Continuity of HIV Care

Keeping HIV patients in continuous, high-quality HIV care, especially when returning to Mexico, Central America, or the Dominican Republic.
UCLA CHPDP HIV/AIDS Training Programs Delivered in Mexico: 1995-2005
Transnationalism and Mexican Migrants

The map shows the migration patterns of Mexican nationals to the United States, highlighting communities concentrated in specific states such as California, Texas, and New York. The map illustrates the flow of people, money, and culture across the U.S.-Mexico border, emphasizing the economic and social connections that sustain both populations.

The text mentions the term "transnationalism" and notes its prevalence among Mexican migrants, who maintain strong cultural and economic ties to their homelands. These connections are crucial in the development of community centers in Mexico, which support returnees and their families in various capacities. The Mexican government, in turn, encourages such networks through various initiatives.

The map also underscores the importance of social networks in facilitating the migration process, as well as the economic contributions made by Mexican migrants to the U.S. economy. The flow of money, often in the form of remittances, is a significant aspect of Mexican-American relations, supporting families and communities on both sides of the border.

In summary, the document highlights the complex interplay of transnationalism in the context of Mexican migration, showcasing the enduring bonds that link migrants and their homelands.
“The Border” --- UMBAST
Returned to Risk: Deportation of HIV-Positive Migrants

Initiatives to provide cross-border treatment between the United States and Mexico could serve as an example. Programs such as the U.S.-Mexico Border AETC Steering Team (UMBAST)…serve as a model for how treatment can be coordinated for deportees across borders and should be expanded where feasible.
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Assisting HIV-Infected Patients Who Return to Mexico:

What U.S. ICE Clinicians Need to Know

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

What’s Available in Mexico

- Nearly all HIV medications available in the United States are now available to Mexican citizens in Mexico through a range of public and private programs. Access to HIV medications in Mexico has expanded greatly in the past decade.

HIV Treatment in Mexico

- Each state has an HIV/AIDS director responsible for coordinating treatment and prevention programs. You or your patient can contact this person to determine the availability of HIV diagnostic tests and HIV medications in the state to which your patient is returning. Patients are treated either in general hospitals or in CAPAHTIS (HIV specialty clinics). — Centro Antiretroviral para la Prevención y Atención en SIDA (CAPAHTIS, the CARAS network) was introduced in Mexico in 2005 and is still expanding. As of 2018, it comprised 76 centers around the country. See below for a list of CAPAHTIS locations.

What Patients Will Need

- Patients must enroll for care and provide certain documents to be eligible to receive medications. To speed the process, encourage your patients to bring the following:
  - Necessary
    - Positive HIV antibody test result
    - Patient’s CURP number ("Clave Única de Registro de Población"). Mexican federal I.D. number. Patients can look this up online in Spanish at https://www.gob.mx/curp. All HIV-positive patients can be seen at CAPAHTIS for 3 months without a CURP number; if they don’t have a CURP, they can present a birth certificate, or any government-issued ID.
  - Recommended
    - If available, a 3-month supply of their current HIV medications
    - A recent CD4+ T-cell count
    - A recent viral load test result
    - A copy of their medical chart including complete antimicrobial history

Connecting to Care in Mexico

- The following organizations can provide the most up-to-date information on gaining access to HIV treatment, the required paperwork, and linkage to care:
  - A national toll-free hotline is operated by the Mexican federal agency in charge of HIV treatment and prevention, CENSIDA. Encourage patients to call when they are in Mexico to find the closest care provider.
    - Phone: 917.867.8998 or 918.712.8889
    - Online: www.gob.mx/censida (in Spanish)
    - A map of CAPAHTIS (outpatient multiservice care centers) is available online.
Mexican HIV/STI Specialty Clinics: CAPASITS