



Average prices of a one year treatment with antiretrovirals
in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

According to a survey by Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the prices of antiretroviral therapy in LAC countries dropped up to 54% last year, as a result of negotiations between ministries of health and the pharmaceutical companies. The survey also revealed a wide difference between the countries surveyed, with some countries paying up to 10 times more for the same treatment.

The survey compared the prices of drugs purchased by May 2001 and May 2002 by the ministries of health of 14 LAC countries. To calculate the annual cost of treating a person living with AIDS, PAHO selected two of the most common combinations of antiretroviral therapies. On the average the reductions for 3TC+AZT+NVP were 25% (from US \$ 3,701 to US \$ 2,746). For 3TC+AZT+EFV the prices decreased 54% (from US \$ 5,506 to US \$ 2,499).

These prices do not reflect further reductions that some countries were able to negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies since then.

3TC + AZT + NVP

| | <u>May-01</u> | <u>May-02</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ARGENTINA | \$ 1,097.92 | |
| BAHAMAS | | |
| BARBADOS | | \$ 1,339.49 |
| BRAZIL | \$ 1,408.90 | \$ 635.10 |
| COLOMBIA | | \$ 5,398.58 |
| EL SALVADOR | | |
| HAITI | | |
| HONDURAS | | \$ 1,314.00 |
| MEXICO | \$ 5,112.92 | \$ 6,509.17 |
| PANAMA | | |
| TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | \$ 1,825.00 | \$ 1,281.69 |
| URUGUAY | \$ 4,671.39 | |
| VENEZUELA | \$ 8,093.28 | |
| Average | \$ 3,701.57 | \$ 2,746.34 |

3TC + AZT + EFV

| | <u>May-01</u> | <u>May-02</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ARGENTINA | \$ 5,182.27 | \$ 1,339.49 |
| BAHAMAS | | |
| BARBADOS | | \$ 2,406.93 |
| BRAZIL | \$ 1,416.20 | \$ 1,306.70 |
| COLOMBIA | | \$ 3,618.72 |
| EL SALVADOR | \$ 6,250.76 | \$ 5,582.80 |
| HAITI | \$ 12,568.70 | \$ 1,484.33 |
| HONDURAS | | \$ 1,379.70 |
| JAMAICA | | \$ 1,226.40 |
| MEXICO | \$ 3,914.02 | \$ 3,819.52 |
| PANAMA | | \$ 2,837.27 |
| TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | \$ 1,200.85 | \$ 1,332.35 |
| URUGUAY | \$ 8,013.83 | |
| Average | \$ 5,506.66 | \$ 2,499.47 |