

Implementation Considerations for Injectable ART

Prior to providing injectable ART in clinical practice, there are several implementation considerations that must be addressed. The table below outlines some questions to consider while developing an implementation plan, use the answers to these questions to design your injectable ART process and implementation plan. Creating a multi-disciplinary team which involves staff who will be part of this process is necessary in the development of your implementation plan and the protocols or procedures listed below:

Considerations for Implementing Injectable ART in Clinical Settings	
Institutional Considerations	Clinician Considerations
Is there capacity to accommodate this new service (consider physical space, staffing and administrative capacity)?	How will appropriate patients for injectable ART be identified?
Where will medication be stored?	What is the workflow for an injectable ART visit?
What is the workflow for an injectable ART visit?	Which health care roles are involved in the injectable ART visit workflow and what are their responsibilities?
How will injectable ART appointments be scheduled?	Are all staff trained to administer IM injections? If not, who needs training and how will training be provided?
How will the clinic track patients receiving injectable ART?	How will clinicians provide patient counseling on the risks/benefits/adverse effects of injectable ART?
How will missed appointments be handled?	How will clinicians discuss and provide bridging oral therapy if injections are missed?
How will patients be reminded of their appointments	What strategies will help support patient adherence to injectable ART?
How will clinic ensure patient visits are covered by insurance, billed appropriately and that reimbursement is received?	
What is the plan for training staff about injectable ART (includes risks, benefits, patient counseling, storage, administration and how to conduct visits etc.)?	
What is the process for ordering, receiving, storing and dispensing injectable ART medications?	
What is the process for ordering, receiving, storing and dispensing oral CAB/RPV as bridging therapy?	
How will prior authorizations be completed for coverage of ART medications?	
How will the implementation plan be iteratively reviewed and improved over time?	
How will uninsured or underinsured patients get coverage for injectable ART medication, labs and visits?	