# HIV PMTCT PAST EXPERIENCE AND MOVE TO THE NEW GUIDELINES

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# Outline of the presentation

- Burden
- 2000 WHO recommendations
- 2006 WHO recommendations
- 2010 WHO recommendations
- 2012 WHO recommendations
- Where are we in Tanzania

### Burden of HIV (UNAIDS Epidemic Report, 2012)

#### Public health problem, SSA

- By the end of 2011;
- PLWHIV 34.0M

23.5M *(*69%)

SSA

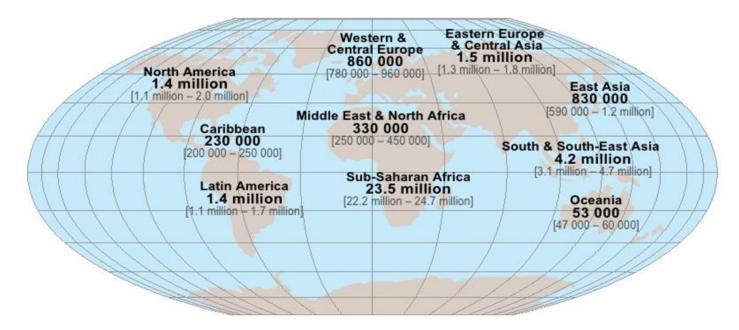
Newly infected 2.5M 1.8M (71%)

Global

AIDS deaths 1.7M 1.2M (70%)

### Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV 2011





Total: 34.2 million [31.8 million – 35.9 million]



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# PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION

Four prong Stategy

### Timing of MTCT with Breastfeeding and No ARV

Early Antenatal (<36 wks)

Early Postpartum (0-6 months)

Late Postpartum (6-24 months)



Antenatal (36 wks to labor)

5-10% 10-20%

10-20%

Slide adapted from Nathan Shaffer, CDC



Complex and prolonged regimens are not affordable or feasible

Elective Caesarian section is seldom available or safe

Affordable, safe and acceptable alternatives to BF are not there (weight the benefits of infectious disease vs HIV transmission risk)

Early attendance of ANC is not common

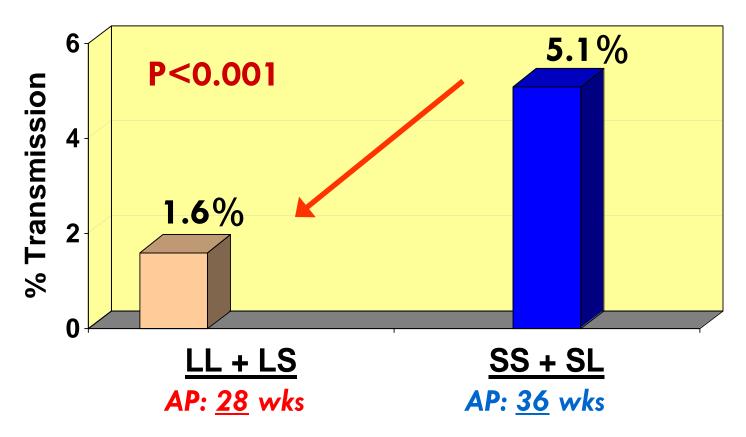
Preventing MTCT in resource-poor settings

Research has focused on short regimens of peri-partum ARV drugs
 Use AZT, sdNVP, AZT + 3TC etc (both in BF and non-BF populations)

 Prophylactic ARV drug with single drug have shown to prevent ~ half (41-47%) of infections occurring during peripartum period

(The PETRA study team, Lancet 2002; Jackson B et al, Lancet 2003; Leroy V et al, AIDS 2002; Eshlemann S et al, JAIDS 2002, Leroy V 2006, Mashi study 2007)

