his HIV RNA is 2320 copies/ml.

A repeat viral load is 4544 copies/ml and a genotype shows reverse transcriptase M184V and integrase G140S and G148H substitutions.

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#50 What do you recommend?

- A) Continue present ART regimen
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#51 A man from Cameroon West Africa now living in the U.S. is referred to you for evaluation.

He had an episode of pneumocystis pneumonia and was successfully treated. The hospital documented that the patient had the following:

- HIV Elisa Positive for HIV1-2
- Routine Viral Load: <50 copies/ml
- CD4 Count: 125 cells/uL
- CBC and Chem 12: Unremarkable

The HIV Elisa was confirmed as positive for HIV 1/2 at another commercial laboratory. This laboratory confirmed the routine viral load <50 copies/ml.

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#51 How would you interpret these results and manage the patient?

- A) The patient is not infected with HIV-1 or HIV-2
- B) The patient is infected with HIV-2 but has low-level viremia and needs no therapy at this time
- C) The patient should be started on tenofovir DF-3TC-efavirenz
- D) The patient should be started on emtricitabine-tenofovir DF and darunavir-ritonavir
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#52 A 23-year-old nurse, 8 weeks pregnant, sought advice from her obstetrician.

For the past two weeks she has been taking care of a hospitalized child with sickle cell disease and aplastic crisis.



For the past five days she has had low grade fever, headache, the mildly pruritic rash shown here and aching joints with stiffness in her hands and feet.

She had all the usual childhood vaccinations, was taking no medications, lived alone with her husband, and had no pets.

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#52 The major concern for her unborn infant would be which of the following:

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#53 A 33-year-old woman is referred to you for “her third episode of cellulitis of the left ear.”

- Her first episode was 17 months ago.
- The second episode was 8 months ago.
- The most recent began four days ago and is still clinically evident.

The two earlier episodes seemed to respond very slowly to antibiotic treatment.

She has had pierced ears since childhood and no history of specific ear trauma.

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#53 She was raised in the Philippines but has lived in the United States since age 7.

She has always enjoyed excellent health, although she has had a problem of chronic nasal stuffiness for a few years.

On exam she is afebrile.

The left pinna is diffusely red and tender except for the lobe. The pinna seems to be slightly bent forward compared with the right side. There is a saddle-nose deformity.

The rest of the exam is normal.

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#53 Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

- A) Recurrent streptococcal cellulitis
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#54 A 40-year-old HIV-uninfected male returns from a State Department assignment in India where he was well other than occasional episodes of self-limited diarrhea.

He was PPD negative when he departed.

He is PPD positive upon return, with 20 mm of induration. He has no symptoms and a chest radiograph is normal.

Baseline laboratory values are normal including liver function tests. He has been vaccinated for HBV and HAV and is HCV seronegative.

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#54 He is started on a regimen of INH 300 mg per day plus pyridoxine 25 mg since his physician is more comfortable with that regimen than newer, CDC recommended regimens.

He returns after 4 weeks of taking INH and pyridoxine. He is asymptomatic and reports taking his drugs daily with very few missed doses.

Upon routine lab testing his ALT = 65 IU/L (ULN=33) and his AST =90 units (ULN=48 IU/L). Total bilirubin is 0.6 mg/dl.

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Which do you recommend?

- A) None: PrEP is not recommended for this heterosexual male.
- B) Daily tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF)/emtricitabine
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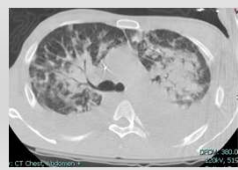
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#56 A 27-year-old male presented with two (2) months of progressive dyspnea. He had noted the appearance of purple indurated lesions over his anterior chest.

Chest CT found nodular perihilar lung lesions, prominent interlobular septae, and pleural effusions. (Fig)



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#56 He was remarkably hypoxemic with room air $pO_2=59$ mmHg.

Bronchoscopy revealed some purple lesions in the bronchus; bronchoalveolar lavage revealed no pathogens on special stains; cytology was unremarkable.

BAL CMV PCR was positive at 2000 copies/mL (\log_{10} 4.40IU/ml.)

Skin biopsy found endothelial cells with nuclei that stained positive for HHV8 on immunocytochemistry.

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#56 He was found to be HIV positive with a CD4 of 8 cells/uL and a viral load of 80,000 copies/uL. Pleural fluid was bloody but cytology did not show malignant cells.

Blood PCR results: CMV 5000 copies/uL (\log_{10} 4.82 IU/ml); EBV 4500 copies/mL (\log_{10} 2.40 IU/ml); HHV 8 = 200 copies/mL; HHV6 = 500 copies/mL.

Antiretroviral therapy was begun following usual guideline recommendations.

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#56 The most useful additional drug for treatment of his diffuse pulmonary disease would be which of the following:

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#57 An 18-year-old man in excellent prior health presents with hypotension, and shortness of breath.

He has had abdominal pain and worsening fever for 3 days with occasional diarrhea.

Physical examination reveals an acutely ill young man with conjunctival injection, tachycardia to 120, fever of 38.7 and mild abdominal tenderness.

Four weeks ago he was diagnosed with COVID-19 after several cases occurred on his basketball team. He had mild illness and recovered, although he hasn't started to workout with his team yet.

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- His chest x-ray is normal except for mild cardiomegaly and perihilar infiltrates.
- CRP is elevated at 29 mg/L, WBC is 7.0 with 75% neutrophils, platelets are 110,000/uL, hemoglobin is 12 gm/dL.
- His d-dimer is elevated, ferritin is midrange elevated at 850 ug/L, BNP and troponin-I are mildly elevated.
- EKG is normal except for sinus tachycardia.

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#57 •Echocardiogram shows global decrease in contractility.

- Multiplex viral testing is positive for rhinovirus/enterovirus and SARS-CoV-2.
- A test for serum antibody to SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein is positive.

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#57 The most likely explanation for his illness is:

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#58 A 37-year-old woman from New Jersey undergoes routine HIV testing with the following results:

- HIV 4th generation test: Reactive (antibody positive + p24 antigen negative)
- HIV-1/2 Supplemental Assay: HIV-1 antibody negative, HIV-2 antibody negative
- HIV-1 RNA: <20 copies/ml

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#59 A 68-year-old man with metabolic syndrome is hospitalized for same-day surgery to repair an inguinal hernia.

Six hours post-op, he develops fever and ankle pain. His medications are an oral hypoglycemic, a statin, and a thiazide diuretic.

He has had no recent travel. He has a new kitten that frequently scratches him.

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#59 On exam, he is obese, in pain, and has a temperature of 101.4°F.

He has scratches on both hands without evidence of infection. His right ankle is swollen, warm and red, and painful on active and passive motion.

His white blood cell count is 13,350 (90% polys). His uric acid is normal.

An ankle joint fluid aspirate has a WBC count of 51,400 (90% polys). Gram stain of the joint fluid shows many WBCs but no organisms.

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#59 The most likely diagnosis in this patient is which one of the following?

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The patient whose blood was being drawn takes abacavir/lamivudine + darunavir/ritonavir with his last HIV RNA 62 copies/ml and CD4 553.

What do you recommend as initial management?

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