

PrEP 101

PrEP Access

Is PrEP Right for Me?

PrEP Basics

PrEP stands for **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**

The word "prophylaxis" means to prevent or control the spread of an infection or disease

PrEP can help prevent you from getting HIV if you are exposed to the virus

PrEP is an HIV prevention option that works by taking **one pill every day**

1 PILL DAILY



How Does It Work?

Some of the same medicines prescribed for the treatment of HIV can also be prescribed for its prevention

In several studies of PrEP, the risk of getting HIV from sex was much lower — about 99% lower — for those who took the medicines consistently than for those who didn't take the pill



When taken every day, PrEP can provide a high level of protection against HIV, but, only condoms protect against other STDs like syphilis and gonorrhea



People who use PrEP should take the medicine every day and return to their health care provider every 3 months for follow-up and prescription refills



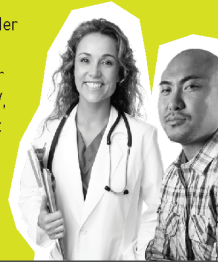
SIDE EFFECTS

Some people in clinical studies of PrEP had early side effects such as an upset stomach or loss of appetite, but these were mild and usually went away in the first month. Some people also had a mild headache. No serious side effects were observed. You should tell your health care provider if these or other symptoms become severe or do not go away.

How Can I Start PrEP?

Talk with your doctor or health care provider to determine if PrEP is right for you

If you and your health care provider agree that PrEP might reduce your risk of getting HIV, he or she will test you for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases



Your health care provider will also test to see if your kidneys are working well

If PrEP is a good option for you, your health care provider will give you a **prescription**

How Do I Pay for PrEP?

PrEP is covered by most insurance programs



You can also contact your local health department and HIV/AIDS service organizations for more information



If you do not have insurance, your health care provider can direct you to medication assistance programs that may help pay for PrEP



Start Talking. Stop HIV.

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I am thinking about PrEP to prevent HIV. What now?

Do your research. Seek out information to help you decide



cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep.html

Talk to your health care provider if you have more questions



Make a list of why you think PrEP would be right for you

Frequently Asked Questions



Would PrEP be a good option for me?

How much would PrEP lower my risk of getting HIV?

What else can I do to lower my risk of getting HIV?

Will the daily pill work for my routine?

Can I get help paying for PrEP?

Are there any side effects to PrEP?

How often will I be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases?

Will you prescribe and manage PrEP for me?

If you decide PrEP is right for you

Take your pill every day

Follow your health care provider's advice about how to take your pill. This will give it **the best chance to prevent HIV**



Tell your health care provider if you have trouble remembering to take your pill or want to stop PrEP

Learn more about how to protect yourself and get information tailored to meet your needs, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep.html>

Who Should Consider PrEP?



Have you had sex with a person and weren't sure of their HIV status?



Have you ever injected drugs?



Are you a man who has sex with men?



Have you had a STI (sexually transmitted infection)?



Do you sometimes or never use condoms for sex?



Now is the time to find out about PrEP!

PrEP can help **YOU** stay HIV-negative, even if your partner might be HIV-positive.

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