



PrEP and Insurance Coverage

SOUTH CAROLINA HIV PrEP INITIATIVE



HIV PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)
EDUCATION TRAINING CONSULTATIVE SUPPORT CO-MANAGEMENT

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 1. PrEP 101
 2. Accessing care for persons with insurance
 3. Accessing care for persons without insurance
 4. Cases

HIV PrEP Option #1

- Daily oral PrEP with the fixed-dose combination of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) 300 mg + emtricitabine (FTC) 200 mg has been shown to be **safe and effective** in reducing the risk of HIV acquisition in at risk adults(AI)¹
 - Truvada® (FDA approved) pts with eCrCl of ≥ 60 ml/min
 - FDA approved for adolescents over 35 kgs(2018)



The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PRACTICE

COMMITTEE OPINION

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Committee on Gynecologic Practice

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Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus

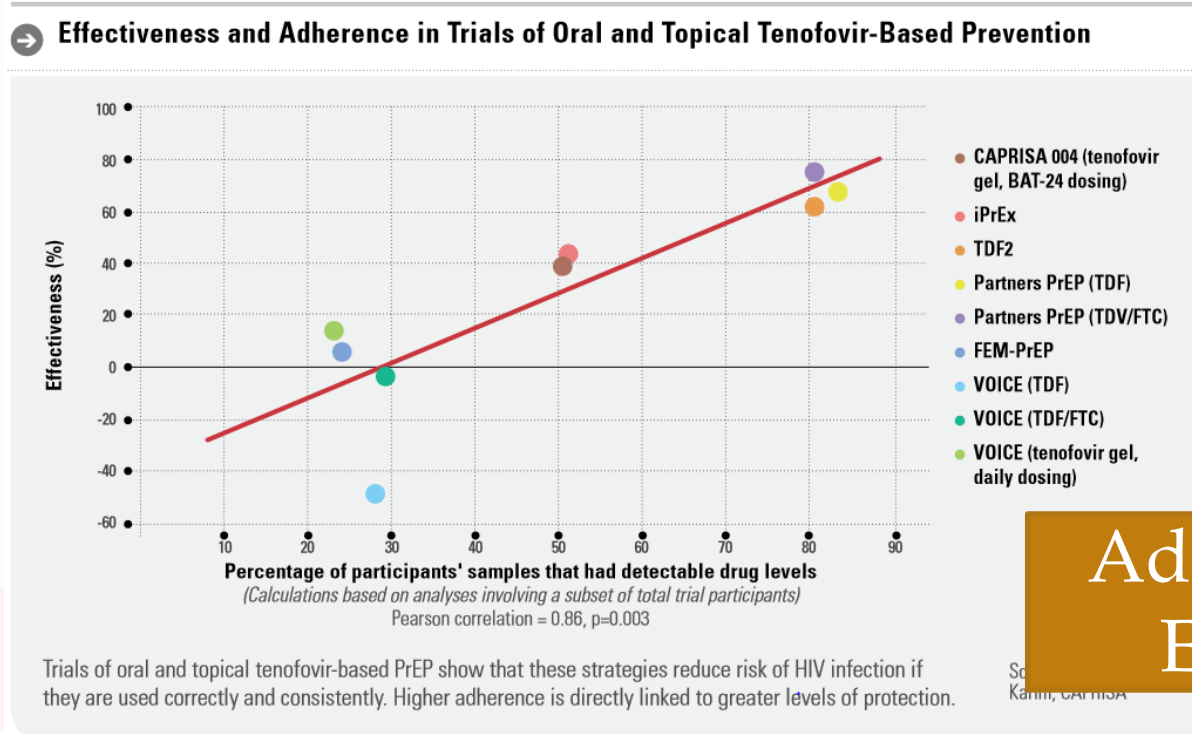
U.S. Preventive Services TASK FORCE		
Release Date: June 2019		
Recommendation Summary		
Population	Recommendation	Grade (What's This?)
Persons at high risk of HIV acquisition	The USPSTF recommends that clinicians offer preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with effective antiretroviral therapy to persons who are at high risk of HIV acquisition.	A

PrEP: Does it Work?

