

# Two Case Studies in PEP and PrEP

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#### **Preferred regimen**



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#### AND



raltegravir 400 mg PO BID

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#### **Alternative regimen**



cobicistat/ elvitegravir/ emtricitabine/ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 50/150/200/300 mg PO QD

Set precedent for use of a single-tablet regimen as PEP, in selected patients

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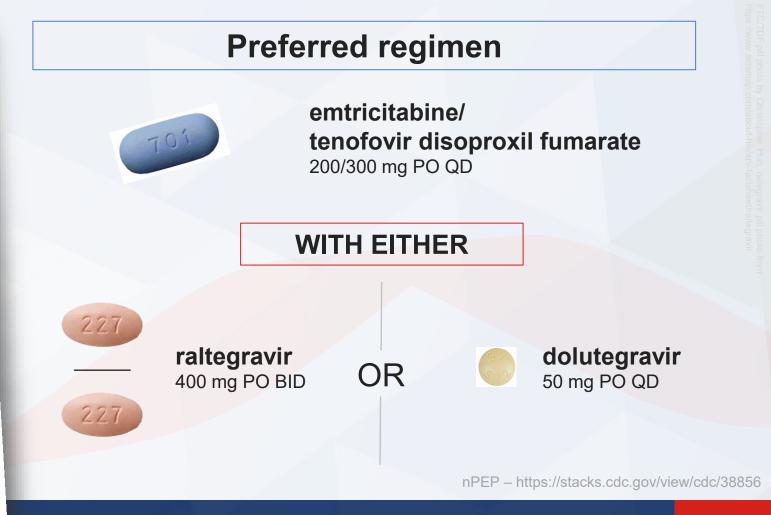
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Non-occupational PEP guidance updated in 2016

Updated Guidelines for Antiretroviral Postexposure Prophylaxis After Sexual, Injection Drug Use, or Other Nonoccupational Exposure to HIV— United States, 2016

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#### UNC's providers aren't alone in using this

PREVENTION RESEARCH

#### Safety and Tolerability of Once Daily Coformulated Bictegravir, Emtricitabine, and Tenofovir Alafenamide for Postexposure Prophylaxis After Sexual Exposure

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Background: Antiretroviral post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is recommended to prevent HIV infection after a high-risk exposure, but current regimens have presented challenges in tolerability, regimen completion, and potential drug-drug interactions. Because coformulated bictegravir, emtricitabine, and tenofovir alafenamide [BIC/FTC/tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)] is effective for HIV treatment, it was evaluated for use for PEP.

Setting: Boston community health center.

Methods: Individuals accessing PEP were enrolled in an openlabel study of coformulated BIC/FTC/TAF, taken as one pill daily for 28 days. Pearson's  $\chi^2$  and Fisher's exact tests were used to assess whether BIC/FTC/TAF differed with respect to side effects and regimen completion rates compared with historical PEP regimens.

Results: Between August, 2018 and March, 2020, 52 individuals enrolled in the study. Most identified as cisgender gay (67.3%) or bisexual (11.5%) men, but 7.7% identified as cisgender heterosexual men and 3.8% cisgender heterosexual women. The most common regimen side effects were nausea or vomiting (15.4%), fatigue (9.6%), and diarrhea/loose stools (7.7%), which were less common than historical controls using other PEP regimens, including those containing other integrase strand transfer inhibitors. Only 1 participant discontinued the regimen because of fatigue, and all other side effects were self-limited. Almost all participants (90.4%) completed the indicated regimen, which was a higher completion rate compared with earlier PEP regimens, and none became HIV-positive.

Conclusions: BIC/FTC/TAF coformulated as a single daily pill was found to be safe, well-tolerated, and highly acceptable when

used for PEP, and compared more favorably than historical PEP regimens used at an urban health center.

Key Words: post-exposure prophylaxis, PEP, HIV prevention bictegravir, tenofovir alafenamide, emtricitabine

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#### INTRODUCTION

Although no human data are available from randomized controlled clinical trials that demonstrate the efficacy of antiretroviral postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) in preventing HIV infection, it has become an accepted modality for individuals who sustained a recent potential exposure to HIV for close to 2 decades.1 The empirical support for this approach has been based on numerous simian retroviral challenge studies24 and a retrospective case control study of HIV-exposed health care workers, whose risk for seroconversion was decreased by more than 80% if they used postexposure azidothymidine.5 The demonstrated safety and efficacy of daily emtricitabine (FTC) and tenofovir-containing regimens for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in approximately one million people has provided some additional corroborative support for the use of antiretroviral

