

Neurologic Complications of HIV

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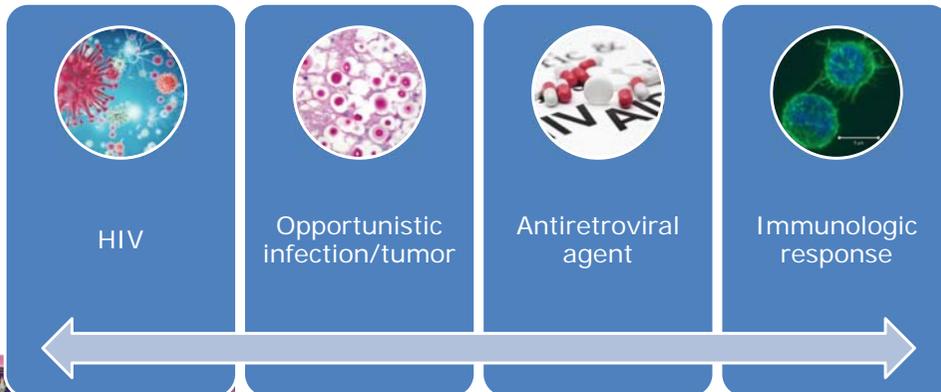
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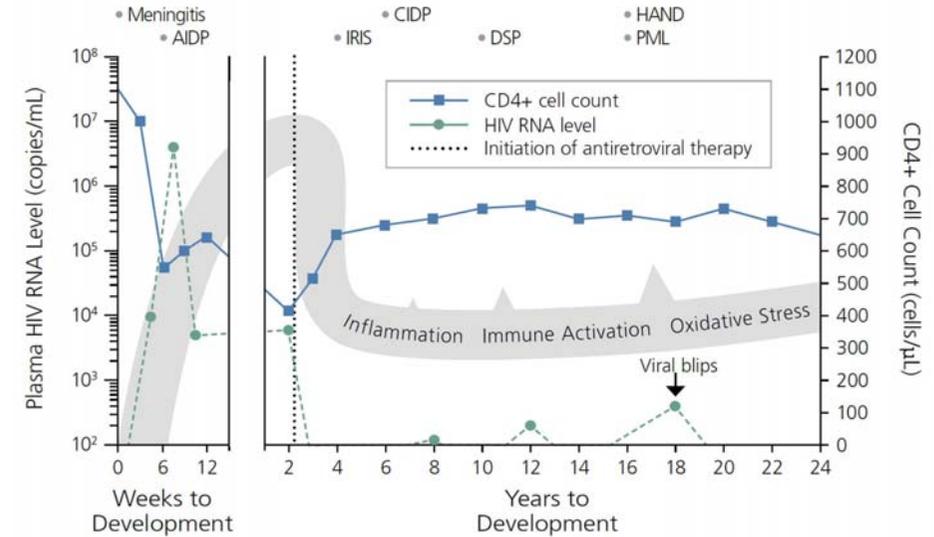
Question

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 - A. HIV-related aseptic meningitis
 - B. HIV-related AIDP
 - C. HIV distal sensory polyneuropathy
 - D. HIV-associated dementia



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 - E. All of the above



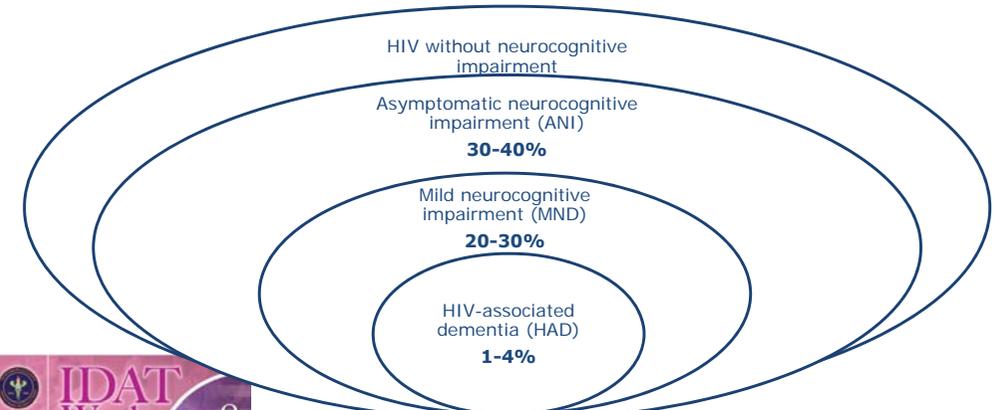
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HIV-related Neurologic Disorders

