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Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection is associated with a number of proctological problems (see Chapter 80). Intestinal complications are common after the development of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), when opportunistic organisms can cause gastroenteritis (Summary box 74.2). HIV may also cause a specific enteropathy. Treatment is directed towards the relevant organism and surgery should be avoided if possible. Summary box 74.2 Opportunistic intestinal infections in patients with AIDS

Bacterial Viral Salmonella Cytomegalovirus Shigella Protozoal Yersinia Cryptosporidium  
Campylobacter Giardia Mycobacterium avium- Fungal intracellulare (MAI) Candida albicans

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