Trial	Where	Who	What	Efficacy
1. iPrEx n=2499	SA, US, South Africa, Thailand	MSM high risk	TDF-FTC or placebo	44% TDF-FTC
2. Partners PrEP n=4747	Kenya, Uganda	Discordant hetero couples	TDF, TDF-FTC or placebo	67 -75% (TDF, TDF/FTC) •Men 84%;Women 66%
3. US MSM safety Trial, n=400	US	MSM	TDF or placebo Early vs delay	Not reported ; 0 infections on TDF
4. TDF2 n=1219	Botswana	Hetero men or women	TDF-FTC or placebo	62.2% all •80% men •49% women (NS)
5. FEM-PrEP n=2120	Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania	Women	TDF-FTC or placebo	Stopped early due to lack of efficacy
6. VOICE n=5021	Uganda, South Africa, Zimbabwe	Heterosexual women	TDF gel, placebo gel, TDF, TDF-FTC, placebo pill	TDF gel/pill stopped, lack of efficacy
7. West African Trial n=859	West Africa	Hetero women	TDF vs placebo	65% (NS, stopped early)
8. Bangkok TDF n=2413	Thailand	IVDU	TDF or placebo	49% TDF

PrEP: Efficacy and Adherence

- If drug detected in blood, effectiveness of PrEP = 90-92%
 - 92-100% if levels equivalent to daily use² (Post Hoc iPrEx)
 - 0 conversions if at least 4 doses taken³



Adherence=
Efficacy

PrEP: The Reality

Open Label Studies with good outcomes

Recent Trials	Participants (n)	Efficacy Estimates %	Efficacy by blood detection of drug
PROUD (UK)	MSM (500)	86 (90% CI=64-96)	-
IPEGAY (France)	MSM(400)	86 (95% CI=40-99)	-
KAISER(US)	99% MSM(657)	100 (5104 py of f/up)	-
SF STRUT (Nurse led-US)	99% MEN (1252)	100	-
Demo (3 centers, US)	MSM (430) MtF (5)	HIV incidence 0.43 per 100 py	2 seroconverters- levels equivalent to <2 doses/wk
iPrEx OLE	MSM	49 (95% CI: 0.26-1.01)	If 4-7 doses/wk, efficacy =100%

PROUD: McCormack S, et al. Lancet 2015
 STRUT Gibson, S. et al. AIDS 2016
 Kaiser: Volk, J et al. CID 2015, Marcus CID 2017 .
 IPEGAY: Molina, J. et al. NEJM 2015;373:2237-46
 Demo - Molina Lancet HIV. 2017

PrEP: Who Needs It?

MSM	Heterosexual Men and Women	Injection Drug Users	Transgender People
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial sex workers HIV+ partner Recent STI Multiple partners Inconsistent/No condoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial sex workers HIV+ partner Recent STI Multiple partners Inconsistent/No condom use High prevalence area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV positive injecting partner Sharing needles/injection equipment 	<p>Trans women of color² (National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2010, 2015)</p>

US Public Health Service

PREEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION IN THE UNITED STATES – 2017 UPDATE

A CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

GUIDANCE ON PRE-EXPOSURE ORAL PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP) FOR SERODISCORDANT COUPLES, MEN AND TRANSGENDER WOMEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN AT HIGH RISK OF HIV: Recommendations for use in the context of demonstration projects

July 2012



<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/library/factsheets/prep-101-consumer-info.pdf>

Work Flow

Page 1 is in English, Page 2 is in Spanish

July 2019

PrEP 101

Are you HIV-negative but at very high risk for HIV? Taken every day, PrEP can help keep you free from HIV.

What Is PrEP?

- PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is daily medicine that can reduce your chance of getting HIV.
- PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body.
- PrEP is highly effective when taken daily as prescribed. PrEP is much less effective if not taken consistently.
- Only condoms protect against other STDs like syphilis and gonorrhea.



Is PrEP Right For You?

PrEP may benefit you if you are HIV-negative and **ANY** of the following apply to you.

You are a gay/bisexual man and

- have an HIV-positive partner.
- have multiple partners, a partner with multiple partners, or a partner whose HIV status is unknown—and you also
 - have anal sex without a condom, or
 - recently had a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

You are a heterosexual and

- have an HIV-positive partner.
- have multiple partners, a partner with multiple partners, or a partner whose HIV status is unknown—and you also
 - don't always use a condom for sex with people who inject drugs, or
 - don't always use a condom for sex with bisexual men.

You inject drugs and

- share needles, syringes, or other equipment to inject drugs.
- are at risk for getting HIV from sex.



Visit Your Healthcare Provider

- To find out if PrEP is right for you.
- If you have any symptoms while taking PrEP that became severe or don't go away.



THIS LITTLE PILL IS **CHANGING THE HIV CONVERSATION**

PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) is an HIV prevention pill. When taken daily, it can greatly reduce your risk of getting HIV.

There are more HIV prevention options than ever before. Talk to your doctor about which options are right for you.

Start Talking. Stop HIV.

