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**Session Date:** Friday, May 19, 2023

#### Didactic Topic and Presenter:

HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in Addiction Medicine

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- 12:15 PM: Attendance text-in – Introductions
  - 12:25 PM: Case Presentation and Discussion
    - Presenters:
      - Joe Galey - *Peer Support Specialist, Recovery Coach, Safe Communities, MDC. / UW Health*
      - Meggan Kohel – Behavioral Health Registered Nurse Case Coordinator
  - 1 PM: Didactic Presentation
    - Presenter: Virginia Richey, DO, FAAFP
  - 1:15 PM End of Session

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**Case Presenter: Joe Galey and Megg Kohel**

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**Intended Audience:**

Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Psychologists, Social Workers, Patient/Caregivers, Students

**Objectives:**

As a result of this educational regularly scheduled series, learners as members of the healthcare team will be able to:

- 1) Identify HIV and PrEP trends impacting the care of people who use drugs (PWUD) and disparities in HIV prevention and care.
- 2) Summarize HIV PrEP recommendations, guidelines, prescribing, monitoring and medications
- 3) Discuss measures to increase PrEP utilization in PWUD

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# Case Presentation

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# Case Introduction

## **One-liner (including age/sex):**

40 years old male (PWID) with history of polysubstance use disorder, currently being treated with Buprenorphine Sub-Q in primary care.

## **Primary questions for discussion:**

- ▶ When would it be appropriate to start Prep?
- ▶ How would you approach the conversation?
- ▶ Would you feel comfortable continuing Sub-Q Buprenorphine?



## Medical & Behavioral Health Diagnosis:

## Current Medications:

### Hospital

Infection-osteomyelitis

### Non-Hospital

Anxiety and depression

Depression

ADHD

Opioid use disorder, severe, in early remission, dependence

Tobacco use disorder

Bipolar I disorder with depression

PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)

Sublocade 300mg x 2

Buprenorphine HCl-Naloxone HCl (Suboxone) 8-2 MG per sublingual film

Gabapentin (Neurontin) 300 MG cap

Naloxone HCl (Narcan) 4 MG/0.1 ML nasal spray

QUetiapine Fumarate (SEROquel) 50 MG tab



# Substance Use

## History:

- 20-year history of substance use experiences

## Consequences of Substance Use:

### Social/occupational/educational:

- Reports not having stable friends and family relationships
- Unable to keep or maintain employment
- Started use in High School no further education.
- No housing for years
- Loss custody of children
- Judicial

### Physical (including evidence of tolerance/withdrawal):

- Poly substance use - cross addiction – problem substance changes
- Multiple hospitalizations
- Infections Hep-C
- malnutrition

# Treatments

➤ IOP

➤ DOC

➤ Methadone

➤ Buprenorphine Sublingual

➤ Buprenorphine Sub-Q

## **Social History:**

- Lack of housing / Homelessness
- No employment
- Fly's cardboard for money
- Friends in active use

## **Family History:**

- loss of custody of children
- Partner in active use
- No information on other family use

## **Patient strengths & protective factors:**

- Resourceful / needs meet
- Trusting / providers
- Accepting of help/ seeks help
- MOUD
- BHRNCC
- Peer Support
- RN- Community Resource

## **Risk factors:**

- Lack of consistent housing
- Malnutrition / Food insecure
- Infections/ Abscesses
- Overdose / Injection
- No income
- Legal
- Partner in active use/ Codependent

# Labs

- Hep-C / Liver
- Urine Drug Screens
  - HIV
  - STI

# Patient Goals & Motivations for Treatment

- Not dying
- Risk of amputation from infection
  - Getting children back
- Not suffering through withdrawal
  - Maintain longer sobriety

# Proposed Diagnoses

- Opioid use disorder with dependance
- Depression



# Proposed Treatment Plan

- Continue Buprenorphine Sub-Q injections  
300mg
  - Encourage higher level of care
    - Start Hep-C medication
  - Conversation around Prep

# Discussion:

- When would it be appropriate to start Prep?
- How would you approach the conversation?
- Would you feel comfortable continuing Sub-Q Buprenorphine?
- High Risk of mortality-Harm reduction