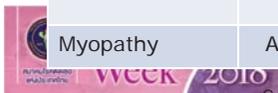
Conditions	Stage	Prevalence	Characteristics	Treatment
Aseptic meningitis	early	1-2%	Occur 10-20 d after infection	Self-limited (2-4 wks)
AIDP (GBS-like)	early	1%	Occur 3-4 wks after infection Cellular CSF!!	IVIG, PE
CIDP	late	<1%	Occur >1 y of infection Chronic, relapse	IVIG, PE, steroid
DSP	late	30-50%	Axonal neuropathy (painful) (Sensory >>>motor)	AEDs, capsaicin
HAND	late	20-70%	Cognitive impairment (ANI, MND, HAD)	ART
Myelopathy	Any	rare	Vacuolar myopathy (painless, T level)	ART?
Myopathy	Any	rare	Polymyositis	Corticosteroid?

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HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND)



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HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND)

	No pre-existing cause	No delirium	Acquired impairment in ≥ 2 cognitive functions	Interfere with daily functioning
ANI	✓	✓	✓	No
MND	✓	✓	✓	Mild
HAD	✓	✓	Marked	Marked

- Neuropsychological test
- Brain MRI: cortical atrophy, diffuse abnormal signals
- CSF study

W/O other causes: depression, delirium, OIs/tumor

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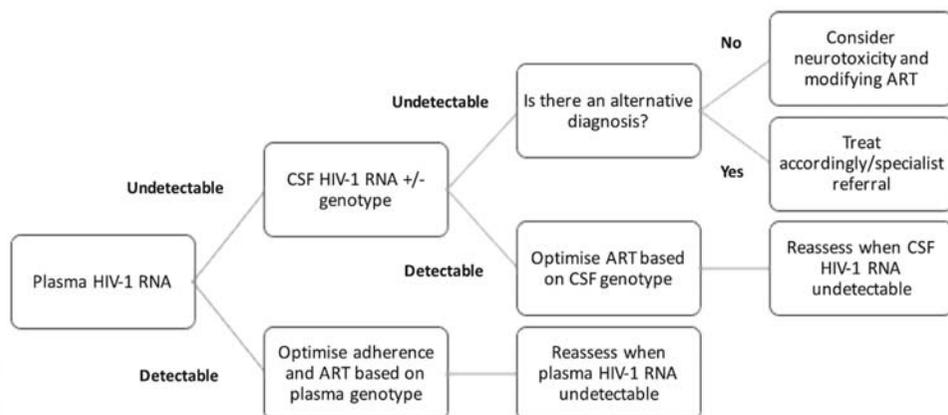
HAND and ART

- ART shows clinical benefit in HAD
 - ↓incidence of HAD, ↑survival
- No clinical benefit of ART in ANI and MND
- Early ART in HAND is controversial
- ART regimen consideration
 - Standard effective ART is recommended
 - High CNS penetration effectiveness (CPE) drugs is not routinely recommended
 - Avoidance of EFV in HAD

Underwood J, et al. Curr HIV/AIDS Rep 2016;13(5):235-40



Management of HAND



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CNS-OIs/Tumor

- Common problem in Thailand with high M&M
- Atypical manifestations
- Multiple CNS OIs can be found
- Approach
 - Clinical presentations
 - Stage of HIV/ CD4 status
 - Imaging
 - Lumbar puncture



