



Access to HIV PrEP

(Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)

RESEARCH TRIANGLE AREA, NC



PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)

A daily medication you can take to prevent permanent HIV infection, if you are HIV-negative but at high risk of contracting HIV

Manufacturer: Gilead Sciences

Brand Name: Truvada



>90%

If you take PrEP daily, you can reduce your risk of HIV infection by over 90%. For IV drug users, daily PrEP can reduce HIV risk by over 70%



How do I know if I'm a good candidate for PrEP?

As per the CDC's recommendation, you should talk to your doctor about PrEP if any of the following apply to you:

- You have an HIV-positive partner (serodiscordant couple)
- You inject drugs, and share needles/equipment with others
- You have multiple partners, a partner who has multiple partners, or a partner with an unknown HIV status, AND you:
 - have anal sex without a condom
 - have recently had a sexually transmitted disease (STD)
 - don't always use a condom when having sex with partners who inject drugs and/or for sex with bisexual men/men who have sex with men



How can I pay for PrEP if I'm undocumented or uninsured?



If you do not qualify for government assistance or Medicaid, you may be eligible for Gilead's Advancing Access prescription assistance program to obtain PrEP at no cost if you:

- Do not have current insurance coverage for PrEP
- Currently live in the U.S.
- Are 500% under the federal poverty level (that means a household size of 1 cannot exceed \$59,400 a year)

*If you are undocumented:

Gilead also accepts:

- Notarized proof of residency (in lieu of a state ID or driver's license)
- 2 income stubs within the last 90 days, or notarized letter documenting your income if you are paid in cash or do not have an income



NOTE:

- This is not a competitive process
- The application takes about 2 days to process

- The maximum enrollment period for PrEP in Gilead's AA program is 180 days
- You can reapply if your circumstances have not changed (you are required to notify Gilead if you become eligible for Medicaid or if your income changes)
- You must visit your provider every 90 days for blood tests (to check organ function & for renal failure) and for HIV tests to ensure you are still HIV-negative



Where can I get PrEP in the Research Triangle Area if I am undocumented and/or uninsured?

Orange County Health Dept (Chapel Hill)

Offers PrEP in 2 locations:

- Chapel Hill Clinic**
Southern Human Services Center 2501 Homestead Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
- Hillsborough Clinic**
Whitted Human Services Center 300 W. Tryon St
Hillsborough, NC 27278



Durham County Dept of Public Health

Offers referrals to providers that provide PrEP

Durham County Human Services 414 E. Main St
Durham, NC 27701



List of providers that provide PrEP:
<https://www.med.unc.edu/ncaidstraining/prep/PrEPProvidersforDownload.pdf>



What if I don't speak English?



Both the Orange County Health Dept and the Durham County Dept of Public Health offer a combination of different interpretation services:



- in-house interpreter for many languages
- Video Remote Interpreting
- Language line to assist clients with limited English proficiency
- Some Spanish-speaking providers



Who can I turn to in the community?



Partnership for a Healthy Durham



- Runs the "Durham Knows Campaign"
 - Purpose: to encourage everyone in Durham between the ages of 15-65 to know their HIV status
- Also provides information about:
 - Free & private HIV testing centers in Durham
 - Durham County PrEP clinics and prescribers



Alliance of AIDS Services



- Project CLEAR: designed to boost self-sufficiency and initiative to those living with HIV
- Provides:
 - Testing
 - Prevention education
 - Advocacy services + counseling (in English & Spanish)
 - Food bank
 - Faith ministries for those affected with HIV
 - list of PrEP providers in the area



Enlaces Por La Salud

- Organization catered specifically to monolingual Latinx transgender* and LGBTQ care
- Provides:
 - HIV testing to community through non-traditional testing hours
 - Assistance with accessing medical information for HIV+ Latinx individuals
 - Prevention & HIV awareness outreach education through community and faith groups
 - Weekly mental health therapy
 - PrEP counseling and links client to prescribing PrEP physician
 - Assistance with overcoming financial barriers obtaining PrEP
 - Education on risk reduction techniques



CAARE



- Effective prevention + trained case management services to at-risk persons and families in Durham by referring health and social resources
- Provides:
 - Preventative health education
 - Counseling
 - Testing
 - Affordable housing to low income individuals
 - External referrals to partners that provide PrEP
- *Primarily English-speaking



Lincoln Community Health Center



- Aims to reduce barriers to PrEP access
- Primary care clinic partnership with Durham Health Dept to provide PrEP (affordable - sliding fee)
- Spanish speaking



NC AIDS Training and Education Center



- Mission:
 - Prepare and spread awareness among healthcare professionals who work to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS
 - Consult and provide resources for those affected by HIV/AIDS
- Provides:
 - List of NC PrEP providers
 - List of options for current and free PrEP access
- Working to broaden network of PrEP providers and to translate information to Spanish

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