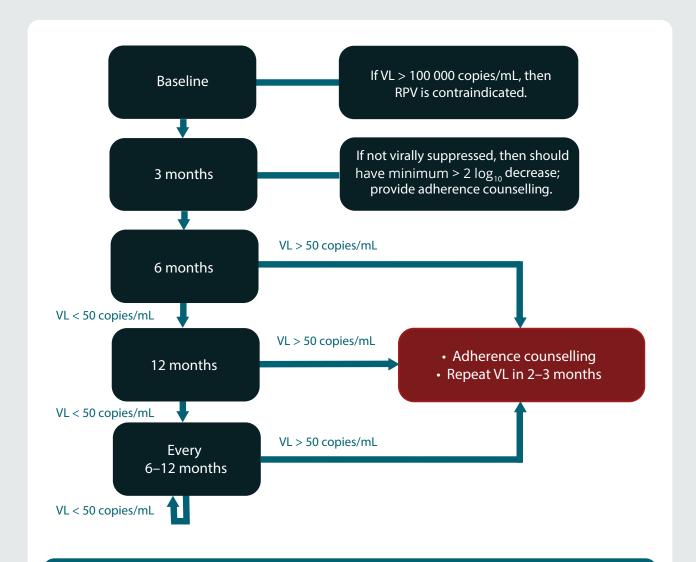


## **Viral load monitoring**



**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.

 $ART, antiretroviral\ therapy;\ In STI,\ integrase\ strand\ transfer\ inhibitor;\ RPV,\ rilpivirine;\ VL,\ viral\ load.$