CNS-OIs/Tumor



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Space occupying lesions
Toxoplasmosis
TB
Cryptococcoma
PML
PCNSL

Meningitis
Cryptococcal meningitis
TB
Syphilis
Bacteria
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>
<i>L. monocytogenes</i>
Virus (+HIV seroconversion)



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Cerebral Toxoplasmosis vs. PCNSL



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	Toxoplasmosis	PCNSL
Size	< 4 cm	> 4 cm
Numbers	Multiple	Solitary or few
Distribution	Basal gg., grey-white interface	Periventricular
Hemorrhage	+	+/-
Edema	+++	+
Enhancement	Ring, thin wall	Irregular, thick wall
Leptomeningeal or ependymal enhancement	No	Yes
CT	Hypodense/isodense	Hyperdense
ECT/PET	Normal/low metabolism	Increased metabolism

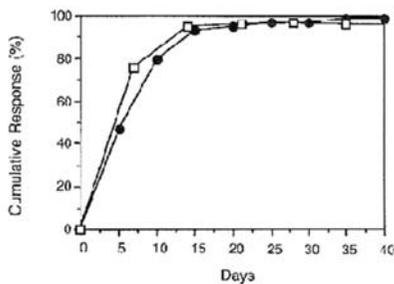


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Cerebral Toxoplasmosis



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Before Rx



After Rx

- Response ≈ 90% at 14 d with anti-toxoplasma agents
- ↓ size or ↓ number
- ≠ edema or enhancement



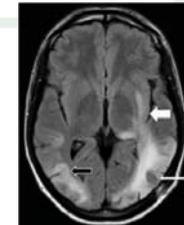
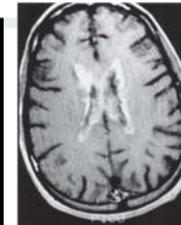
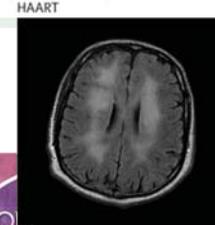
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HAD vs. CMV vs. PML



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	HIV-D	Cytomegalovirus encephalitis	Progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy
Features	Memory disturbances, mental slowing, gait disturbances	Delirium, seizures, brainstem signs	Focal neurological signs
Course	Several months	Days to weeks	Weeks to months
MRI	Diffuse atrophy, symmetrical deep white-matter diffuse hyperintensities	Normal or periventriculitis	Scattered, asymmetrical subcortical white-matter lesions
CSF	Non-diagnostic; immune activation less marked in patients treated with HAART	PCR+ for cytomegalovirus 90%	PCR+ for JC/BK virus 60%



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CSF Findings in Common HIV-related CNS Conditions

CSF	Opening pressure	Protein	Cell count	Microscopy	Culture
Cryptococcal meningitis	Very high	Slightly elevated or normal	Slightly elevated or normal	+ India ink stain	+
TB meningitis*	High or normal	Slightly elevated to very high	Elevated (lymphocytes predominate)	+/- - -	+/-
Toxoplasmal encephalitis	Normal	Normal or slightly elevated	Normal	-	-
HIV/PML/CMV*	Normal	Slightly elevated or normal	Slightly elevated or normal	-	-
Lymphoma	Normal	Normal	Normal	-	-

* PMN predominates in CSF: CMV radiculitis or early TB meningitis

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Question

Which of the following statements regarding HIV and PML is **TRUE**?

