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REMINDER:

To schedule a clinic appointment, call (319) 356-8133.

For refill requests, contact the Infectious Disease refill line at (319)356-8818.

If you have a medical emergency during the 8am-5pm work day, please try contacting your doctor.

If your doctor is unavailable, you may call the hospital operator at (319) 356-1616 and ask for the Infectious Disease doctor on call.

Social work questions and concerns should be directed to Tricia Kroll at (319)384-7307.

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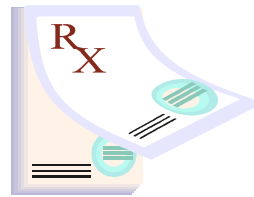
Summer 2009

Iowa Care Co-pay Reminder

This is just a reminder that there is now a \$4.00 co-pay in place for all Iowa Care prescriptions filled at UIHC Pharmacy, up to a maximum out of pocket cost of \$20.00 per patient per month. Patients are required to pay the co-pay when picking up medications directly from the pharmacy.

When medications are mailed, the co-pays are billed to the patient and the patient also incurs either a \$5.00 or \$10.00 mail out fee depending on the method of delivery (the higher cost for over-

night refrigerated items). If a patient is being discharged from the hospital and needs to pick up prescriptions, they should plan ahead to be able to make payment at the



time of discharge. If the patient does not have money, check, credit card or family members present to make a payment, they can be billed for the

co-pays, but will be required to sign a financial agreement form and will be expected to pay the balance of their account the following month when they receive a statement. It is not our practice to offer to bill co-pays for Iowa Care patients on a regular basis. If you have questions regarding this information, you can call the pharmacy billing office at (319)353-7516.

Thank you!

Hospital Dentistry on the Move

Effective July 1, 2009, Hospital Dentistry/General Dentistry will be moved to the 3rd floor of the Dental Science Building at the College of Dentistry. Hospital Dentistry Oral Surgery and Prosthodontics will remain located in the hospital on the 5th floor of Pomerantz Family Pavilion.

If you have questions or concerns about your dental needs or appointments, please call (319)356-2743. This is also a reminder for all patients utilizing our Ryan White Part C funds for dental care—we are offering the same services that Medicaid of Iowa covers for their Medicaid recipients,

nothing additional.

Thank you!



Drug Co-pay Programs

For Those With High Co-pays

Below is a brief description of currently available HIV co-pay programs. For more information call the Project Inform Hotline at **1-800-822-7422**, or visit www.positivelyaware.com and www.aidsmeds.com.

Abbott : Positive Partnership PLUS Card — This program includes 12 months of co-pay savings and covers Kaletra plus up to two other ARVs, no income or co-pay eligibility criteria. Patients can save up to \$50 toward their Kaletra co-pay, plus up to \$100 of the cost of other HIV medications (up to \$50 for each additional ARV with a limit of \$100 total—must be part of a Kaletra regimen). Patients must get their card from their provider. Visit www.kaletra.com for more information. Norvir is currently *not* part of this program.

Bristol-Myers Squibb : Reyataz and Sustiva Co-pay Benefit Program — Covers Reyataz and Sustiva; for high co-pays only. Patient responsible for first \$50 plus any amount over \$250. If healthcare provider does not have card, patients can call **1-888-281-8981** or visit http://www.bristol-meyers.com/static/patient_assistance/data/programs.html.

Bristol-Myers Squibb and Gilead Sciences: Atripla Co-pay Benefit Program — Covers Atripla; for high co-pays only. Patient responsible for first \$50 plus any amount over \$250. If healthcare provider does not have card, patients can call toll-free **1-866-784-3431** and one will be mailed to them.

Gilead Sciences : Truvada Co-pay Assistance

Program — Covers Truvada, Emtriva, and Viread. For high co-pays only; kicks in above \$50 and up to \$200/month. If healthcare provider does not have the card, patients can call toll-free **1-888-358-0398** and one will be mailed to them.

GlaxoSmithKline : MySupportCard — This is the easiest program to qualify for and to access, with no income criteria. Card is valid for the amount of patient's actual out-of-pocket cost up to a maximum of \$100 for each prescription. All GSK HIV drugs (Combivir, Epivir, Epzicom, Lexiva, Retrovir, Trizivir, and Ziagen) are covered. Patients can get the card from their provider or print out the card online at www.mysupportcard.com.

Tibotec : Tibotec Therapeutics Patient Savings Program — Covers Prezista and Intelence. Saves up to 80% of the amount of your actual out-of-pocket cost up to \$100 per drug, per month. Patients can visit www.prezista.com/prezista/patient_assistance.html or call toll-free **1-866-961-7169**.

UI clinic patients receiving Ryan White Part C assistance with their drug co-pays are being asked to apply for the co-pay assistance programs they may be eligible for and provide their savings card information to Julie at Balance Rx/NJL Pharmacy **(877)636-9602.

Source: 13th Annual Positively Aware HIV Drug Guide, March/April 2009

Women's Annual OBGYN Exams



Regarding women's annual OBGYN exams from the Iowa Care Clinic at UI Hospitals and Clinics, DHS recently announced they will reimburse

community providers for one annual exam a year. They can go to Planned Parenthood or other community based clinics. We encourage women to take advantage of this new ruling and get their annual exams with their community providers. Please bring a copy of your pap results to your virology appointments as they are necessary for our quality program.



HIV 2009 Conference

October 16, 2009

Iowa City, IA

PATIENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT TRICIA KROLL AT (319)384-7307.