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 #ActAgainstAIDS
 #StartTalkingHIV
 #TalkHIV



WE STAY SURE

DAILY PrEP + CONDOMS

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 Let's Make
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 Commissioner

PrEP Workflow



Time management

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HIV PrEP Implementation Toolkit

1 vs 2 visits

Bolded items mandatory

PrEP Orientation Visit:

- Discuss PrEP use
- Review insurance coverage/med. assistance
- Perform baseline laboratory tests:
 - **HIV Ab/Ag screen^ (4th generation)**
 - **Cr**
 - **Hepatitis Bs Ag/Ab** and cAb
 - Hepatitis C Antibody
 - RPR/Trep Ab
 - Triple site GC/CH testing- Urine, Rectal, Oral (based on exposure)
 - **Pregnancy test** (if female)

Initial Provider Visit:

- Discuss PrEP use (7 day interval before adequate levels in rectal tissue and 20 days for vaginal tissue/blood; compliance; SE)
- Risk reduction counselling, condoms
- PrEP Clinic Questionnaire(initial)
- Provider visit
- Symptom history to r/o acute HIV
- 30-day supply of PrEP (**start within 7 days of HIV screen**)

PrEP Workflow

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30-day visit:

- Adherence review with nurse/ PharmD, risk reduction counselling, assess side effects
- Cr

Optional UA

60-day supply of PrEP

3-month visit:

- PrEP Clinic Questionnaire (short)
- Provider visit, risk reduction counselling, condoms
- **HIV Ab/Ag Test, Pregnancy test,** STI screen in MSM^ (RPR/Trep Ab, GC/CH(triple site))

90-day supply of PrEP

6-month visit/ 12 month visit:

- PrEP Clinic Questionnaire (long)
- Provider visit, risk reduction counselling, condoms
- **HIV Ab/Ag, Pregnancy test, Cr,** RPR/Trep Ab, GC/CH(triple site), Hep C ab annually

90-day supply of PrEP

9-month visit:

- PrEP Clinic Questionnaire (short)
- Provider visit , risk reduction counselling, condoms
- **HIV Ab/Ag,** STI screen in MSM(RPR/Trep Ab, GC/CH(triple site))

90-day supply of PrEP

After the 12 month visit: (Re-evaluation of need for continuing PrEP)

Q 3 monthly visit with Adherence nurse/ Pharm D, risk reduction counselling, , condoms.

- PrEP Clinic Questionnaire (short)
- **HIV ab/ab q 3 monthly** and STI screen q 3 monthly in MSM
- 90 day supply of PrEP

Q 6 monthly visit with Provider

- Pregnancy test, Cr, RPR/Trep Ab, GC/CH(triple site) ,Hep C
- 90-day supply of PrEP, condoms

Every visit(Q 3mths)

- Provide condoms
- HIV Ag/Ab → refills
- Assess adherence
- Risk reduction counseling

Decide who sees the person



PrEP Workflow: Adherence

Adherence
=
Efficacy



**BEST MEDICATION
REMINDER APPS**



<https://www.caringvillage.com/2018/02/09/the-top-five-medication-management-apps/>
<https://www.ripplephx.org/?p=5234>



TAF/FTC – 30
day Blister pack

Adherence Counselling

What to expect

- Symptoms
 - Flatulence, nausea / GI upset
 - Headache and rash
 - Arthralgia
- Start up syndrome resolves within 4-6 wks
 - Use OTC medications
- Uncommon
 - Drop in bone density(TDF)
 - Renal dysfunction (subclinical), rare Fanconi syndrome
 - Lactic acidosis
 - Transaminitis

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)



PrEPMeSC

PrEP is a pill (Truvada) that can be taken once a day to greatly reduce your chances of getting HIV, if exposed to the virus. If taken as directed, PrEP can reduce your risk of getting HIV by more than 90%.

PrEP WILL NOT protect you from STIs, like syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia, so using condom while on PrEP is

PrEP
PrEP Provider Locator
PrEP 101 (pdf)
PrEP FAQs (pdf)
PrEP Patient Assistance

https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEP_GL_Patient_Factsheet_Truvada_English.pdf



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What special dietary instructions should I follow?

- Continue your normal diet unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

What should I do if I forget a dose?

- Take the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed one.

What side effects can this medication cause?

You may experience the following side effects while taking Truvada:

- upset stomach
- headache
- vomiting
- loss of appetite

These side effects usually fade during the first month of taking Truvada for PrEP. Tell your doctor if any of these symptoms are severe or do not go away.