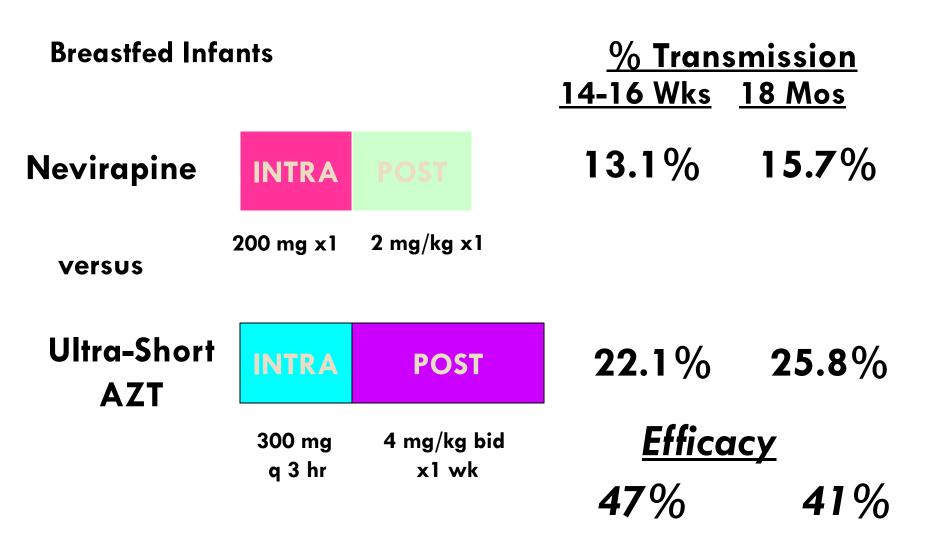
For Maximal Efficacy of Any Regimen, Need to Start Early in Pregnancy to Prevent In Utero Transmission Lallemant M et al. N Engl J Med 2000;343:982-91



Even if intervention is 100% effective for IP/PP transmission, still have "residual infection" of 1.6% starting at 28 weeks

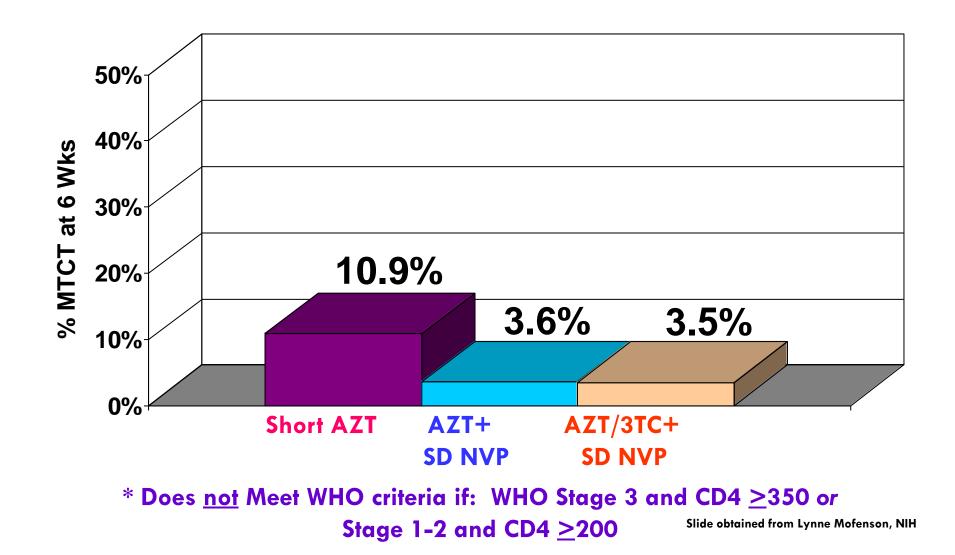
#### Alternative Antiretrovirals: Single-Dose Nevirapine vs Ultra-Short AZT – HIVNET 012

Guay L et al. Lancet 1999;354:795-802



MTCT Risk in Women <u>Not</u> Meeting WHO Criteria\* for ART Who Receive Short-Course ARV Prophylaxis

