

HIV Treatment and Support for foreigners living with HIV <S.Korea>

(1) Steps toward government subsidized HIV treatment (ART hereafter)

Step 1	Register at Immigration office and receive Certificate of Alien Registration
Step 2	Register for National Health Insurance at a NHI local office. Bring Alien Registration Card and other documents to show residency in S.Korea NHI registration is mandatory to all foreigners regardless of visa type.
Step 3	Get HIV test at a local health center (25 centres in 25 districts of Seoul) Receive a written report of HIV positive result. The local health center will have to notify HIV status to Korea CDC, Ministry of Health and Welfare. Registration with CDC and MHW can be either real name or anonymous. i) Real name : 100% of all medical fee is covered by NHI and national government. ii) Anonymous name: No subsidy from the government and NHI. ※ (i) or (ii) can be changed any time after registration
Step 4	Arrange appointment with a physician of Internal Medicine (Infectious Diseases) at a general hospital or a public medical centre(ex. Seoul Medical Centre)
Step 5	Get a blood test for HIV once or two times a year as a routine screening : CD4 cell, Viral load, drug resistance etc.

(2) Options to get ART if you do not meet condition for government subsidy

- 1) Contact HIV/AIDS advocacy or Migration NGOs to seek help accessing ARV: NGOs have information on ARV support policy for foreigners who are not eligible for governmental subsidy. NGO will help apply for medical support for foreigners. However, government support has strict limitations.
- 2) Purchase ARV from home country. The customs clearances is strict, especially for medicines, they might be requiring supplementary documents such as MD's referral letter in English.

(3) HIV medicines commonly used

Name/ Strength	Trade Name
1) BIC(50)/FTC(200)/TAF(25)	Biktarvy
2) 3TC(300)/ABC(600)/DTG(50)	Triumeq
3) DTG(50)/3TC(300)	Dovato
4) COBI(150)/EVG(150)/ETB(200)/TAF(10)	Genvoya

(4) Support organization for PLWH

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