Truvada may cause other side effects. Some side effects can be serious. Call your doctor immediately if you have any unusual problems while taking this medication or if you have any of the following:

- fever or chills especially with
- sore throat, cough, rash or other signs of infection

Bone Health (TDF)



- Small (~1%) decline in BMD occurred in first few months → either stabilized or returned to normal ^{1,2}
 - iPrEx trial (TDF/FTC) & CDC PrEP safety trial in MSM
 - No increase in fragility (atraumatic) fractures over the 1-2 years
- DEXA scans or other assessments are NOT recommended

PrEP: Option #2

1. TAF/FTC –FDA approved for at-risk adults and adolescents (≥ 35 kg), excluding individuals at risk from receptive vaginal sex. (October 2019)
 - Not yet incorporated into guidelines
 - eCrCl > 30 mL/min

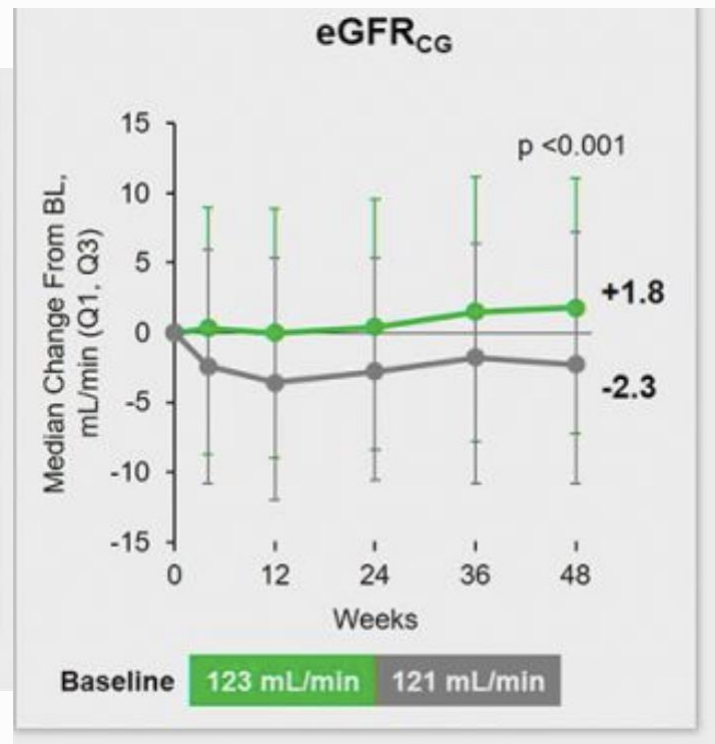
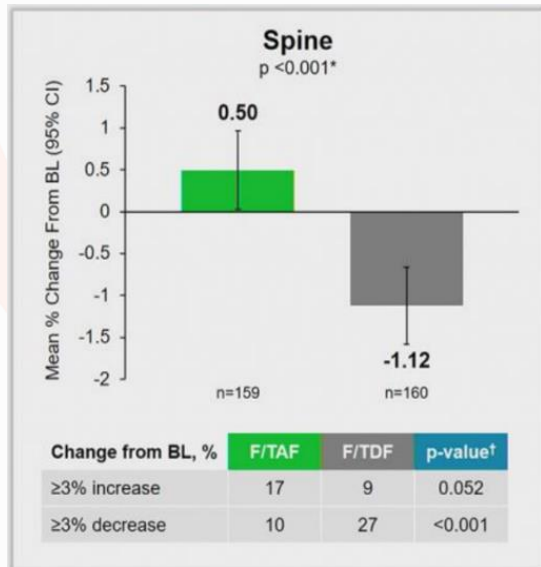


Not an option
for
Cis Women
Trans men(vaginal sex)

TAF vs TDF

Bone/Kidney Health

- RCT of Truvada[®] versus Descovy[®] for PrEP
 - MSM and TGW (Enrolled ~6000: 74 TGW) ; followed 96 wks
 - 22 HIV transmission (7 TAF and 15 TDF)



*p-values from analysis of variance model with baseline F/TDF for PrEP and treatment as fixed effects; †p-value was based on a dichotomized response (ie, ≥3% vs <3%) from Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for nominal data (general association statistic) adjusting for baseline F/TDF for PrEP. BL, baseline.

Case 1

- 29 y/o cis-male, MSM come to office
 - Presented there with 'drips'
 - Got treated with ceftriaxone IM and azithro
 - Urine GC was sent
 - HIV test negative, CrCL >60

- Should PrEP be discussed
 1. Yes
 2. No

Case 1: PrEP options for him ?