- A. PML lesions on MRI are always non-enhancing
- B. The most sensitive and specific test for PML is CSF JCV PCR
- C. Seizure is a common presentation of PML
- D. ART has been shown to improve PML survival in HIV**



PML in HIV

- Focal demyelinating lesions (oligodendrocyte!!)
 - Occipital, frontal, parietal, cerebellar, deep white matter > spinal cord > optic nerve
- Insidious & steady progression (JCV reactivation)
 - Headache, fever – uncommon (other OIs?)
 - Seizure: 10-20%
- MRI: white matter lesions and no mass effect
- CSF PCR JCV DNA: +ve 70-90% (no ART), 60% (ART)
- Without ART: mean survival only 3-6 mo



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Treatment of PML in HIV

- ART should be started immediately
 - Prognosis: >50% no disease progression (survival 2.5 y)
 - High CPE ART?
 - No established effectiveness
 - Systemic effect > CNS effect
 - Others (cytarabine, cidofovir, etc): no recommendation
 - 5HT2a receptor blocker i.e. mirtazapine (block JCV)
- PML-IRIS
 - Lesions: edema, mass effect, enhancement
 - May require the corticosteroid treatment



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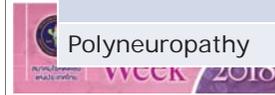
Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?

- A. Suggestive MRI finding of CMV encephalitis is periventricular enhancement
- B. CSF CMV PCR is the gold standard for identifying CNS CMV infection
- C. CMV encephalitis in HIV can be treated with ganciclovir, foscarnet, or cidofovir
- D. ART should be delayed until 2-4 wks of anti-CMV treatment



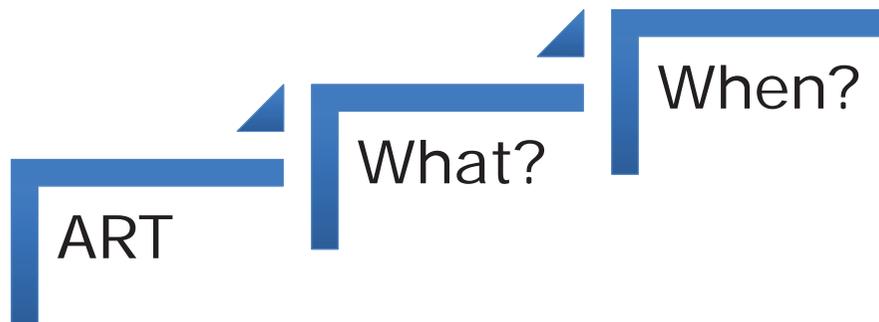
CMV Infection of the CNS

Diseases	Characteristics
Dementia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lethargy, confusion, fever o CSF finding: Lymphocytic pleocytosis and low-to-normal glucose & normal-to-elevated protein levels
Ventriculoencephalitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More acute course o Focal neurologic signs, CN palsy, nystagmus o Rapid progression to death o MRI/CT: periventricular enhancement
Polyradiculomyelitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Progressive lower extremity weakness (~GBS), pain, spasticity, areflexia, urinary retention & hyporethesia o CSF finding: PMN pleocytosis and low glucose level
Polyneuropathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-specific, similar to other causes



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ART for HIV-OIs



What to Start ART in CNS OIs

Patient/Regimen characteristics	Clinical Settings	Considerations
Presence of OIs	TB	If rifampicin is used: (decreased PIs level 90%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EFV (600 mg/d) - NVP (200 mg bid, no lead-in) - RAL (400-800 mg bid; use RAL TDM) - DTG (50 mg bid; no INSTI resistance) (Avoid uses: PIs, coBI, ETR, RPV and TAF) If PIs-based is selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rifabutin or FQs
	Others	Use standard effective ART



DHHS Guideline 2017 EACS 2017 Thai guideline 2017

When to Start ART in CNS OIs

Active OIs	Time to start ART
Tuberculous meningitis*	≥2 wks
Cryptococcal meningitis**	≥5 wks
Toxoplasmosis	2-3 wks
CMV***/PML/PCNSL	As soon as possible

*CNS TB: Start ART after 2 wks of TB treatment (early ART: increased co-toxicity, severe IRIS, no survival benefit)

**Cryptococcal meningitis: Early ART (<2 wks) vs. Late ART (5 wks): 6-mo MR 45% vs. 30% (p=0.03); (Delay ART if increased ICP or CSF WBC <5 cells/mm³)