# DSM-5 Substance Use Disorder ("Addiction")

- ▶ Tolerance
  - ▶ Withdrawal
- } **Physical Dependence ≠ Use Disorder**
- ▶ Larger amts/longer periods than intended
  - ▶ Persistent desire/failed attempts to quit/control use
  - ▶ Much time obtaining/using/recovering
  - ▶ Important activities sacrificed
  - ▶ Continued use despite known adverse effects
  - ▶ Failure to fulfill major obligations
  - ▶ Recurrent hazardous use
  - ▶ Craving
  - ▶ Ongoing use despite interpersonal problems
- 2-3 = mild  
4-5 = moderate  
≥ 6 = severe

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# Objectives

- Identify HIV and PrEP trends impacting the care of PWUD (People Who Use Drugs) in the US
- Identify disparities in HIV prevention & care
- Describe components of HIV prevention in PWUD
- PrEP 101: Overview of PrEP - guidelines, prescribing, medications, monitoring
- Measures to increase PrEP utilization in PWUD



# HIV PrEP Utilization – What we know

- People who use drugs (PWUD) are disproportionately affected by HIV
  - Globally 20% of people who inject drugs are living with HIV
  - US ~10% new infections attributed to injection drug use (IDU)
  - New HIV diagnoses among PWUD are increasing
  - From 2016 to 2019, HIV diagnoses increased 13% among PWID
  - Wisconsin ~10% of new cases attributed to IDU or both IDU + male-male sexual contact
  - Many disparities exist in HIV prevention, screening, treatment
  - Structural & social factors - housing, incarceration, poverty, stigma, discrimination, access
- PrEP utilization in PWUD lags far behind other groups < **3%**
- PWUD are at increased risk for HIV infection and should be considered high priority for PrEP use
- Interventions addressing barriers to care can improve PrEP uptake

1. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p00484-20.pdf>

2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. HIV Surveillance Report, 2020; vol. 33. <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance.html>. Published May 2022. Last accessed 4/28/23

3. Mistler CB, Copenhaver MM, Shrestha R. The Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care Cascade in People Who Inject Drugs: A Systematic Review. AIDS Behav. 2021 May;25(5):1490-1506

# Lifetime Risk of HIV Infection among PWID

	Male	Female
PWID (total)	1 in 42	1 in 26
Black/African American	1 in 11	1 in 7
Hispanic/Latinx	1 in 26	1 in 25
American Indian/Alaska Native	1 in 49	1 in 19
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1 in 65	1 in 269
Asian	1 in 196	1 in 215
White	1 in 108	1 in 49

UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center. (2022). *Barriers & Best Practices to HIV Prevention and Treatment for People Who Use Drugs* [Video]. <https://nccc.ucsf.edu/2022/06/08/webinar-barriers-and-best-practices-to-hiv-prevention-and-treatment-for-people-who-use-drugs/>

