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No disease in modern times has had quite the impact on the civilized world as has the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). The disease has rapidly afflicted over 100,000 persons in the United States, and between 1 and 2 million more are believed to be infected with the causative agent, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The scope of the epidemic is even more dramatic in equatorial Africa, where millions of people are already infected. Although the outlook in the near future for curative treatment or effective vaccine is grim, some measure of success in responding to this tragedy has been achieved. The medical and scientific communities have effectively cooperated to quickly accumulate epidemiologic, clinical, and basic science knowledge about this pandemic infection. We have rapidly expanded our knowledge of retrovirology and have turned many of our most creative minds toward unraveling the biology of HIV. Also, we have developed highly efficient mechanisms for treating HIV-infected individuals.

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Amid the social and political upheaval precipitated by the AIDS epidemic. a critical problem has silently but steadily emerged: Who is to provide care for the increasing numbers of afflicted individuals? There is a desperate need for physicians, nurses, and other health care workers to provide skilled care for these patients. Although few practitioners have denied their responsibility to provide care, there is a reluctance on the part of some to actively assume a role in caring for these stricken individuals. In some, the reluctance is undoubtedly due to fears of acquiring the infection through patient care activities. For others, inadequate reimbursement schedules for HIV-related problems reduce the economic incentive to devote the large amounts of time and resources required to treat HIV-infected patients. Perhaps most importantly, the newness of AIDS and the rapid evolution of knowledge about the complications of HIV infection have made it difficult for practitioners not directly involved in AIDS research to keep abreast of new developments in the field. It is common for individual physicians, especially those who have limited opportunities for immediate consultation, to feel poorly equipped to handle AIDS patients.

For these reasons, we believe that an important contribution to the medical literature can be made by publishing an up-to-date text that addresses the clinical issues commonly encountered by practitioners who accept the challenges that AIDS provides. In our second edition, we have again com-

piled contributions from many of the world's leading authorities on AIDS. The biology and epidemiology of HIV infection and approaches to reduce sexual and nosocomial transmission of the virus are reviewed. The initial diagnostic evaluation of HIV-infected patients is outlined, and a summary of the multidisciplinary approach to treating these patients within the community is provided. We have also addressed the controversies related to HIV testing and have discussed some of the legal ramifications that the physician must face when caring for this patient population. Probably the most important and rapidly changing section deals with zidovudine—how and when to use it.

The infectious complications of HIV infection, including diagnosis and treatment of *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia and other protozoal, mycobacterial, fungal, and bacterial and viral infections, have been reviewed from a clinical perspective, as have the AIDS-related malignancies, including Kaposi's sarcoma and lymphomas. In this edition we have also included a review of the hematologic, endocrine, renal, and cardiac complications of AIDS. In each chapter an attempt has been made to present information in a practical format that should allow the primary care physician dealing with the disease for the first time to attack the problem in a logical and up-to-date fashion. Discussions on the approach to antiviral treatment for HIV infection and the special problems faced by HIV-infected children have also been included.

We hope that this will provide a useful update and review of contemporary clinical issues relevant to caring for individuals with HIV-related illnewes. We also hope that it will help alleviate some of the apprehensions elicited when patients with HIV infection and its myriad complications are encountered for the first time, so that patients can be approached with

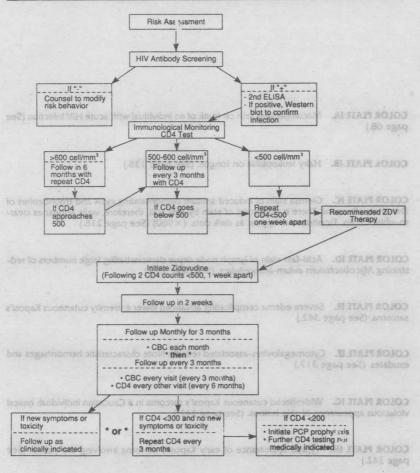
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### General Guidelines for Initiation of ZDV Therapy in Early HIV Disease



An expert panel convened by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases participated in a March 3-4, 1990, State-of-the Art Conference on AZT Therapy for Early HIV Infection. The panel recommended use of low doses (500 mg) of zidovudine for HIV-infected individuals with CD4 cell counts of less than 500/mm³ and published a series of recommendations derived from its deliberations. Because of the importance of these recommendations, we have adapted the following composite algorithm from the panel's algorithms for management of HIV-infected patients.

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COLOR PLATE IA. Maculopapular rash on trunk of an individual with acute HIV infection (See page 68.)

COLOR PLATE IB. Hairy leukoplakia on tongue. (See page 138.)

**COLOR PLATE IC.** Glemsa stain of induced sputum demonstrating cysts and trophozoites of *Pneumocystis carinii*. There is no uptake of stain by cyst wall; therefore, walls appear as clear-to-white circles. Trophozoites appear as dark dots. (×960) (See page 218.)

COLOR PLATE ID. Acid-fast stain of lymph node tissue demonstrating large numbers of redstaining Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare. (See page 298.)

COLOR PLATE IE. Severe edema complicating advanced lower e: tremity cutaneous Kaposi's sarcoma. (See page 342.)

**COLOR PLATE IF.** Cytomegalovirus-associated retinitis. Note characteristic hemorrhages and exudates. (See page 317.)

**COLOR PLATE IG.** Widespread cutaneous Kaposi's sarcoma in a Çauçasian individual: typical violacious appearance of skin lesions. (See page 342.)

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