***CMV replication is controlled within 1-2 wks after anti-CMV treatment; early ART (<2 wks) is recommended (Rate of CMV IRIS 0.04/person-year)



Thai Guideline 2014 DHHS Guideline 2017 Thai guideline 2017

Question

- Which of the following is **CORRECT** about ART-related neurologic complications?
 - AZT: myopathy
 - d4T: peripheral neuropathy
 - TPV: intracerebral hemorrhage
 - RTV: circumoral paresthesia
 - All of the above



ART-related Neurologic Complications

ART	Clinical findings	Comments
NRTIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peripheral neuropathy d4T, ddI (10-30%) >> others (mitochondrial toxicity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distal symmetrical sensory (painful) neuropathy Dose-dependent toxicity Occur within 3-6 mo (LE>UE) ≈HIV DSP (≠ high lactate level)
AZT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myopathy 10-20% (mitochondrial toxicity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximal myopathy Dose-dependent toxicity Occur within 6-12 mo (thigh, calf) ≈HIV myopathy Pathology: ragged red fibers



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ART-related Neurologic Complications

ART	Clinical findings	Comments
EFV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNS toxicity 50% due to EFV Uncommon in other NNRTIs (unknown mechanism) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute effect: occur within 2-4 wks i.e. dizziness, anxiety, insomnia, agitation, nightmare (usually resolve within 6-8 wks) Chronic effect: headache, loss of attention, mood disturbance Others: forgetfulness, hallucination, depression Discontinuation rate 2-8%



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ART-related Neurologic Complications

ART	Clinical findings	Comments
PIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensory neuropathy Full dose RTV (600-1200 mg/d) 10-25% >> others (unknown mechanism) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTV: circumoral paresthesia > dysgeusia > peripheral neuropathy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dose-dependent toxicity Occur within 4 wks Reversible if dose reduction Other PIs: dysgeusia TPV: intracerebral hemorrhage
RAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myopathy 5-20% (unknown mechanism) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idiopathic myopathy (mild, self-limited) > proximal myopathy Rhabdomyolysis (rare)



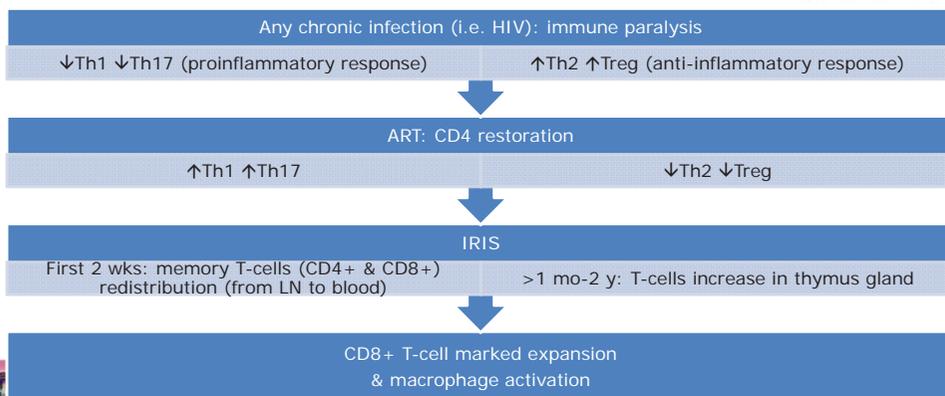
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Question

- A 30 YOM HIV CD4 30 cells/mm³ with tuberculous meningitis is treated with IRZE and TDF/FTC/EFV
- 2 wks after ART, he develops high fever and headache
- What is your differential diagnosis?
 - A. Poor compliance
 - B. Resistant organisms
 - C. IRIS
 - D. Other OIs
 - E. All of above



