Sexual Health Victoria

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PrEP
is here

Visit a Sexual Health Victoria Doctor to discuss your HIV risk and if PrEP is right for you.

Want to prevent HIV? Get PrEP from Sexual Health Victoria.

What is PrEP?
PrEP, or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, is a daily pill taken by a person who is HIV negative (does not have HIV). If taken correctly, PrEP is highly effective at preventing HIV.

How do I take it?
PrEP is a pill which you take daily for however long you may need it. Your doctor will discuss this with you. You must be HIV negative to take PrEP.

Who needs PrEP?
People of all genders, sexualities and bodies may be eligible for PrEP, including anyone who:
- Has casual sex and regularly doesn't use condoms
- Has a partner who is HIV positive and is not on treatment; and/or
- Injects drugs (including steroid use)

How do I get PrEP?
In Australia, people can access PrEP with a prescription from a doctor. Any GP can prescribe PrEP. People with a Medicare card can buy PrEP with a GP prescription from retail pharmacies. International students, people without a Medicare card, or those who want to buy PrEP privately can visit pan.org.au for more information on how to access PrEP.

Is it expensive?
This depends on your circumstances and whether you have a Medicare card. If you have a Medicare card you will pay approximately $42.50 for a 30-day supply or $6.80 with a concession card*.

Do I still need to use condoms?
PrEP does not protect against any other sexually transmissible infections (STIs). Use condoms and get regular STI tests from your GP, sexual health clinic or Sexual Health Victoria.

I've heard about PEP. What is that?
PEP, or Post Exposure Prophylaxis, is a pill that you take for 28 days, within 72 hours if you think you have been at risk of HIV infection. This is for people not already on PrEP and who are HIV negative.

For general information about PrEP and PEP
Visit pan.org.au, prepdforchange.com or endinghiv.org.au

Book an appointment at Sexual Health Victoria
Visit shvic.org.au/book or call 1800 013 952

Clinic locations
Box Hill – 901 Whitehorse Road
Melbourne CBD – Level 1, 94 Elizabeth Street

*Current as of January 2023

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