HIV 101 and HIV Treatment

The Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP) program has worked with the SK HIV Collaborative and the SK Prevention Institute to create two accredited online courses providing a comprehensive overview of HIV for Saskatchewan healthcare and allied professionals. HIV 101 covers the epidemiology, pathology, stages of infection, transmission, harm reduction initiatives and more. HIV Treatment provides the medication and treatment options in more detail. Upon registration, you receive access to both courses.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR HIV 101
1. Describe the unique Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemiology in Saskatchewan and explain what contributes to the difference in HIV epidemiology in Saskatchewan compared to the rest of Canada.
2. Recognize and address myths and misconceptions that contribute to the stigmatization of HIV and discrimination of individuals living with HIV.
3. Explain ‘HIV Care Continuum and define the role of a health care and allied professionals within the ‘HIV Care Continuum’.
4. Discuss general HIV pathology, stages of infection, and progression of HIV to AIDS.
5. Explain transmission of HIV and discuss measures and harm reduction initiatives that are effective in preventing the transmission of HIV.
6. Describe the basics of HIV testing in Saskatchewan and identify “The Three Cs” when discussing HIV testing with clients.
7. Discuss HIV treatment, adherence to treatment, and monitoring of therapy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR HIV TREATMENT
1. Explain the concept of drug resistance & understand the importance of resistance testing.
2. Identify the 4 main antiretroviral drug classes & where in the viral replication process they exert their effect.
3. Understand the characteristics of each of these classes & their place in therapy, including identifying different drug regimens & the need for specific combinations.
4. Explain different considerations that need to be addressed prior to initiating treatment.
5. Explain the goals of therapy & the importance of viral suppression.
6. Describe patient readiness & what role you as a health care provider plays in it.
7. Understand adherence, barriers to adherence & identify strategies to improve adherence.

ACCRREDITATION
HIV 101 is CPDPP accredited for 3.5 CEUs.
HIV Treatment is CPDPP accredited for 2.5 CEUs.

TARGET AUDIENCE
Saskatchewan healthcare and allied professionals

ONLINE COURSE

REGISTRATION FEE
Free