However, the incidence of PEP-associated adverse events related to the first approved regimens was over 60%, primarily because of the use of zidovudine and protease inhibitors. 7.8 Although most of these adverse effects were not intolerable, experience from both occupational and nonoccupational settings found that close to 1/2 of individuals for whom PEP was recommended failed to complete their prescribed regimen. 8.9 Drug-drug interactions with other medications created other complications. 10 The demonstration of the excellent efficacy and tolerability of integrase strand transfer inhibitors as a part of a highly active antiretroviral therapy regimen has created new opportunities to create simpler and better tolerated PEP regimens. Prior studies found that raltegravir given twice a day in conjunction with once daily coformulated tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) and FTC was safe, and well-tolerated, but some participants did not complete the regimen as prescribed, often because of not adhering to the twice daily use of raltegravir.11 A subsequent study of the single pill coformulation of



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#### How Dr. Hurt thought this through – cont'd

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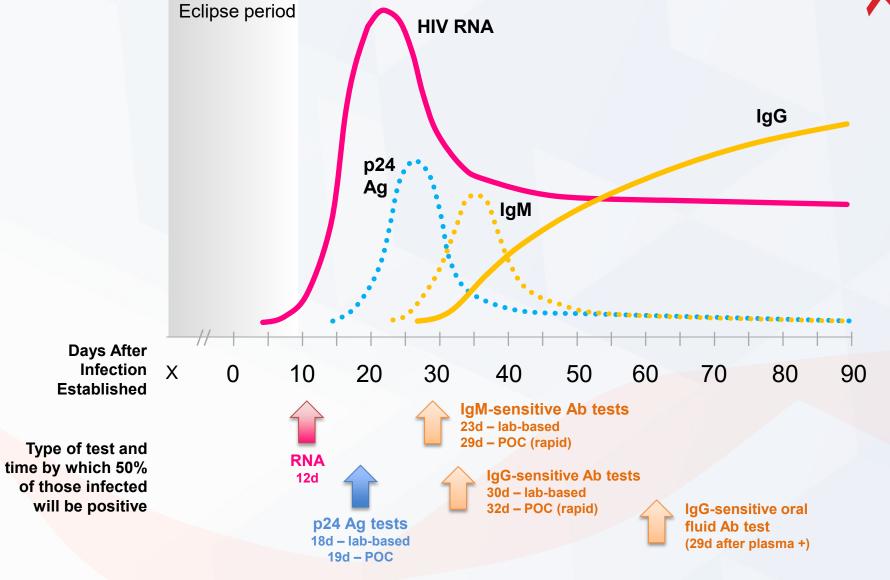
<sup>4.</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/testing/cdc-hiv-factsheet-false-positive-test-results.pdf

<sup>\*</sup> defined as 2% of population with HIV



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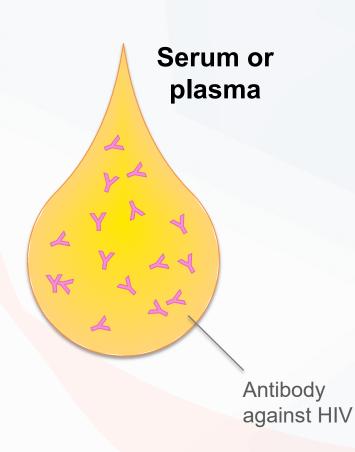


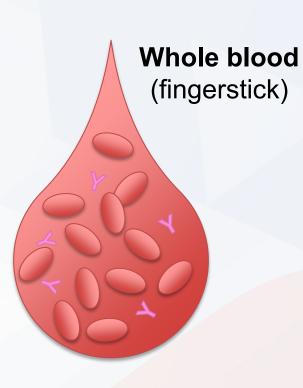


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### Quantity of target depends on the specimen