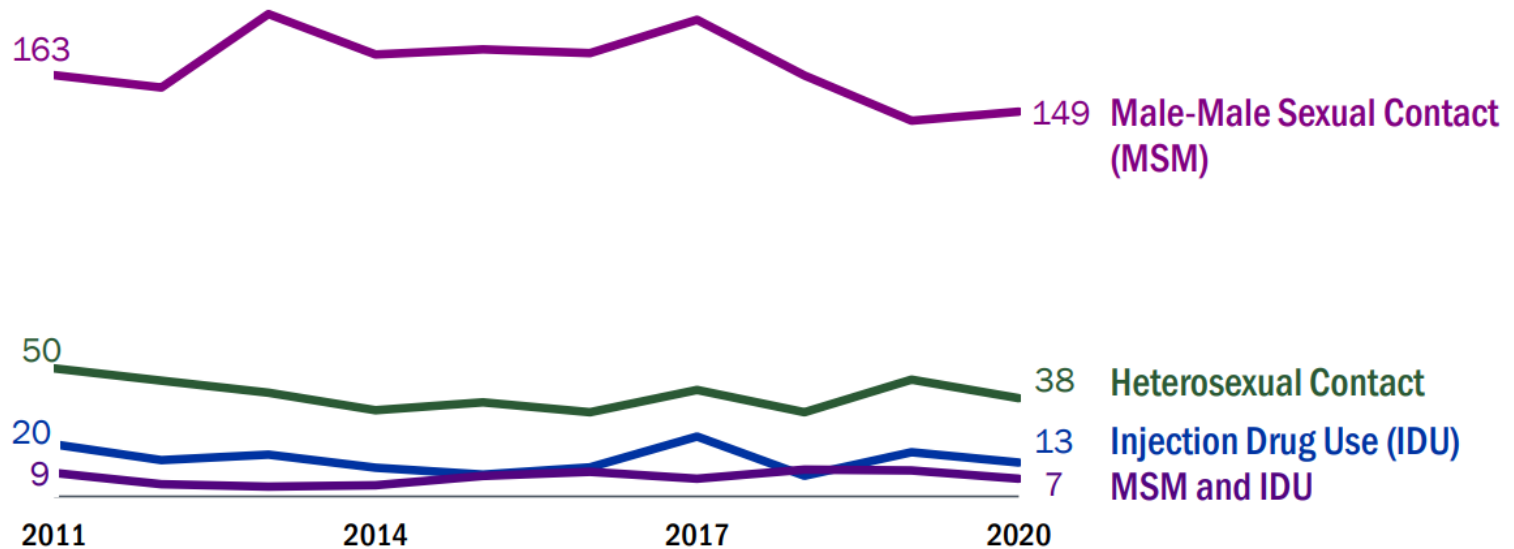
# Wisconsin HIV (2020)

During 2011–2020, the estimated number of diagnoses attributed to male-male sexual contact, injection drug use, and male-female sexual (heterosexual) contact were stable (Figure 9).

FIGURE 9

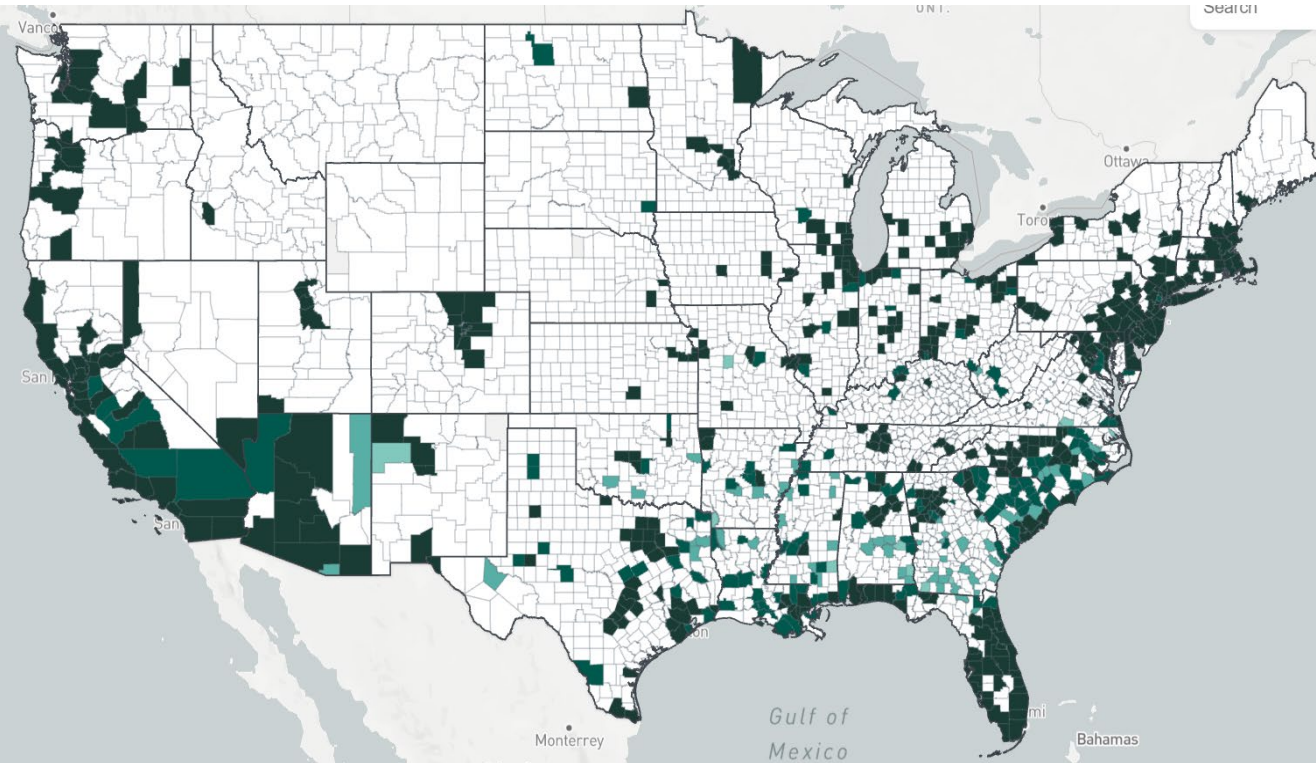
## Male-male sexual contact is the most common HIV transmission risk.

