

Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacists Network **Position Statement**

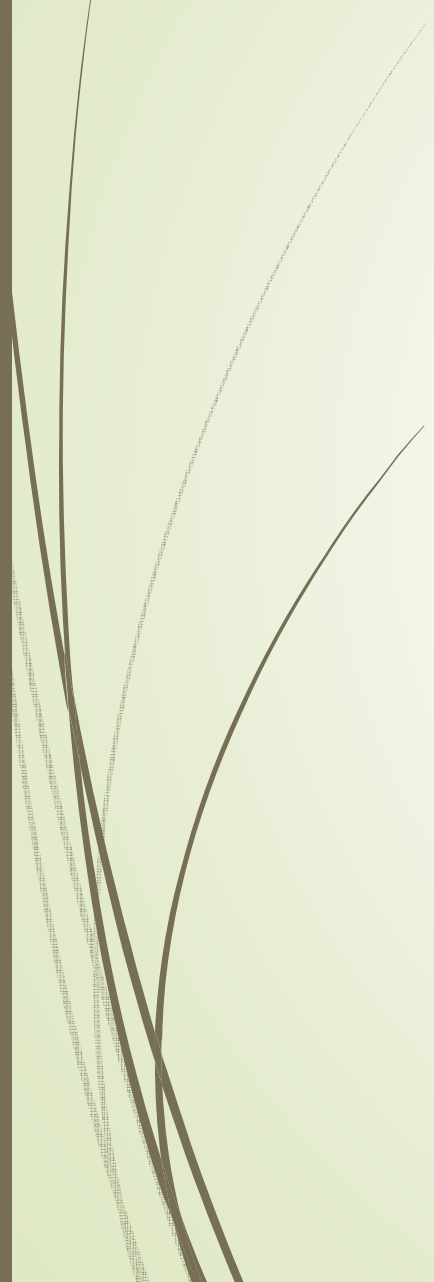


UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS IN CANADA

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POSITION STATEMENT #1:

- **All people living in Canada diagnosed with HIV should be engaged in care and have low barrier, timely and continuous access to effective HIV medication at no cost to the patient.**
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POSITION STATEMENT #2:

- **The federal, provincial, and territorial governments should coordinate efforts and strive towards developing a national antiretroviral pharmacare program that unites all jurisdictions to ensure that geography and cost do not act as barriers to accessing HIV medication.**



POSITION STATEMENT #3:

- **The structure of a national antiretroviral pharmacare program should involve the public, key health care providers including pharmacists caring for HIV patients, and other relevant stakeholders when making formulary decisions to ensure that Canadians have timely access to cost-effective products that demonstrate positive outcomes in HIV treatment.**



POSITION STATEMENT #4:

- **All people living in Canada diagnosed with HIV should have access to healthcare support, including pharmacists with HIV clinical expertise in order to achieve maximal benefit from antiretroviral therapy.**