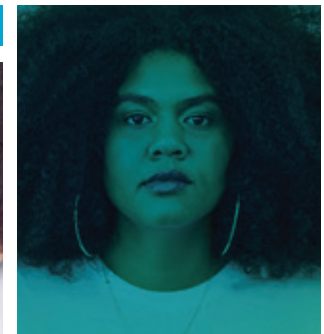
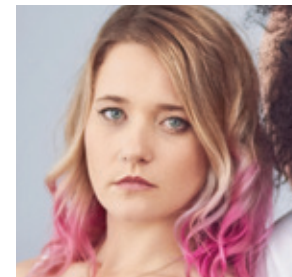


Other Resources



Access the digital version
of this material:



For More Information
dph.sc.gov/PrEP

Contact Us
1-800-322-2437



**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH**



**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Stopping HIV transmission
one person at a time.**
Got PrEP SC?

What is PrEP?

- PrEP stands for **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**.
- It is a safe and effective **daily pill or injectable taken to prevent HIV** and can lower your chances of contracting HIV.

Why should women take PrEP?

- **Women** account for 1 in 5 new HIV diagnosis.
- As of 2019, **18%** of newly diagnosed with HIV were women.
- 227,000 US women are eligible for PrEP but **only 10%** are taking it.



Who should consider PrEP?

- Anyone in an **ongoing relationship with an HIV-positive partner** (especially if viral load status is unknown)
- Anyone who **does not use condoms consistently**.
- Anyone who **injects drugs** and shares needles with people of unknown HIV status.
- Anyone with **prior STDs** in the past six months (gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia)

When does PrEP start working?

- Oral PrEP is effective after 20 days for those who have **vaginal** sex and after 7 days for those who have **anal/rectal** sex.

Can I take PrEP while pregnant?

- **Yes.** PrEP is safe to take while you are pregnant/breastfeeding.

Can I take PrEP while on birth control?

- **Yes.** PrEP is safe and does not interfere with your birth control.

Does PrEP protect against other STDs?

No. PrEP does not protect against other STDs. **Condoms** are the only way to protect against other STDs when sexually active.

How do I pay for PrEP?

- PrEP is covered by **most** insurance companies and Medicaid.
- Co-pay cards and drug assistance programs for the uninsured are available. Visit dph.sc.gov/PrEP for a list of programs.