1. Daily TDF/FTC (Truvada®)
2. Daily TAF/FTC (Descovy®)
3. Defer PrEP , no time

Case 1 Workflow

- Get labs
- Review insurance coverage
 - Has insurance
 - ? Pay for labs
 - ? Pay for Visit
- Can patient afford visits



TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Antiretroviral Therapy

The use of medications to treat HIV is called Antiretroviral Therapy (ART). ART decreases the amount of HIV in the body. ART can reduce HIV from multiplying. Though ART does not cure HIV, it can help people living with HIV continue to lead healthy lives, and also reduce the likelihood of transmitting HIV. This is called having an undetectable viral load, or U=U. undetectable=untransmittable.org.

Condom Use

HIV is spread through contact with blood or bodily fluids, so the way in which the spread of HIV can be prevented is by having contact with these fluids. Condoms use during regular sexual sex is a very effective way of preventing HIV.

PrEP

There is also a daily pill called PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) that can prevent HIV by 92% in women. If you are HIV positive, treatment can prevent your viral load, to a point where the virus is undetectable and therefore untransmittable. If your partner is HIV negative, PrEP can help in decreasing the chance of your partner acquiring HIV. Also, there is a series of pills called PEP which can be taken if you believe you have come in contact with the HIV virus.

Regular Testing

Getting tested for other STIs regularly is an important tool in preventing the spread of HIV, as they are more transmittable when in the company of other STIs.

Payment Assistance

*See the passage of the Affordable Care Act, most jobs

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

General Information

www.blackaids.org
www.aids.gov/blackaids.org/blackaids-for-african-american/
www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/africanamericans/undetectable.html
www.hiv.gov/undetectable
www.hivprevention.org

General Information on PrEP

www.blackaids.org/news-and-events/black-women-prep
www.undetectableprevention.com
www.hivprevention.org/prp-prep_women.pdf

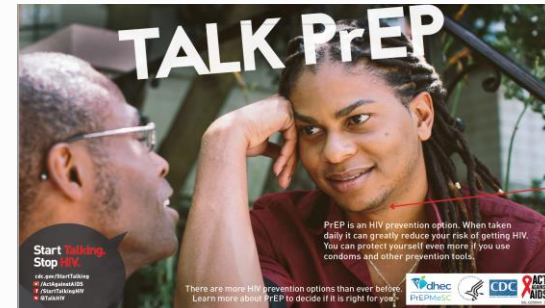
Payment Assistance Programs

www.blackaids.org/news
www.cdc.gov/hiv/news-and-events/black-women-prep
www.undetectableprevention.com
www.hivprevention.org/prp-prep_women.pdf
www.hivprevention.org/prp-prep_women.pdf

Your Rights and HIV

www.cdc.gov/hiv/news-and-events/black-women-prep
www.undetectableprevention.com
www.hivprevention.org/prp-prep_women.pdf
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THE BLACK AIDS INSTITUTE




TALK PrEP

Start talking. Stop HIV.

PrEP is an HIV prevention option. When taken daily it can greatly reduce your risk of getting HIV. You can protect yourself even more if you use condoms and other prevention tools.

There are more HIV prevention options than ever before. Learn more about PrEP to decide if it is right for you.

www.dhcc.org www.cdc.gov www.aids.gov



Having Sex?

#LetTalkAboutPrEP

letstalkaboutprep.com

www.dhcc.org www.cdc.gov www.aids.gov



Insurance

- Group Insurance Plans
 - Company
 - Organization
- Marketplace Insurance Plans
 - Individual
 - Family
 - Small Business



Covered Services?

- Preventative Care Benefits
 - Screening*:
 - Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HepB, HepC, HIV, Syphilis
 - Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Counseling
 - Immunization Vaccines

Acceptable Billing Codes



PrEP Implementation Toolkit

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Billing Code Guide:

Type of visit	Code descriptor	ICD -10
STI Prevention	Contact with and suspected exposure to HIV	Z20.6
	Contact with and suspected exposure to infections with predominantly sexual mode of transmission	Z20.2
	Contact with and suspected exposure to viral hepatitis	Z20.5
	High risk Heterosexual Behavior	Z72.51
	High risk Homosexual Behavior	Z72.52
	High risk Homosexual Behavior	Z72.53
STI Counselling	Counselling related to patients sexual behavior and orientation	Z70.1
	Counselling related to combined concerns regarding sexual attitude, behavior and orientation	Z70.3
	Other sex counselling	
	Sex counselling, unspecified	
	HIV counselling	
STI Screening Test	Encounter for pre-procedure	
	Encounter for screening for predominantly sexual mode of transmission	
	Encounter for HIV screening	
	Encounter for screening for parasitic diseases	
	Encounter for screening for	

