
Payment of HIV Therapies

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WHEREAS HIV is a long term infection which will require therapies against HIV itself, and for the prevention and treatment of life-threatening opportunistic diseases; and

WHEREAS HIV therapies are prohibitively expensive and individuals cannot carry the burden of cost alone and as they become accepted as standard, their costs are no longer covered as part of their clinical trials; and

WHEREAS there are precedents for the Provincial Government to cover cost of therapies when the burden of cost is beyond any reasonable ability for the majority of people needing therapies to pay. For example, drugs for the care of cancer and cystic fibrosis are dispensed through a system of clinics at no cost to the individual,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate to the Provincial Government, Ministry of Health, to adopt comprehensive policy on payment for HIV therapies that will ensure the burden of cost is not borne by the individual with HIV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such policy include that HIV therapies be added to the Ontario Drug Forumary as soon as they are approved for public distribution and their costs are no longer covered under clinical trials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA forward this resolution to the Canadian Public Health Association for its consideration and for CPHA to circulate this resolution to all Provincial/Territorial Associations for their consideration.

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