IRIS Pathogenesis



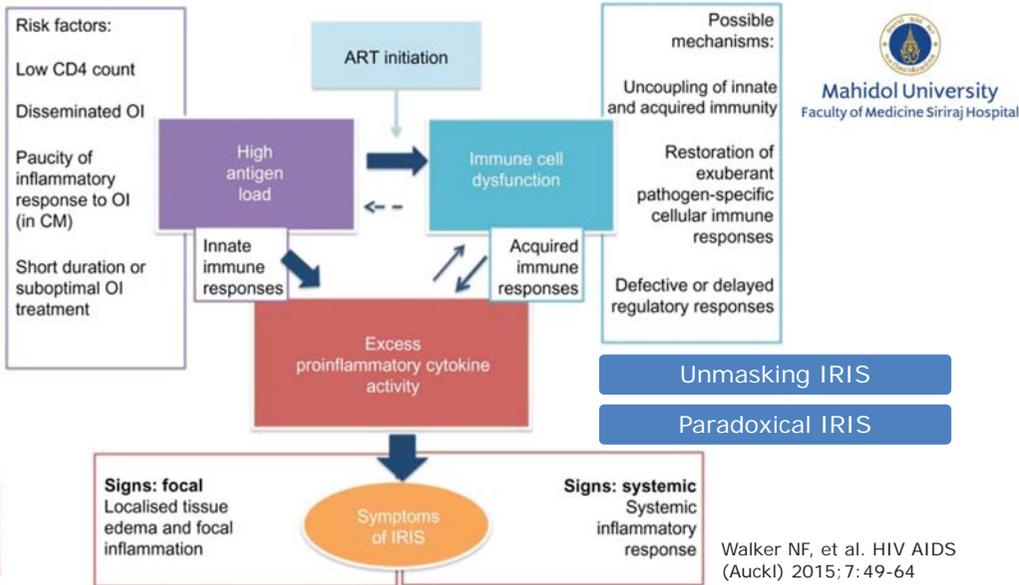
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Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS)

- Common CNS-IRIS:
 - TB CNS-IRIS
 - Cryptococcal meningitis (CM)-IRIS
 - PML-IRIS
- Uncommon CNS-IRIS:
 - Toxoplasmosis encephalitis-IRIS
 - CMV CNS-IRIS
 - CD8+ T-cell encephalitis (no organism found)



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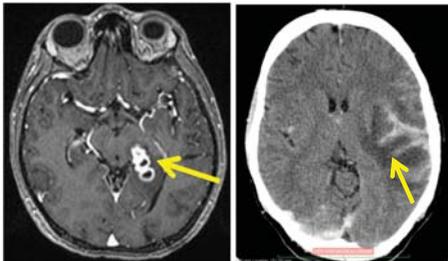


CNS-IRIS

	TB CNS-IRIS	CM-IRIS	PML-IRIS
Incidence	16%	20%	17%
Risk factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ↑PMN in CSF o CSF C/S +ve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No WBC in CSF o H/C +ve o High CrAg titer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rapidly increased CD4 o Large lesion
Time after ART	<3 mo (median 2 wks)	<12 mo (median 4-10 wks)	<26 mo (median 4-6 wks)
Clinical features	New/worsening S&S, IICP	New/worsening S&S, IICP	New/worsening S&S, seizure
Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o C/S -ve o CT/MRI ↓ ✓ Enhancing/abscess 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o C/S -ve o CT/MRI ↓ ✓ Enhancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Biopsy (CD8↑) o CT/MRI ↓ ✓ Enhancing
Treatment	Corticosteroids*	Corticosteroids?	Corticosteroids?
Mortality	13-30%	20-36%	22-32% (up to 50%)

*Prednisolone 1.5 mg/kg for 14 d then 0.75 mg/kg for 14 d; tapering dose by clinical response (3-4 mo)
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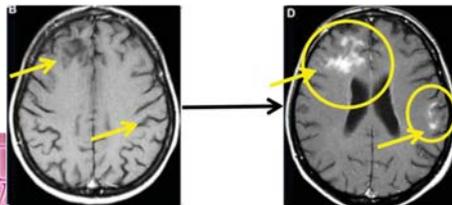
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CM-IRIS



PML-IRIS



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