CPT codes for Services

Type of service	Description (document /bill based on time and complexity)	CPT code
Evaluation and Management	Initial visit and assessment	99201-99205
	Prescription visit	99211-99215
	Quarterly follow-up visit	99211-99215
	Annual follow visit	99211-99215
Preventative Medicine and Risk Factor Reduction Visits	Initial comprehensive preventative medicine services	99384-99387
	Comprehensive preventative medicine services for established patients	99394-99397
	Preventative medicine counselling and/or risk factor reduction interventions	99401-99404

Medication Assistance

- Insured (Rx coverage)
 - Commercial/Private
 - Gilead Co-pay Coupon Program
 - Patient Advocate Foundation
 - 400% FPL
 - Government/Public
 - Good Days
 - Medicare Part D or Military
 - 500% FPL
 - Patient Advocate Foundation
 - 400% FPL

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Case 2

- 25 y/o Trans-woman visits your office with rash
- 1 male partner , condomless sex
- No new lotions or soaps, No meds
- WBC normal

- PHx
 - GC positive in 2018, Chla 2019,

Case 2- PrEP options for her?

1. Daily TDF/FTC (Truvada®)
2. Daily TAF/FTC (Descovy®)
3. Defer PrEP since not cis-gender

PrEP: Transgender

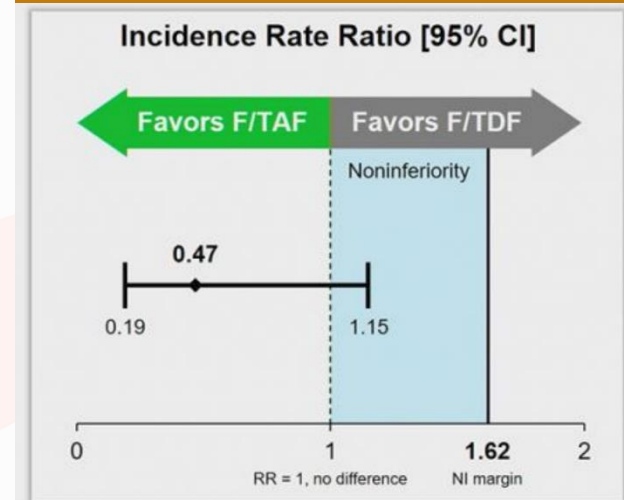
iPrEx Trial (TDF/FTC) had 339 Transwomen (MtF) only

- MtF more frequently reported transactional sex, receptive anal intercourse without condom, >5 partners in the past 3 months
- Overall adherence, less for MtF
- **if > 4 tablets/week, rate of infection per 100,000 pt/yr = 0**

PrEP: Transgender Discover Trial and Patient Population

- RCT of Truvada[®] versus Descovy[®] for PrEP
 - MSM and TGW
 - Enrolled ~6000
 - **74 TGW**
 - Followed- 96 wks
 - 9% black
 - High rates STI and chem-sex