The conference program includes a wide variety of topics and issues presented by UIHC and nationally recognized experts in the field of HIV. The nationally recognized speakers include:

- * **Dr. Renslow Sherer, MD**, Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago. He has been associated with MATEC (Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center) for 20 years. In addition, he is the Director of the Wuhan University Medical Reform Project in China. He has integrated the activities of teaching and clinical care of HIV patients in both the global arena and in the United States. His emphasis also includes public health and community-based primary care. *Dr. Sherer's presentation will address primary HIV care challenges, pressing needs, and future directions.*
- * **Dr. Milton Wainberg, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University in New York, New York. He is the Director of the HIV Mental Health Training Program at the NY State Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Wainberg has worked on numerous research studies examining HIV-positive and at-risk populations who use alcohol or recreational drugs, experience sexual compulsivity or have severe mental illness. He is also interested in adherence to medications. He is currently testing the efficacy of an HIV prevention intervention developed in an international, collaborative project which offers HIV prevention services to adults with severe mental illness in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *Dr. Wainberg's presentation will focus on dealing with pain is-*

sues in the HIV-positive patient with mental health and/or substance abuse. In addition, he will be addressing a break out session dealing with mental health and wellness issues for the HIV-positive patient.

- * **Mr. Jesse Milan, Jr., JD**, a person living with HIV for 27 years and a national expert on and advocate for HIV/AIDS policies and programs. He obtained his JD from New York University School of Law and is Vice President and Director of Altarum Institute's Community Health Systems Group. Mr. Milan's awards include the 2008 "Hero in the Struggle" award from the Black AIDS Institute for his national leadership in HIV/AIDS. As a person living with HIV for 27 years, Mr. Milan has spoken and written extensively on HIV/AIDS issues. He recently spoke at the White House as part of the announcement of "Act Against AIDS," a new national AIDS awareness communications campaign. *Mr. Milan's presentation, "People, Policy, and Practice: Connections and Disconnections in HIV/AIDS," will discuss cross-cutting national issues concerning HIV/AIDS.*
- * **Mr. Scott Burris, JD**, Professor of Law at Temple Law School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is the author of numerous books, book chapters, and articles on issues including discrimination against people with HIV and other disabilities and HIV policy. *Mr. Burris' presentation will address the issue of the criminal transmission law for HIV, the history of these laws and their influence on public health and people living with HIV. The State of Iowa has a criminal transmission law for HIV.*



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

HIV 2009

An Interdisciplinary Conference

Location:
hotelVetro & Conference Center
201 S. Linn Street
Downtown Iowa City

Sponsored by: University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver
College of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine

In cooperation with: Midwest AIDS Training and Education
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Coming Attractions—New Face, New Place



Dustin Wagner, HIV Outreach Worker, JCPH



Pinicon Ridge Park, Central City, Iowa

Some of you already know this, but I am leaving my position as an HIV outreach worker and taking a different position here at Johnson County Public Health. Dustin Wagner will be taking over *Coming Attractions* weekend groups for me.

For those of you who don't know, *Coming Attractions* is a weekend social group for persons living with HIV. It's a great chance to meet new people and

get away for a weekend. Activities include movies, dinner, discussion, games, a picnic, and outdoor activities.

We have one group planned this year for September 25-27 at Pinicon Ridge Park near Cedar Rapids. Dustin is also working on scheduling a group this summer, so stay tuned!

We provide food, lodging, and gas cards and rides can be

arranged. Space is limited, so call now to reserve a slot. Contact Dustin Wagner at (319) 688-5890 or dagner@co.johnson.ia.us for more information or to register.

I've enjoyed getting to know so many of you. Take care.

Andy Weigel
Johnson County Public Health

AT LAST, YOU CAN TAKE ACTION IN HIV-ASSOCIATED DIARRHEA

- ◆ HAVE YOU BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HIV?
- ◆ DO YOU HAVE DIARRHEA?
- ◆ ARE YOU AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD?

If so, you may be able to participate in a clinical study looking at a new investigational treatment for managing HIV-associated diarrhea.

For more information, please contact Kathy at (319) 356-3071 or Rina at (319)384-9017.

Studies You Can Participate In



Opportunities exist to participate in one of two available studies!!! Individuals with HIV/AIDS can join the studies if they meet specific guidelines. Each study is different and compensation is provided.

The first study involves looking at the effectiveness of a new investigational medication for

the treatment of HIV associated diarrhea. Participants must have a history of at least 1 month of diarrhea. **Compensation is provided for participation.**

The second study looks at the long term safety of maraviroc (Selzentry). This medication has already been approved by the FDA for use in adults who are failing their current HIV therapy. Maraviroc blocks the virus's ability to get into cells. The study involves collection of selected bits of information from your medical record for about 5 years. No special or

additional visits required. Volunteers will receive a free blood test to first make sure their virus is susceptible to maraviroc. **Compensation is provided for participation.**

Future possibility: Vicriviroc study for subjects who have not yet received HIV treatment (Vicriviroc blocks entry of HIV into cells).

Keep checking the newsletter for more future studies/trials. Interested individuals should call Rina at (319)384-9017.

Changing Medicine, Changing Lives!

The University of Iowa Virology Program uses a multi-disciplinary approach to provide comprehensive care including: social services and community referrals, financial programs such as the Ryan White funds, psychiatry services, nutrition consultation, referrals to experienced professionals in all medical specialties, medication, clinical trials, and specialized medical care. The staff understands confidentiality concerns. If you have any questions, concerns, or if you have tested positive and want to schedule your first appointment, please call the Virology Clinic at (319)356-8133.

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