Cote d'Ivoire Trials Data, F. Dabis 6/05



Longer Maternal AZT Therapy = Lower Transmission: Comparing Thai AZT + SD Mother/Infant NVP Trials

#### Lallemant M et al. NEJM 2004;351:217-28



\*If mom <4 wk AZT, infant gets 4 wks AZT

### Transmission 2.0% (95% CI 1.2-3.4%) [N=693]

Chalermchokcharoenkit et al. 11<sup>th</sup> Retrovirus Conf, Feb 2004 (abs 96)

AZT Backbone 34-36 wk oral 4 wk NVP NVP

### Transmission 4.6% (95% CI 2.5-8.5%) [N=220]

Thailand Studies (Formula-Fed Infants)

Slide adapted from Lynne Mofenson NIH

# 2004 revised guideline

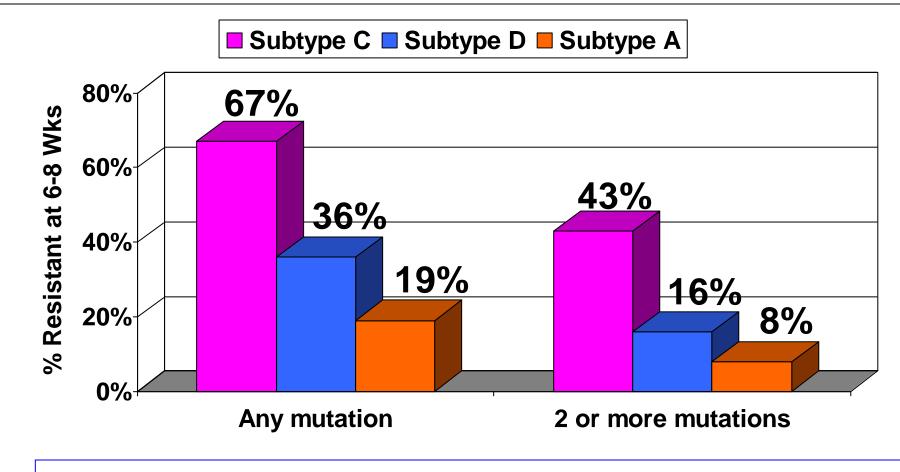
Countries should offer the following as minimum of package

ANC counseling and testing for HIV

sdNVP for mother and infant for PMTCT

 CTX prophylaxis to the exposed infants until when tested NVP Resistance After SD NVP is More Common In Malawi Women with Subtype C Infection than Ugandan Women Subtype A or D Infection

Eshleman S et al. 12<sup>th</sup> Retrovirus Conf, Boston 2005 (Abs 799)



Risk factors for resistance: Viral subtype, Delivery RNA

Lower Rates of NNRTI Resistance Observed with AZT/3TC "Tail" in Mothers/Infected Babies McIntyre J. 3<sup>rd</sup> IAS Conf, Rio de Janiero, Brazil, 2005 (TuFo0204) Gray G. 3<sup>rd</sup> IAS Conf, Rio de Janiero, Brazil, 2005 (TuPe5.4P01)

	Standard Population Genotyping			
		r Resistance 6 Weeks PP		t Resistance or 6 Weeks PP
	N	% Resistant	Ν	% Resistant
SD NVP	41/68	60%	5/9	56%
SD NVP + 4 d AZT/3TC	8/67	12%	1/8	13%
SD NVP + 7 d AZT/3TC	7/68	10%	1/7	14%

### WHO 2006 PMTCT Recommendations

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- Move from sdNVP for mother & child to more efficacious ARVregimen combinations (MERC)
- Prophylasix starts earlier at 28 wks
- □ Provides lifelong ART to pregnant women for their own health with CD4 cell count of ≤200 cells mm<sup>3</sup> (1st time focus on the mother)

