# **WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV**

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While HIV affects everyone differently, women often face particular challenges. Understanding the relationship of being a woman living with HIV and your current HIV treatment regimen may have implications on your decisions now and in the future. 2

There are options, so why not ask if a 2-drug regimen might be a good choice for you?<sup>3</sup>

The more you know about your treatment the better.





## **EXPLORE THE QUESTIONS BELOW**

Ask your doctor about your current HIV treatments – you can use this resource alongside the general question guide.

#### LIVING WITH HIV AS A WOMAN

- How does HIV affect my reproductive health?
- What birth control options are available for HIV+ women? Does birth control interact with my HIV medications?
- Does my HIV treatment affect my menstruation?
- How can I best protect my partner from the risk of HIV transmission?

### HIV AND PREGNANCY/BREASTFEEDING

- Does being pregnant make my HIV worse?
- What is the risk of HIV transmission to my baby during labour?
- Is my current treatment the best option for women who wish to become pregnant?
- Is it safe to take HIV medicines during pregnancy and/or breastfeeding?
- Can I breastfeed my baby, what are the risks of HIV transmission to my baby?

#### **HIV AND MENOPAUSE**

- Does HIV or HIV treatment affect menopause?
- Are there any considerations during menopause for women living with HIV?

Tick off the d	questions that are im	portant to	you –	add some q	uestions of	your own!



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Abbreviation: HIV, human immunodeficiency virus.

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