New HIV diagnoses by estimated transmission category\*, Wisconsin, 2011-2020



\*Data have been statistically adjusted to account for those with unknown transmission category.

# PrEP to Need Ratio (PNR) in the US



**PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PNR) =** ratio of PrEP users in 2021 to the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2020

**Lower PNR =  
more unmet need**

PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PNR, or the number of PrEP users to the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV), 2021

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0.44 - 1.0

1.01 - 2.22

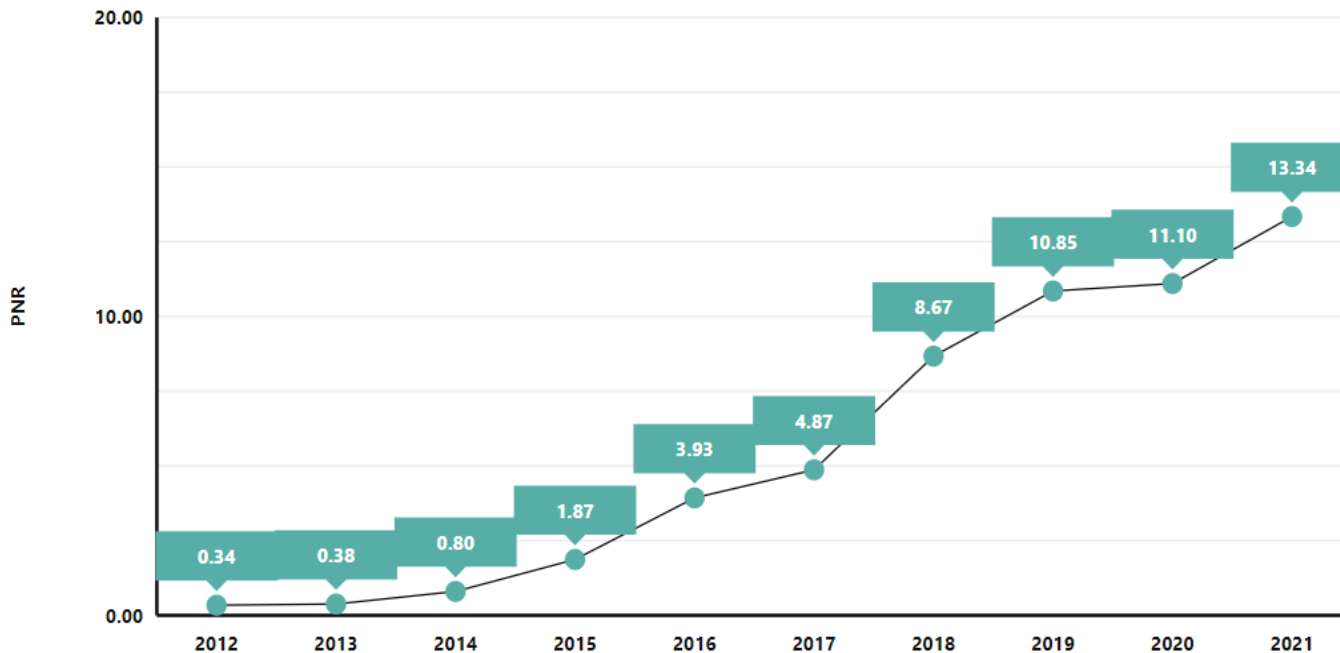
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# PrEP to Need Ratio - Wisconsin