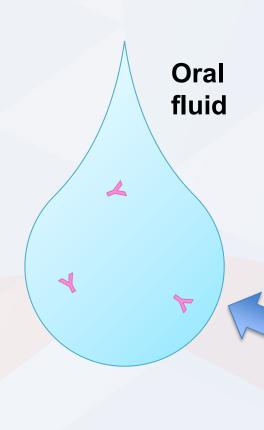
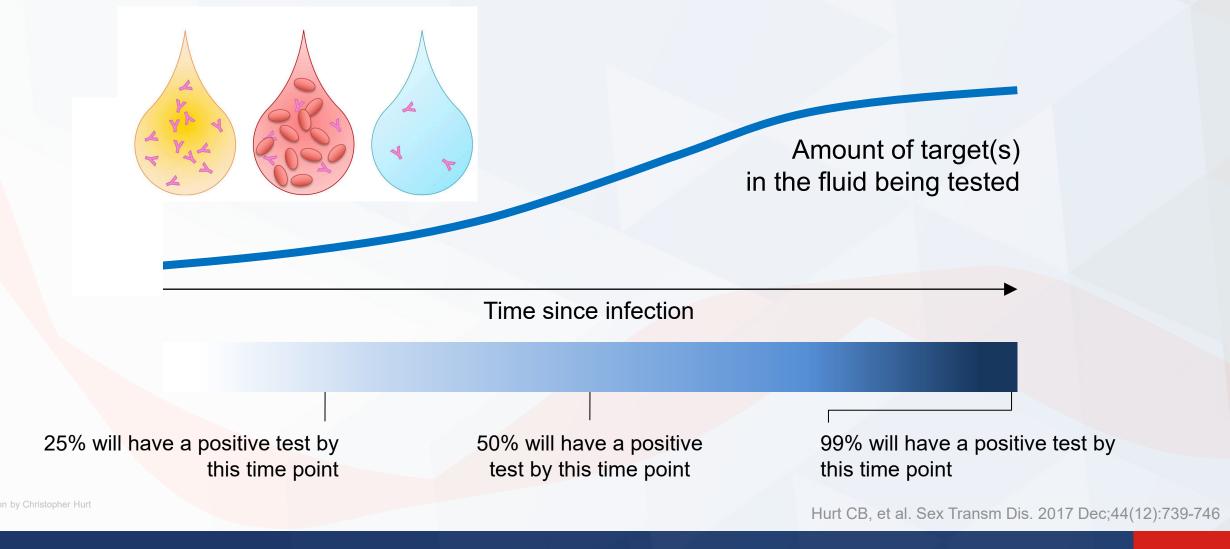


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### Window period depends on the test and time





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    - 31-day delay in detection on FTC/TDF
    - 98-day delay in detection on CAB-LA

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CDC outlined an approach in 2018

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MAJOR ARTICLE



### A Strategy for PrEP Clinicians to Manage Ambiguous HIV Test Results During Follow-up Visits

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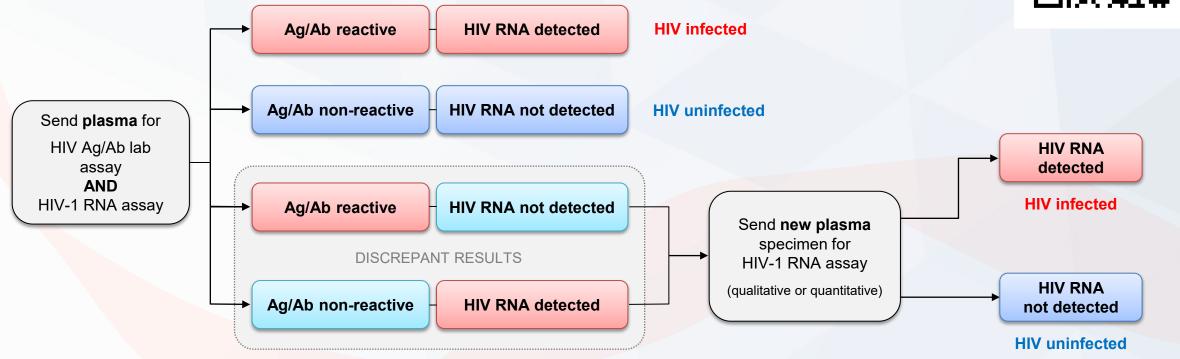
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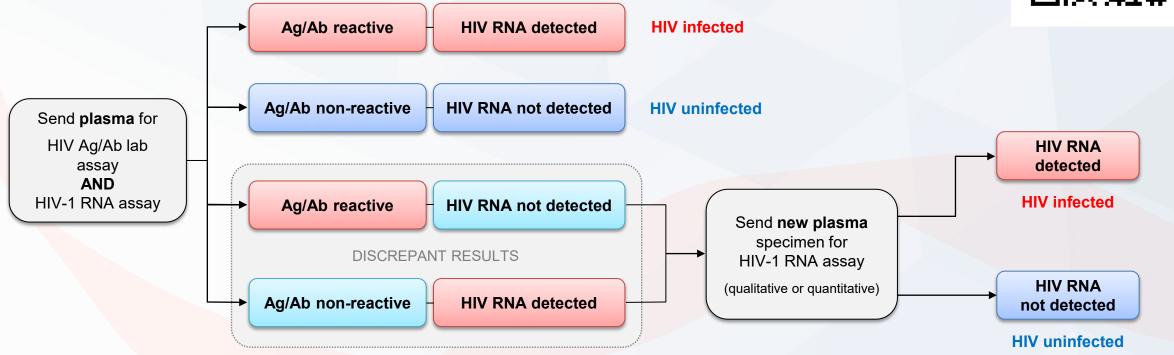
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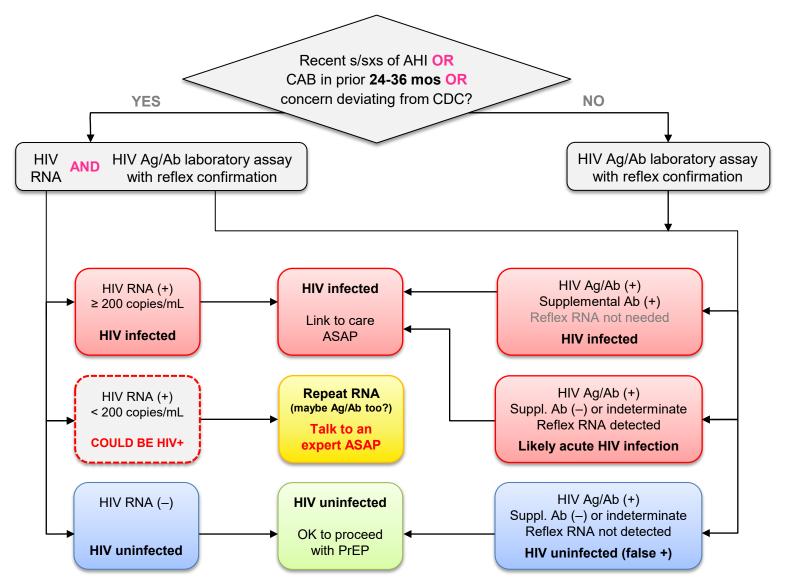




