

Continuing Medical Education

CME MCQ – 13

Twenty Years Experience with HIV Care at a Dermato-venereology Clinic

1. The estimated number of people (adults and children) living with HIV in Europe is:
 - A. Less than 0.5 million
 - B. About one million
 - C. About two million
 - D. 3.5 million or more
2. Highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART) has significantly decreased the morbidity and mortality of HIV infection. Indicate the correct statement(s) regarding HAART therapy:
 - A. Toxicity is not considered a problem
 - B. HAART is often administered as a combination of three different active agents
 - C. Monitoring of viral load can be used to test compliance and as guide to switch therapy
 - D. Consists of 19 different protease and reverse transcriptase inhibitors that can easily be managed by any doctor.
3. When should antiretroviral treatment be considered in asymptomatic patients?
 - A. CD4 counts in the range 350–200 cells/mm³
 - B. CD4 counts less than 200 cells/mm³
 - C. Whenever an individual is co-infected with hepatitis C
 - D. When an increased short-term risk of progression is anticipated

Recommended answers based on information given in the review:
1. B is the correct answer.
2. Statements B, and C are correct.
3. A and D are correct. Chronic hepatitis C infection potentially increases the risk of liver toxicity when patients receive antiretroviral drugs!