Interactive Exercise IV

Training Topic 5: Managing Side Effects and Toxicities Associated with ART

Case Study 5 is an 18-year-old Caucasian gay man, has suppressed HIV RNA on a new second-line ARV regimen, reports having had difficulty adhering to his first ARV regimen because of side effects, and had virologic failure with drug resistant HIV. He has a history of bipolar disorder. He is alternately homeless and marginally housed, based on his ability to secure an odd job.

Give your patient a name:

Add other relevant patient characteristics:

Describe the top 3 concerns that you immediately think of when meeting this patient for the first time.

1. 

2. 

3. 

Please list your “best practices” for peer educator-patient communication regarding:

Adherence:

Side Effects:

Mental Health:

Quality of Life:

Please list the questions that you would ask this patient to determine his potential to continue adhering to his ARV regimen.

1. 

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4. 

5. 

What specific tools and resources do you think this patient would benefit from in order to achieve greater adherence?