

PrEP in Primary Care

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- General Practice (Primary Care)
- High caseload of MSM and transgender people
- Provides sexual health services, HIV care and PEP
- Clinical site for the VicPrEP Study
- Introduced a clinical protocol for PrEP after VicPrEP was fully enrolled.

Our PrEP Protocol

- Based on ASHM/CDC PrEP guidelines
- Integrated into clinical practice software
- Includes formalised assessment of HIV risk
- No strict eligibility requirements
- Flexible protocol to tailor to patient needs
- Ongoing revision to improve patient satisfaction

Progress to date

- Started 4-5 months ago
- 80 people on PrEP, demand increasing.
- Clinical audit in progress, but too early for quantitative data
- No HIV seroconversions on PrEP
- No significant AEs

Characteristics of PrEP users

- Self-identify as at risk of HIV
- Identified by their GP as being at risk of HIV. E.g. repeat STIs, drug use, NPEP requests.
- MSM with HIV anxiety, including some in serodifferent relationships.

Some qualitative observations

- Many PrEP users had not previously engaged with the clinic. It seems that these PrEP users are also less likely to adhere to follow-up.
- Scripts can be used for ongoing supply of Truvada, even when annotated as "no repeats".
- Some instances of increased HIV/STI risk behaviour in PrEP users.