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# Drug-Drug Interactions in People Living With HIV at Risk of Hepatic and Renal Impairment: Current Status and Future Perspectives

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Despite the advancement of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), drug-drug interactions (DDIs) remain a relevant clinical issue for people living with HIV receiving ART. Antiretroviral (ARV) drugs can be victims and perpetrators of DDIs and a detailed investigation during drug discovery and development is required to determine whether dose adjustments are necessary or coadministrations are contraindicated. Maintaining therapeutic ARV plasma concentrations is essential for successful ART and changes resulting from potential DDIs could lead to toxicity, treatment failure or the emergence of ARV-resistant HIV. The challenges surrounding DDI management are complex in special populations of people living with HIV and often lack evidence-based guidance as a result of their underrepresentation in clinical investigations. Specifically, the prevalence of hepatic and renal impairment in people living with HIV are between five and 10 times greater than in people who are HIV-negative, with each condition constituting approximately 15% of non-AIDS-related mortality. Therapeutic strategies tend to revolve around the treatment of risk factors that lead to hepatic and renal impairment, such as hepatitis C, hepatitis B, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and diabetes. These strategies result in a diverse range of potential DDIs with ART. Learners that complete this activity will be able to identify current pharmacokinetic DDIs and their mechanisms between ARVs and co-medications used for the prevention and treatment of hepatic and renal impairment in people living with HIV.

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- 1. Identify existing knowledge gaps surrounding DDIs related to special populations of hepatic and renal impairment in people living with HIV;
- 2. Identify challenges surrounding DDI management in special populations of people living with HIV.

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