

Introduction

What is Advanced HIV Disease (AHD)?

Advanced HIV Disease (AHD) refers to a stage of HIV infection where the immune system is severely weakened, typically defined by:

- CD4 count < 200 cells/mm³, or
- WHO clinical stage 3 or 4 conditions.

It often includes opportunistic infections such as TB, cryptococcal meningitis (CM), or other severe clinical manifestations.

Why AHD Screening is Important

- Early identification of patients at high risk of opportunistic infections.
- Integration with ART workflows to streamline management.
- Compliance with WHO AHD guidelines.

Integration into EMR

The AHD module is designed to work within the Point of Care (POC) ART module of the national EMR, facilitating early detection and prompt treatment.

Goals

- Improve patient outcomes through earlier detection.
 - Standardize AHD data collection.
 - Enable real-time decision-making at the facility level.
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