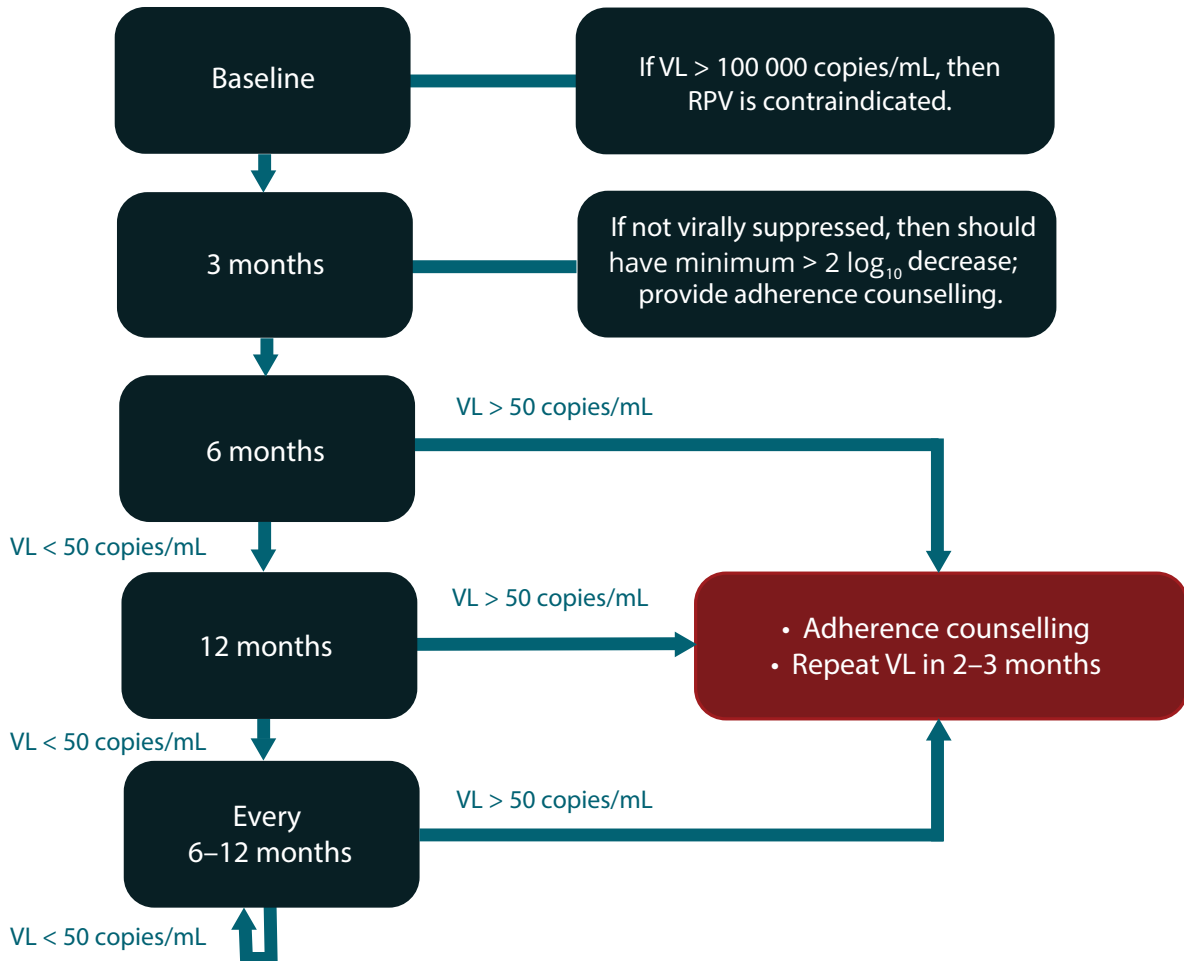


Viral load monitoring



Treatment success = VL < 50 copies/mL within 6 months of starting ART and sustained thereafter.

Treatment failure = confirmed VL > 50 copies/mL on two consecutive measurements taken 2-3 months apart despite intensive adherence counselling.

Viral blips = isolated detectable VL followed by undetectable VL. These are not a reason to change ART regimen.