PrEP and Women: Join the Fight!

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PrecP 

Exposure 

PrEP 

What is PrEP?

Why PrEP for women?
Data include persons with a diagnosis of HIV infection regardless of stage of disease at diagnosis. All displayed data have been statistically adjusted to account for reporting delays, but not for incomplete reporting.

*Hispanic/Latinos can be of any race.
https://vimeo.com/79717700
PrEP use

Maximum protection after 3 weeks for women
Limitations of PrEP

HIV

Other sexually transmitted infections
If you decide to take PrEP...

• Go to clinic
  – For medical screening, HIV and pregnancy tests & medication refills every 3 months
  – Testing for STIs and kidney function every 6 months

• Pick up medications every month
Ending the AIDS Epidemic in NYS by 2020
How many of you have heard of the New York Plan to End AIDS?
How did New York become the first state to commit to ending the AIDS epidemic?

- Two ACT UP alumni started a conversation in a jail cell after a protest at the International AIDS Conference in 2012.

- Political and community will to make change

- And.........
In June 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a 3-point plan to end the AIDS epidemic in NYS by the year 2020.
What does it mean to “End the AIDS Epidemic?"

The end of the AIDS epidemic in New York will occur when the total number of new HIV infections has fallen below the number of HIV-related deaths.

The goal is to reduce the number of new HIV infections to just 750 by 2020.
Identify HIV + undiagnosed

Identify persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and link them to health care

Link, retain, support viral suppression

Link and retain persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and start them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression to remain healthy and prevent further transmission

PrEP for high risk persons

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End AIDS New York 2020

JOIN THE FIGHT!
PrEP is for Us!

- PrEP is not for EVERY woman, but it’s an option for ALL women.
- PrEP works for women who take it.
- Black and Brown Women: PrEP is for us, too.
- We need to advocate to make PrEP even more available and accessible for women.
How Can We Make PrEP More Available to Women?

What would need to change to make PrEP more available – and accessible – to women?

Funding? Education? Outreach? Policy change?
Harlem United told me, “You can do it!”
They believed in me and they helped me become a better person.

- Linda H.
What Can WE Do?

- Write an op-ed, blog, use social media
- Join the US Women and PrEP Working Group
- Attend PrEP for NYC Task Force (4th Tuesdays at Harlem United)
- Join the End AIDS New York 2020 coalition
- Provide PrEP or partner w/clinic that does
Thank You!

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