#### 2006 WHO PMTCT Guidelines

#### Pregnant Woman Who Doesn't Require Therapy for Own Health

	Pregnancy	Labor	Postpartum	Comments
Recommended	AZT (>28 wks)	•SD NVP + AZT/3TC	• <u>Mother:</u> AZT/3TC x 7d • <u>Infant:</u> SD NVP + AZT x7d	<ul> <li>Effective, reduces in utero</li> <li>Reduces resistance</li> <li>Most complex</li> </ul>
Alternative	AZT (>28 wks)	•SD NVP	• <u>Infant:</u> SD NVP + AZT x7d	<ul> <li>Effective, reduces in utero</li> <li>Risk resistance</li> </ul>
Minimum	-	•SD NVP + AZT/3TC	• <u>Mother:</u> AZT/3TC x7d • <u>Infant:</u> SD NVP	<ul> <li>Effective but less than recommended</li> <li>Reduces resistance</li> <li>More complex</li> <li>Not reduce <i>in utero</i></li> </ul>
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# PMTCT Prophylaxis Summary

General "tiered" approach:

HAART for eligible women

Combination prophylaxis (eg. AZT + SD NVP)

SD NVP only where other interventions not feasible. This should be the exception not the rule.

NVP resistance is continuing concern

# Tanzania (revised 2009)

Adapted WHO 2006 guidelines

### March 2008 – "dual therapy" AZT from 28 weeks and SdNVP

### ART at CD4 $\leq 200/\text{mm}^3$

# Combination ARV prophylaxis to PMTCT (NACP, 2009)

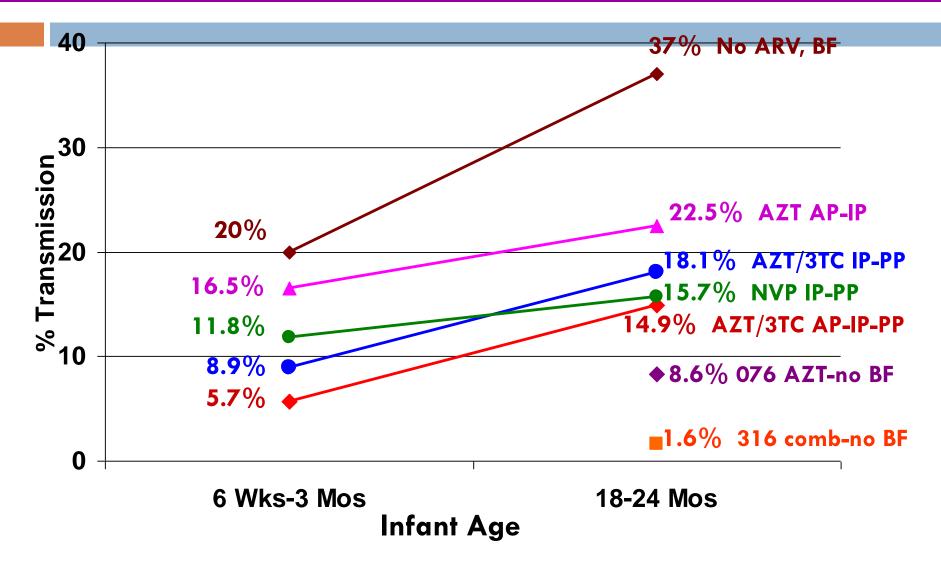
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	Pregnancy	Labour	Postpartum	Comments
Recommended	AZT 300mg BD (≥ 28 weeks)	sd NVP + AZT/3TC	<u>Mother:</u> AZT/3TC x7d <u>Infant:</u> sdNVP + AZT* x 7d	7 days tail AZT/3TC to reduce NVP resistance
Present at labour		sd NVP + AZT/3TC	<u>Mother:</u> AZT/3TC x7d <u>Infant:</u> sdNVP + AZT* x 28d	
Test positive immediate post delivery			<u>Mother:</u> To CTC <u>Infant:</u> sdNVP + AZT* x 28d	