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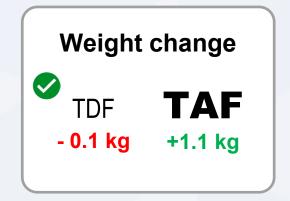
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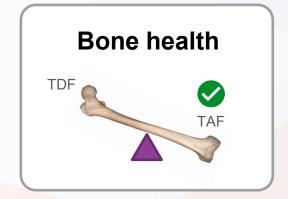


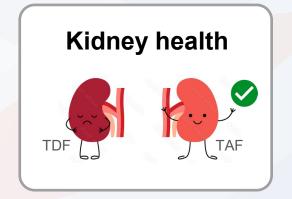
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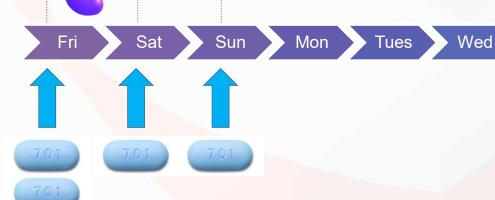
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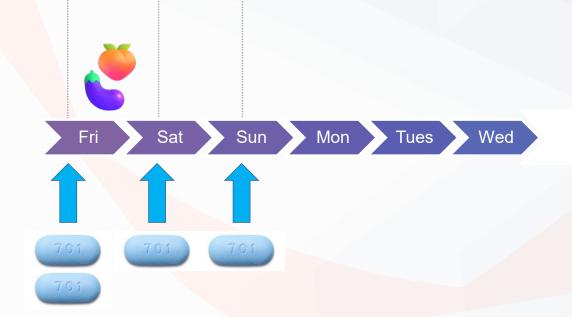
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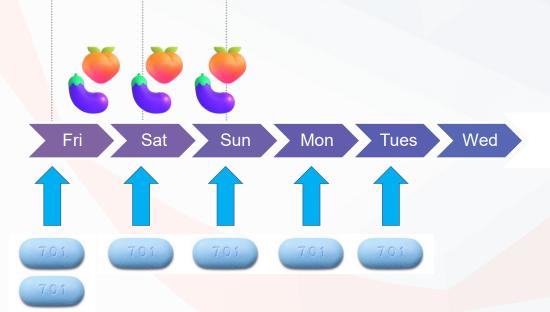
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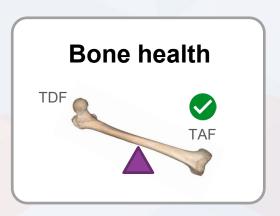
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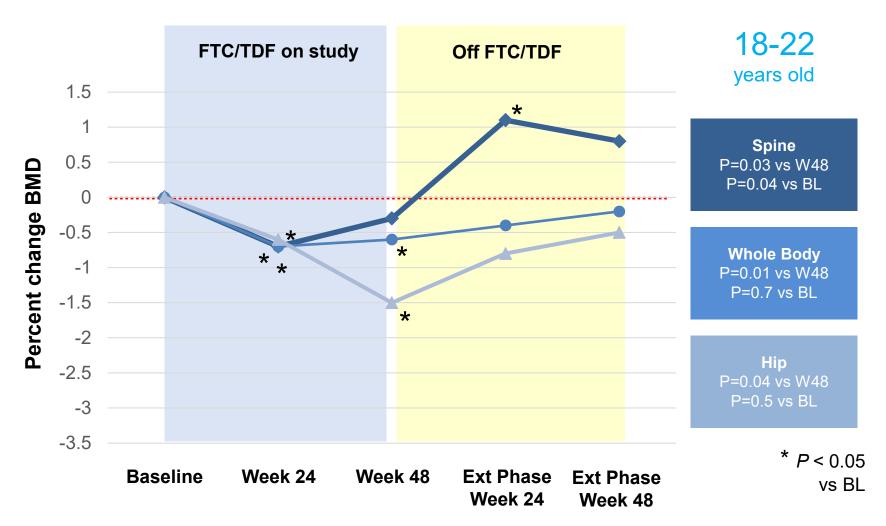


