

Recommendations For Initiating ART In HIV-infected Infants And Children

Immune marker	Age-specific recommendation to initiate ART		
	<24m	24-59m	5yrs and above
CD4 Percent	Treat all*	≤ 25%	NA
CD4 count/mm3	Treat all	≤ 750 cells	≤ 350 cells
Clinical criteria (for children 24 months and older)			
Stage 3 and 4 disease** initiate all regardless of Cd4			

*Baseline CD4 is useful for monitoring ART even if it is not required to initiate ART.
 ** Stabilize any opportunistic infection (OI) before initiating ART.