- 22 HIV transmission
- 7 TAF and 15 TDF



CROI 2019-Discover: Phase III RCT of F-TAF vs. F-TDF for PrEP

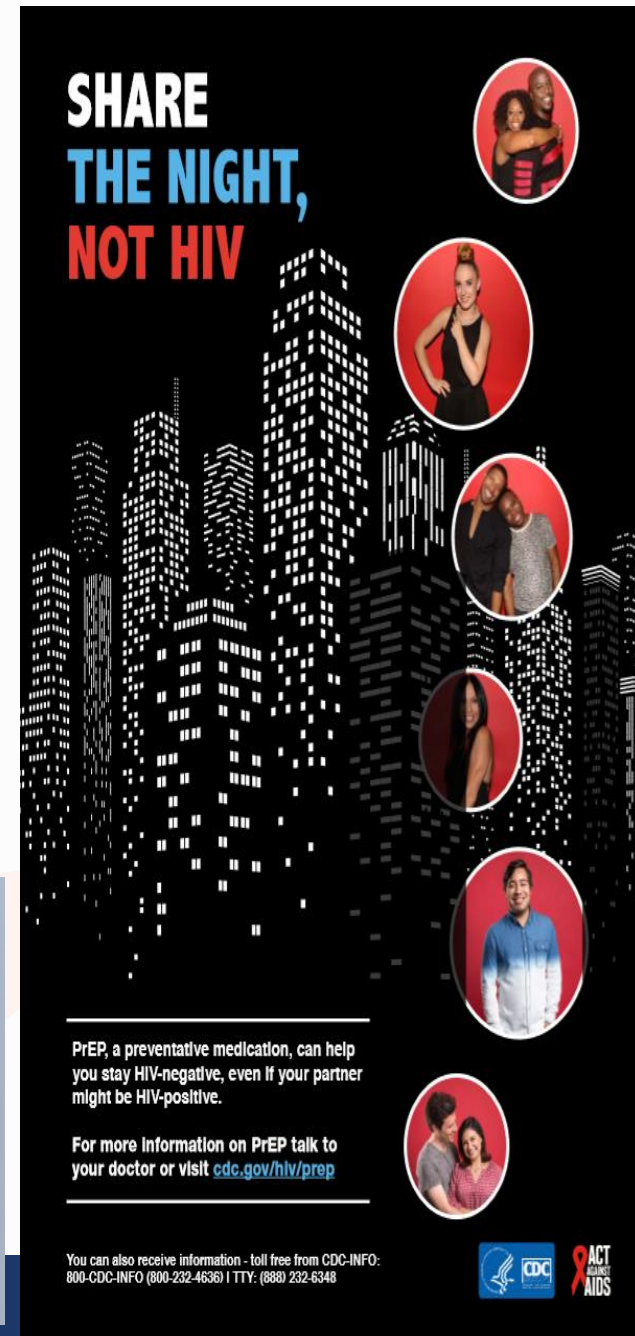
Case 2 Workflow

- Get labs
- Review insurance coverage
 - Does not have insurance
 - ? Pay for labs
 - ? Pay for meds
 - Can patient afford visits



#PrEPForHer
DOMINATE
♀ *your sex life*

PrEP is a safe, daily pill that helps prevent HIV.






SHARE THE NIGHT, NOT HIV

PrEP, a preventative medication, can help you stay HIV-negative, even if your partner might be HIV-positive.

For more information on PrEP talk to your doctor or visit cdc.gov/hiv/prep

You can also receive information - toll free from CDC-INFO:
800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) | TTY: (888) 232-6348



Medication Assistance

- Un-insured (Rx coverage)
 - Gilead Patient Support Program
 - 500% FPL
- Ready, Set, PrEP
 - Not income based
 - Designated Pharmacy

- <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/prep/cdc-hiv-PayingforPrEP-flyer.pdf>

Paying for PrEP

Covering the Cost of PrEP Care

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      Root[Covering the Cost of PrEP Care] --> Insured[Insured]
      Root --> Eligible[Not insured But may be eligible for Medicaid or ACA Plans]
      Root --> NotEligible[Not eligible for Medicaid or ACA plans OR Insurance denies claim]
      
      Insured --> InsuredMed[Medication]
      Insured --> InsuredLab[Lab Test]
      Insured --> InsuredClinic[Clinic Visits]
      
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PrEP Medication Assistance Program

Family Size	500% Federal Poverty Level Household Annual Income must be less than:
1	\$58,850
2	\$79,650
3	\$100,450
4	\$121,250
5	\$142,050
6	\$162,850

ABBREVIATIONS:
 ACA - Affordable Care Act
 FPL - Federal Poverty Level
 CHC - Community Health Center
 PAF - Patient Advocate Foundation

DEFINITIONS:
PrEP: Daily pill to prevent HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis)
Co-pay: Fixed amount to be paid by insured person per prescription
Co-insurance: Fixed percentage of prescription cost to be paid by insured person
Deductible: Amount of health care cost (including prescriptions) that must be paid by the insured person before insurance begins to cover costs

PrEP MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
 (Gilead Sciences)
People eligible for this program must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be without insurance or have payment declined by their insurance carrier
- Be resident in the US (social security number not required)
- Have family income ≤ 500% of the federal poverty level

Once enrolled in this program:

- Medication will be sent to the provider, a pharmacy, or the patient's home
- Patients can get their medication at no charge from their provider or pharmacy for as long as they are eligible
- Eligibility must be confirmed every 6 months by the provider

RESOURCES:

- To apply for health insurance on the federal exchange: www.healthcare.gov
- Community Health Center Locator: findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov
- NASTAD on-line tool to assist with paying for PrEP at PrEPcost.org
- Gilead Sciences: Medication Assistance Program and Co-Pay Assistance - www.truvada.com/how-to-get-truvada-for-prep/truvada-cost
- Patient Advocate (PAF) Foundation: Co-Pay Relief Program - www.copays.org/diseases/hiv-aids-and-prevention

Case 3

- MSM on truvada for PrEP
- Monogamous serodiscordant relationship.
 - Partner is undetectable
- After discussing U=U , patient prefers to stay on PrEP