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sd-NVP and AZT+3TC can be omitted if mother receives >4 weeks of AZT antepartum

### Effect of Breastfeeding on PMTCT Prophylaxis



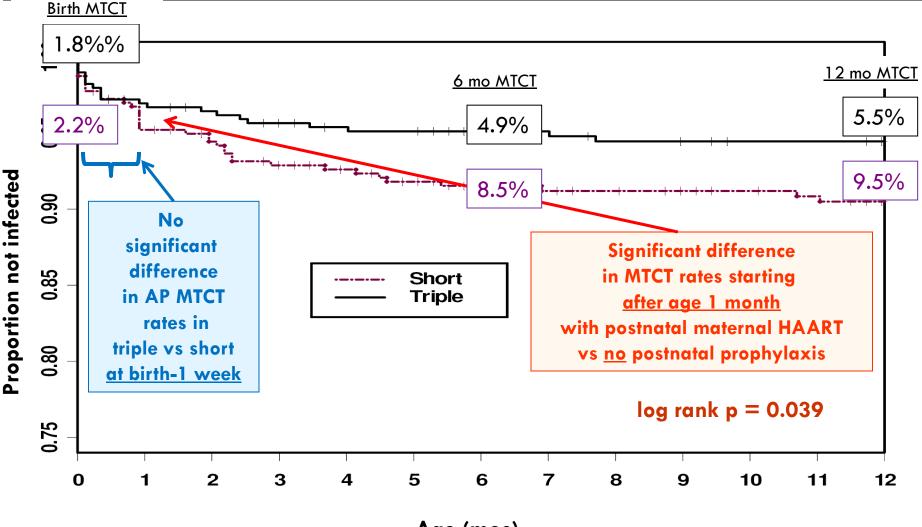
### After 2006 recommendations....

The search for preventive methods during breast feeding period

Results of several New Clinical Trials on PMTCT were published

#### Kesho Bora: HIV Infection Over Time in HAART through Breastfeeding Vs Short AZT/sdNVP Arms

De Vincenzi I et al. IAS, Capetown, South Africa, July 2009 Abs LBPEC01



Age (mos)

#### 2010 WHO PMTCT Guidelines (prophylaxis)

Pregnant Woman Who Doesn't Require Therapy for Own Health

	Pregnancy	Labor	Postpartum	Comments
Option 1	AZT (at 14 wks)	•sd NVP + AZT/3TC	• <u>Mother:</u> AZT +3TC x 7d • <u>Infant:</u> NVP daily until 1 week after stopping BF	<ul> <li>Labor and PD maternal can be omitted if got AZT</li> <li>&gt; 4 weeks in pregnancy</li> </ul>
Option 2	Triple ARV (from 14 wks)	•Triple ARV	• <u>Mother</u> Triple ARV until 1 week after stopping BF • <u>Infant:</u> NVP x 6 weeks	
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#### D. Pregnant woman not needing ART for her own health

TABLE 2. ARV-prophylaxis options recommended for HIV-infected pregnant women who do not need treatment for their own health

Option A: Maternal AZT	Option B: Maternal triple ARV prophylaxis
MOTHER	MOTHER
<ul> <li>Antepartum AZT (from as early as 14 weeks gestation)</li> </ul>	Triple ARV from 14 weeks until one week after all exposure to
<ul> <li>sd-NVP at onset of labour*</li> </ul>	breast milk has ended
<ul> <li>AZT + 3TC during labour and delivery*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AZT + 3TC + LPV/r</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>AZT + 3TC for 7 days postpartum*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AZT + 3TC + ABC</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>AZT + 3TC + EFV</li> </ul>
* sd-NVP and AZT+3TC can be omitted if mother receives >4 weeks of AZT antepartum	TDF + XTC + EFV
INFANT	INFANT
Breastfeeding infant	Breastfeeding infant
Daily NVP from birth until one week after all exposure to breast milk has ended	Daily NVP from birth to 6 weeks
Non-breastfeeding infant	Non-breastfeeding infant
AZT or NVP for 6 weeks	AZT or NVP for 6 weeks

