

HIV Treatment and Support for foreigners living with HIV <Taiwan>

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

Step 1	Get HIV test at an HIV-designated hospital and receive the result. The list of HIV-designated hospitals can be found here .
Step 2	Purchase HIV medications and leave the record of purchase in national health system as early as possible. HIV-related services can be used 2 years after the first purchase of medicine.
Step 3	Enroll in National Health Insurance (NHI)
Step 4	During 2-years waiting period, PLWH must maintain HIV treatment through other means; go back to one's home country for checkup and treatment, send drugs from home country, purchase through online pharmacy.
Step 5	Get regular blood tests including CD4 and viral load at a clinic or HIV-designated hospital.

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

During 2 years waiting period mentioned in Step 4, there are several ways to maintain HIV treatment in Taiwan.

- 1) Purchase ARV from [HIV-designated hospitals](#) in Taiwan without subsidy. However, first line treatment costs around 13,200 NTD (approx. 440 USD) per month.
- 2) Have send drugs from home country. In this case, it is necessary to apply for TFDA personal use drug importation approval in advance. The detailed instruction can be found [here](#).
- 3) Purchase through on-line pharmacy, It is necessary to apply for TFDA personal use drug importation approval in advance. The detailed instruction can be found [here](#).
- 4) Go back to one's home country for checkup and treatment
- 5) Feel free to contact us at service@praatw.org for futher information.

(3) HIV medicines commonly used

Generic Name / Strength	Trade Name
1) BIC(50)/ETB(200)/TAF(25)	Biktarvy
2) ETB(200)/RPV(25)/TAF(25)	Odefsey
3) DTG(50)/3TC(300)	Dovato
4) ABC(600)/DTG(50)/3TC(300)	Triumeq
5) EFV(600)/FTC(200)/TDF(300)	Atripla
6) DOR(100)/3TC(300)/TDF(300)	Delstrigo

(4) Support organization for PLWH

Organization name	Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan
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