Appendix A

Assessing pharmacists' perspectives of HIV and the care of HIV-infected patients in Alabama

Baseline Demographics

1. Gender:  ____Male  ____Female
2. Age:  ____20-30  ____31-40  ____41-50  ____51-60  ____61+
3. Race:  ____White  ____Black  ____Asian  ____Hispanic  ____Other
4. Type of Practice:  ____Hospital/Clinic  ____Community/Retail  ____Other: __________________________________________

HIV Experience and Education

5. In the past year, how many HIV-infected patients have you cared for?
   ____None
   ____Less than 25 patients
   ____25 – 100 patients
   ____Greater than 100 patients

6. How often do you care for HIV-infected patients?
   ____None
   ____Daily
   ____Weekly
   ____Monthly
   ____Less than monthly

7. My experience with HIV-infected patients has been:
   ____Personal only (a family member, close friend, or I am HIV positive)
   ____Patient-centered only (only caring for HIV positive patients)
   ____Both personal and patient-centered
   ____Neither
   ____Other

8. How much education have you had focused on HIV/AIDS?
   ____None
   ____Only lectures as part of my school curriculum
   ____Only post-graduate continuing education or specialty programs
   ____Both lectures from school curriculum and post-graduate continuing education or specialty programs

9. What class of drug is efavirenz?  ________________________________________
10. What class of drug is lopinavir?  _______________________________________
11. What class of drug is tenofovir?  ________________________________________
Comfort Level and Confidence Dealing with HIV-Infected Patients

12. How confident are you in your level of HIV/AIDS knowledge?
   ____ Not confident, I would be very uncomfortable caring for an HIV-infected patient.
   ____ Somewhat confident, I would be able to care for the patient, but would require a second opinion or confirmation before making a decision.
   ____ Pretty confident, I would be able to care for the patient and make a decision alone, but would prefer to have a second opinion or confirmation.
   ____ Extremely confident, I feel I have all the HIV/AIDS knowledge I need to provide the best care for my patient(s) on my own.

13. How comfortable are you counseling HIV-infected patients on their HIV medications?
   ____ Not comfortable, I would be very uncomfortable counseling HIV-infected patients.
   ____ Somewhat comfortable, I would be able to counsel the patient, but would require a second opinion or confirmation before making a decision.
   ____ Pretty comfortable, I would be able to counsel the patient and make a decision alone, but would prefer to have a second opinion or confirmation.
   ____ Extremely comfortable, I feel that I can competently counsel HIV/AIDS patient(s) on my own.

14. I would feel more comfortable caring for HIV-infected patients on my own if: (check all that apply)
    ____ I had more education on HIV/AIDS.
    ____ I had more experience with HIV-infected patients.
    ____ There was more information about HIV/AIDS available.
    ____ There were more medications available to treat HIV/AIDS.
    ____ I already feel completely comfortable caring for HIV-infected patients.

Continuity of Care

15. Are you the primary pharmacist or pharmacy for the majority of your patients who are HIV-infected?
    ____ Yes
    ____ No

16. What would your show rate be for follow up visits with your HIV-infected patients?
    ____ < 50 %
    ____ 50 % - 65 %
    ____ 65 % - 80 %
    ____ > 80 %

Provider-Patient Relationship and Professional Competence of the Provider

17. Do you feel your patients trust you and your decisions about their therapy and treatment?
    ____ Yes
    ____ No
    ____ I’m not sure.
    ____ Somewhat; Please explain ____________________________________________
18. How important do you feel it is for your patient’s to trust you?
   ___ Not important
   ___ Moderately important
   ___ Important
   ___ Extremely important

19. Do you feel your patients’ health outcomes are based on or affected by their level of trust in you as a health-care provider?
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ I’m not sure.
   ___ Somewhat; Please explain ________________________________

20. Do most of your patients follow your health-care recommendations?
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ I’m not sure.
   ___ Somewhat; Please explain ________________________________

21. Do you include your patients in the decision making process about their health-care?
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ I’m not sure.
   ___ Sometimes; Please explain ________________________________

22. Do you feel your patients are open and honest with you about their lifestyles, medication compliance, and other health issues?
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ I’m not sure.
   ___ Somewhat; Please explain ________________________________

23. Generally, patients who are open and honest with you: (check all that apply)
   ___ Have a higher CD4 count.
   ___ Have less opportunistic infections.
   ___ Are more compliant with their medications.
   ___ Are no different health wise from other patients who are not completely open and honest.

24. Do you worry about getting too close emotionally to your patients?
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ I’m not sure.
   ___ Somewhat; Please explain ________________________________

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