

PEP IS “PLAN B FOR HIV”

WHAT IS PEP (POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS)?

PEP can protect you from the HIV virus *after* being exposed. It requires taking prescription pills 1-2 times a day for 28 days. PEP must be started within 72 hours after exposure and is more effective the sooner it is started. When taken correctly PEP works very well to prevent HIV infection.

WHEN DO I USE PEP?

PEP is for emergency situations when you might be exposed to the HIV virus. This could be because of condomless sex without PrEP, condom breaking or being removed without consent, rape, sharing needles with others, or accidental needle stick.

HOW DO I GET PEP?

Talk to your health provider or go to an ER.

HOW MUCH DOES PEP COSTS?

Insurance, Medicaid and patient assistance programs (fairpricingcoalition.org/projects/) can help cover costs.

IS PEP FOR ME?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, PEP might be right for you:

- Did a condom break when you were having sex with someone who's HIV-positive or whose HIV status you don't know?
- Were you forced into sex against your will?
- Did you share injection drug equipment, like a syringe or needle?
- Did you have condomless sex as the receptive person (anal or vaginal)?

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Body, and Spirit.”

(Southeast Traditional Value)



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IS PREP FOR ME?

If you answer yes to any question below, PrEP might be right for you.

- Do you use condoms sometimes or not at all?
- During condomless sex, are you a receptive partner (vaginal or anal)?
- Have you been treated recently for an STD, such as rectal gonorrhea?
- Are you trying to get pregnant with an HIV-positive partner?
- Do you/your sex partner(s) use or inject drugs?
- Do you/your sex partner(s) exchange sex for money, housing, drugs or other needs?
- Has your partner threatened or forced you to have sex against your will?

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WHAT IS PREP (PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS)?

PrEP is taking a once-a-day pill in case of exposure to the HIV virus. When taken correctly, everyday at the same time, PrEP can reduce your risk of HIV infection by 92%.

WHAT DOES PREP DO?

PrEP prevents HIV infection before exposure by taking a pill everyday. Unlike PEP, PrEP can prevent HIV infection *before* being exposed to the virus. PrEP does not protect you from STDs (like chlamydia or syphilis) or pregnancy. Only using condoms during sex protects against all three: HIV, STDs, and pregnancy.

IS PREP ONLY FOR GAY MEN?

No! It is for adults and youth of any gender and orientation.

HOW DO I GET PREP?

Talk to your health provider. PrEP is a prescription medication and requires regular follow-up visits. You may have to tell your provider, share this card or the CDC Clinician PrEPline: 1-855-448-7737.

HOW MUCH DOES PREP COSTS?

Insurance, Medicaid and patient assistance programs can help cover costs. For help, join PrEP Facts: [facebook.com/groups/PrEPFacts/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrEPFacts/)