

National Standard for Certification of Community HIV s100 Prescribers

General practitioners and community-based medical practitioners applying for authority to prescribe highly specialised drugs independently, for the treatment of people with HIV in a community setting, must fulfill each of the following four criteria.

1. They must have:

- (i)** successfully completed an HIV medicine course endorsed by their state or territory health department and any associated assessment (contact ASHM for information on course providers) **or**
- (ii) (a)** had substantial experience as either: a consultant physician with responsibility for the management of HIV/AIDS in a teaching hospital with a significant HIV caseload or as a sexual health practitioner with responsibility for the management of HIV/AIDS in a sexual health clinic with a significant HIV caseload, or as a general practitioner with responsibility for the management of HIV/AIDS in a practice with a significant HIV caseload, **and**
(b) been deemed by the ASHM National HIV Clinical Sub-Committee (see page i for membership and terms of reference) to have appropriate grounding and experience in the practice of HIV medicine **or**
- (iii)** Been an authorised prescriber in another Australian state or territory
- (iv)** completed at least one year full-time (or equivalent) supervised advanced training in a relevant area, provided that the training includes regular responsibilities in the assessment of patients with HIV in the outpatient setting and the supervised prescribing of highly specialised drugs for their treatment **or**
- (v) (a)** completed 40 half-day sessions (or their equivalent) in a specialised HIV clinic with access to a senior on-site HIV physician or practitioner and other direct supervision or peer review of case management **and**
(b) been deemed by the ASHM National HIV Clinical Sub-Committee (see page 5 for membership and terms of reference) to have appropriate grounding and experience in the practice of HIV medicine

2. They must demonstrate knowledge of infection-control guidelines and guidelines for the management of exposure to HIV.

3. They must provide evidence of appropriate support from senior clinicians from a public hospital with a designated HIV/AIDS unit, and demonstrate knowledge of highly specialised drugs for the treatment of HIV.

4. They must demonstrate commitment to ongoing education in relation to HIV and compliance with the program of continuing medical education recognised by the relevant state or territory.

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