

19.3. Both AZT and NVP constitute critical components of resolving the public health crisis created by the HIV epidemic. Attempts to undermine public confidence in them is dangerous and life-threatening because it could adversely affect patient adherence, which is a critical component of treatment success. It could also lead to people who need ARVs refusing to take them, resulting in their premature death.

The heading of the advert “Why should South Africans continue to be poisoned with AZT?” is particularly misleading.