

Table 2: PEP Management Recommendations: Percutaneous (Needlestick) Exposures

EXPOSURE FEATURES	SOURCE PATIENT FEATURES		
	HIV+, High-Risk ¹	HIV+, Low-Risk ²	Serostatus Unknown ³
HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE⁴	Recommend three-drug regimen	Recommend two-drug regimen; third drug optional	Consider two-drug regimen if significant possibility that source patient is HIV+
LOW-RISK EXPOSURE⁵	Recommend two-drug regimen; third drug optional	Recommend two-drug regimen	Consider two-drug regimen if significant possibility that source patient is HIV+

¹High-risk features include known high HIV viral load, CD4+ T cell count of <200 cells/mm³, or advanced HIV/AIDS.

²Low-risk features include known low HIV viral load or clinically well on HAART.

³e.g. known source patient with unknown HIV status, or identity of source patient is unknown.

⁴e.g. deep injury or injury involving needle that was used in an artery or vein, was visibly bloody, or was hollow-bore.

⁵None of the high-risk variables apply.