# Main revisions

	2006 guidelines	2010 guidelines
Starting ART (Rx)	CD 4 count ≤ 200 cells/mm3	CD 4 count $\leq$ 350 cells/mm3
ARV prophylaxis (not eligible to start Rx)	ARV prophylaxis in 3rd trimester (28 weeks)	ARV prophylaxis should start at 14 weeks or sooner
	Infant prophylaxis for 1 week	Options 1 or 2 Infant prophylaxis for 6 weeks
ARVs to prevent transimission during BF	Insufficient data to give recommendations	lf woman got AZT, child given NVP till1 week after stopping BF
		If woman got triple ARV, continue til stop BF

### **PMTCT** Milestones in Tanzania

2000

After a successful pilot phase PMTCT was scaled up using sdNVP at ANC, maternity

2006- 2008 Start AZT combination prophylaxis Reliance on CD4 + clinical staging for ART

2010-2011 Adoption of Option A Roll out of PIMA machines at lower level for CD4

2012 to date PMTCT updates Option B+

#### Summary of Changes in Recommendations: What to Start in Adults

FIRST-LINE REGIMENS ( <u>PREFERRED</u> ARV REGIMENS)				
TARGET POPULATION	2010 ART GUIDELINES	2013 ART GUIDELINES	STRENGTH & QUALITY OF EVIDENCE	
HIV+ ARV-NAIVE ADULTS	AZT or TDF + 3TC (or FTC) + EFV or NVP			
HIV+ ARV-NAIVE PREGNANT WOMEN	AZT + 3TC + NVP or EFV	<b>TDF + 3TC (or FTC) + EFV</b> (as fixed-dose combination)	Strong, moderate- quality evidence	
HIV/TB CO-INFECTION	AZT or TDF + 3TC (or FTC) + EFV		. ,	
HIV/HBV CO-INFECTION	TDF + 3TC (or FTC) + EFV			

#### Evidence Summary: Safety of EFV and TDF in Pregnancy

EFV	TDF
No increased risk of birth defects with EFV when compared with other ARVs	<ul> <li>Potential concerns include renal toxicity, adverse birth outcomes and effects on bone density</li> <li>Systematic review assessed the toxicity of fetal exposure to TDF in pregnancy</li> <li>Limited studies showed no difference in fetal growth between exposed/unexposed</li> <li>No studies of TDF among lactating women, who normally have bone loss during breastfeeding</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Systematic review (including Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry), reported outcomes for 1502 live births to women receiving EFV in the first trimester and found no increase in overall birth defects</li> <li>Excludes &gt; 3 fold increased risk in overall birth defects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current data reassuring</li> <li>More extensive studies ongoing</li> </ul>

Source: Ford N et al. AIDS, 2011. Ford N et al. AIDS, 2013. Ekouevi DK et al.J AIDS, 2011. WHO, Geneva Use of EFV during pregnancy. 2012. http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/treatment2/efavirenz/en Nightingale SL. JAMA, 1998. British HIV Association. Guidelines for the management of HIV infection in pregnant women. HIV Medicine. 2012. De Santis M et al. Arch of Int Medicine, 2002. Source: Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry Steering Committee http://www.APRegistry.com Siberry GK et al. AIDS, 2012

# Where are we in Tanzania

- In 2012, WHO proposed that all HIV-infected pregnant women should receive triple ART for life irrespective of CD4 count.
- Tanzania has recently switched from Option A to B+
- Increase pMTCT coverage and contribute to the goal of eliminating MTCT (EMTCT) in sub-Saharan Africa by 2015

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