What do you recommend for PrEP

- 1) Staying on Truvada®
- 2) Switching to Descovy ®
- 3) No PrEP since U=U

Work flow of switching

Insured

- Check coverage, prior authorization
 - Clinic staff- COMVERMYMED
 - Specialty pharmacy partner
- Copay cards available
 - <https://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/copay-coupon-card>
 - Covers up to \$7,200
 - Not eligible - government healthcare programs (Medicare Part D, Medicaid, TRICARE, or VA)
 - SC Medicaid covers TAF/FTC and TDF/FTC


Copay Cards
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TDF--> TAF

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Submitted Cases



Submitted Case-1

Age: 29 Race: AA Gender: Male Female Trans-female Trans-male

Concomitant Medical Diagnosis	Current Medications
Genital Herpes (rectal)	Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide
Hemorrhoids	
Self-reports sexual addiction	
Hx of childhood molestation	

Insurance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Copay assistance needed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Drug assistance needed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Risk factors: (Check all that apply)				
MSM <input type="checkbox"/> bisexual	Recent STI <input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple sex partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HIV positive partner <input type="checkbox"/>	IVDU/Sharing needles <input type="checkbox"/>
Inconsistent condom use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commercial sex work <input type="checkbox"/>			

Submitted Case-1 continued

Health Maintenance	Description	Risk Reduction Counselling/Intervention
1. Smoking		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Use of Alcohol/Amount	social	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Substance Use	marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Mental Health Assessment		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Pregnancy/Contraception		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Condoms use		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Laboratory Test results and date					
HIVAg/Ab screen	negative	Cr 0.92		CrCl	130
Hepatitis Bs Ag	negative	Hepatitis Bs Ab	positive	Pregnancy test	
HCV ab with reflex	negative				
STI screen		Date /Result			
Urine GC/CHL		1/16/2020 negative			
Throat GC/CHL		1/16/2020 negative			
Rectal GC/CHL		9/19/2019 positive		1/16/2020 negative	
RPR		1/16/2020 1:32			

Medication SE (If already on tenofovir/emtricitabine)		
Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Arthralgia <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Nausea/vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Cr increase <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No


Other Questions __ This patient has insurance, but the insurance will not cover PrEP. Gilead was able to offer this patient drug assistance for Descovy. Patient refuses to take Truvada again because he reports large painful bowel movements. Patient refused to believe he had rectal HSV that was causing the pain.

Additional Resources

- <http://schivtc.med.sc.edu/prep/index.asp>
 - Telehealth- 2nd Wednesday
- <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/prep/index.html>
- DHEC resources
 - <https://scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/hiv-std-viral-hepatitis/pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep>



REDUCING HIV INCIDENCE THROUGH PrEP



HIV PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)
EDUCATION • TRAINING • CONSULTATIVE SUPPORT • CO-MANAGEMENT

Why PrEP?
South Carolina has one of the highest HIV rates in the US. PrEP is a highly effective biomedical method of preventing an uninfected person from acquiring HIV. Goal: Increase the use of PrEP to prevent HIV infection.

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Education:
SC HIV PrEP Telehealth Initiative Program
University of SC School of Medicine
Department of Internal Medicine
One Richland Medical Park
Suite 320
Columbia, SC 29203
To arrange for provider education, please call: 803-545-5402
<http://schivtc.med.sc.edu/>


Services:
PrEP Clinic
Immunology Center
One Richland Medical Park
Suite 420
Columbia, SC 29203
To make an appointment, please call: 803-545-5350



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Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)



PrEP is a pill (Truvada) that can be taken once a day to greatly reduce your chances of getting HIV if exposed to the virus. If taken as directed, PrEP can reduce your risk of getting HIV by more than 90%.

PrEP WILL NOT protect you from STIs, like syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia, so using a condom while on PrEP is advised.

If prescribed PrEP, individuals must follow up with a provider every 3 months to undergo screenings to ensure a negative result and assess any other issues related to Truvada's side effects. All though side effects are minimum, the provider should monitor the patient throughout the time the patient is taking Truvada.

- Taking PrEP once a day has shown to reduce the risk of getting HIV from sex by more than 90%. Daily PrEP use can also reduce HIV among individuals who inject drugs by more than 70%.
- In clinical trials, some individuals experienced early side effects like an upset stomach or loss of appetite. These side effects were mild and went away within the first month. During the study, no serious side effect was observed.
- The CDC recommends PrEP for individuals who are HIV negative who may be at risk of being exposed. You should contact your medical provider if you are at risk for HIV.
- You should not stop using condoms because you are taking PrEP. If PrEP is taken daily, it offers a

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- PrEP Provider Locator
- SC PrEP Providers
- PrEP 101 (pdf)
- PrEP FAQs (pdf)
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