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Office Memorandum  

Subject: Revised guidelines on initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART).  

In accordance with recommendations of Technical Resource group on ART and review of evidence in WHO 2016 ART Guidelines, the guidelines for initiation of ART in PLHIV under National programme have been revised. As per revised guidelines, it has been decided to TREAT ALL PLHIV with Antiretroviral Therapy regardless of CD4 count, clinical stage, age or population. 

Patients who are in Pre ART care should undergo a fresh CD4 count if it is more than three months old and baseline investigations before ART initiation as per revised criteria. Adequate counselling and preparedness needs to be ensured before ART initiation in all PLHIV, particularly for those with higher CD4 count as they are likely to be asymptomatic and more likely to default. 

The guidelines on what regimen to start remains same as of now. 

This OM is in suppression of all earlier OMs in this regard. 

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