

PrEP Quickstart Provider Guide

- Any potential HIV exposure in the last 72 hours while nonadherent to PrEP? Consider post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) instead. National Clinician Consultation Center PEPline: (888) 448-4911.
- Teach benefits of starting pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
 - a. >99% protection from sexually transmitted HIV if taken daily.
 - b. Rectal protection after seven days, vaginal protection after 21 days.¹
- 3 Teach side effects.
 - a. 1 in 10 patients have nausea, gas that resolve after one month.
 - **b.** 1 in 200 adults have renal effects that typically reverse if you stop PrEP.
 - c. 1% temporary decrease in bone mineral density but no increased rate of fracture.
- 4 Review options for PrEP.
 - a. Tenofovir disoproxil 300 mg-emtricitabine 200 mg (TDF, Truvada) daily for patients weighing ≥35 kg/77 lbs.
 - **b.** Tenofovir alafenamide 25 mg-emtricitabine 200 mg (TAF, Descovy) daily for patients weighing ≥25 kg/55 lbs. if receptive anal sex only, not for receptive vaginal sex. Consider if there are significant renal and/or bone health concerns.
- Decide how to cover medication, visits, and labs.
 - a. Use insurance if possible.
 - **b.** If medication is too expensive but there are no other confidentiality concerns, enroll in <u>Gilead's Advancing Access</u> program.
 - **c.** If there are confidentiality concerns with using existing insurance, or if the patient is underinsured/ uninsured, enroll in the <u>PrEP Assistance Program</u>.
- 6 Make a daily adherence plan together.
 - a. Use a phone alarm or medication reminder app (such as Round Health).
 - **b.** Build it into the daily routine, like brushing teeth.

Order labs.

| | Before starting | Every 3 months | Every year |
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| HIV* | × | × | |
| Chlamydia and gonorrhea (pharyngeal, rectal, urethral) | X | X | |
| Creatinine | X | X | |
| Syphilis | × | × | |
| Hepatitis C | × | | × |
| Hepatitis B | × | | |

^{*}HIV-1 RNA (instead of HIV ag/ab) if there is concern about acute HIV in the last month.

- 8 Prescribe PrEP for 30 days initially to ensure follow-up; then a three-month supply can be dispensed.
- 9 Call (or have a follow-up visit) once labs are complete to answer any remaining questions and start PrEP.
 - **a.** Starting as soon as possible is best, and the only necessary lab is a negative recent HIV test (within the last seven days). A pending creatinine and Hep B panel would not keep the patient from starting PrEP, but results should be available soon.
- Follow up with the patient monthly, then space out visits to every three months if there are minimal adherence concerns.
 - **a.** Consider phone/messaging every two weeks to check on adherence, especially in the beginning. The Virtual PrEP Program at Stanford Medicine has a trained team of PrEP Navigators to provide this robust adherence support.
- 11 Need additional help prescribing PrEP? Email us at PrEPadmin@stanfordchildrens.org.
- We are here to help you provide the best PrEP care and adherence support through our Virtual PrEP Program at Stanford Medicine. You can refer your patient by:
 - Visiting mdportal.stanfordchildrens.org
 - Calling (800) 995-5724
 - Faxing (650) 721-2884