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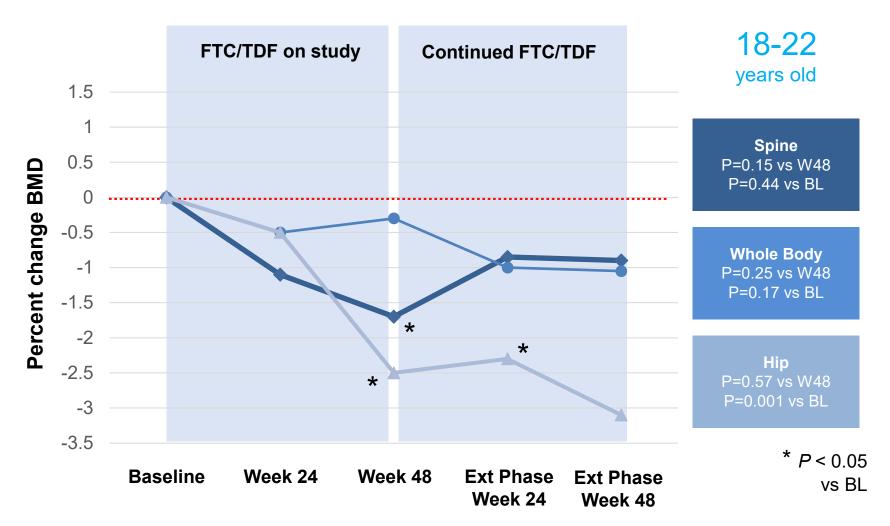
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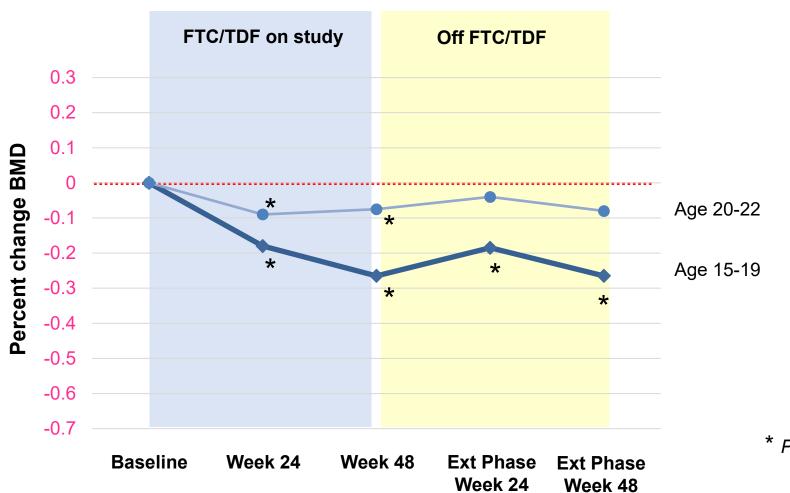
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