

METABOLIC COMPLICATIONS OF HAART AND HIV INFECTION

A number of metabolic disturbances have been described in HIV-infected patients on HAART. Patients who have initiated treatment for HIV infection should be monitored carefully for development of these complications and managed appropriately, as outlined below. The exact aetiology of these complications is not clearly understood, and may reflect a multifactorial process involving antiretroviral medications, HIV itself, and host factors.