

# Case Study 3

Ms. West is a 30 year old single Black female who self-identifies as TG. She has been HIV positive for 4 years. Ms. West is the top sales person at her father's local real estate company.

She admits to not following her medication regiment when she is "partying" on rare "weekend getaways", but she has been adherent to her office visits and laboratory visits. Her recent CD<sub>4</sub> and VL results were 748 and <50 respectively.

Her party drug of choice is heroin. She fell sustaining a compound fracture to her left arm during a "getaway" to the West Coast, escaping the cold DC weather. She was given an antibiotic (erythromycin) and an analgesic (oxycodone) at the ER.

Due to canceled flights, Ms. West was in Southern California for an extended period of time. She therefore re-started her ARV regimen as she did after every "weekend-getaway".

Paramedics were called when her friends were unable to awaken her.