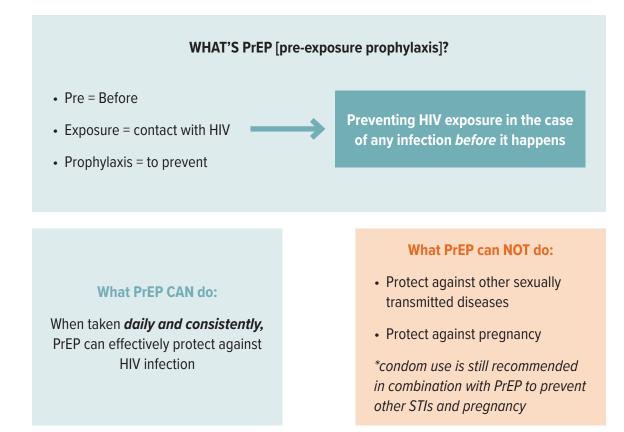






Being PrEPared



Who qualifies for PrEP?

Individuals who are HIV-negative and are at ongoing risk of acquiring HIV and who would benefit from pre-emptively protecting themselves from acquiring HIV in the case they are exposed (could be through unprotected sex or shared needles, for example). It is important to talk through this with a provider if interested!

So, what's the deal between PrEP – PEP – and ART?!

PrEP A pill taken daily by HIV-negative persons, at risk of acquiring HIV, and who want to prevent getting HIV *before they may be exposed. PrEP can be stopped if the person tests HIV positive, becomes low risk, starts to have issues with kidney health*

PEP A pill taken within 72 hours of exposure to HIV (e.g.: rape, condom bust) by an HIVnegative person and taken for 28 days thereafter to prevent infection *following potential or confirmed HIV exposure*

ART A medication that people living with HIV take daily and for life to treat HIV infection and prevent transmitting the virus to their partners