PNR, 2012-2021



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**Lower PNR = more unmet need**

PNR, 2021

**13.34**

PNR, by Sex, 2021

**Male: 15.71**

**Female: 4.00**

PNR, by Race/Ethnicity, 2021

**Black: 2.98**

**Hispanic/Latinx: 4.05**

**White: 29.24**

PNR, by Age, 2021

**Aged 13-24: 11.74**

**Aged 25-34: 13.56**

**Aged 35-44: 12.54**

**Aged 45-54: 17.42**

**Aged 55+: 13.85**

# HIV Testing and Screening

- Almost 40% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who do not know they are infected
- Of ~1.2 million people living with HIV in the US in 2019, 1 in 7 (13%) unaware of diagnosis
- When dx is known, can start tx
  - U = U
  - Un-detectable = Un-transmittable
- CDC & USPSTF recommend HIV testing at least once in lifetime as routine care for all people age 13-64
- Annually for those with higher risk, including PWUD

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. HIV Surveillance Report, 2020; vol. 33.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance.html>

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# What is HIV PrEP?

- Medication for HIV negative individuals that can help prevent HIV transmission
- Biomedical intervention that may be part of a larger prevention tool kit (harm reduction)
- Opportunity to reduce HIV disparities
- Potential gateway to accessing other health services
- Highly effective - when taken consistently, can reduce risk of contracting HIV by 99%
- First approved in 2012 for use in the US



# Who may benefit from PrEP?

- Anyone who self-identifies a need for PrEP
- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- People with partners with or at risk for HIV
- Transgender women
- People who have had an STI, condomless anal sex, or transactional sex
- PWID or use stimulants like methamphetamine during sex

## Recommendation Summary

Population	Recommendation	Grade
Adolescents and adults at increased risk of HIV	<p>The USPSTF recommends that clinicians prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis with effective antiretroviral therapy to persons who are at increased risk of HIV acquisition to decrease the risk of acquiring HIV infection.</p> <p>See the "Practice Considerations" section for more information about identification of persons at increased risk and about effective antiretroviral therapy.</p>	<b>A</b>

<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/draft-recommendation/prevention-human-immunodeficiency-virus-hiv-infection-prep>

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# PrEP Eligibility & Guidance – CDC 2021

Table 1a: Summary of Clinician Guidance for Daily Oral PrEP Use



	Sexually-Active Adults and Adolescents <sup>1</sup>	Persons Who Inject Drug <sup>2</sup>
Identifying substantial risk of acquiring HIV infection	Anal or vaginal sex in past 6 months AND any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV-positive sexual partner (especially if partner has an unknown or detectable viral load)</li> <li>• Bacterial STI in past 6 months<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• History of inconsistent or no condom use with sexual partner(s)</li> </ul>	HIV-positive injecting partner OR Sharing injection equipment
Clinically eligible	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented negative HIV Ag/Ab test result within 1 week before initially prescribing PrEP</li> <li>• No signs/symptoms of acute HIV infection</li> <li>• Estimated creatinine clearance <math>\geq 30</math> ml/min<sup>4</sup></li> <li>• No contraindicated medications</li> </ul>	
Dosage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily, continuing, oral doses of F/TDF (Truvada®), <math>\leq 90</math>-day supply</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For men and transgender women at risk for sexual acquisition of HIV; daily, continuing, oral doses of F/TAF (Descovy®), <math>\leq 90</math>-day supply</li> </ul>	
Follow-up care	<p><b><u>Follow-up visits at least every 3 months to provide the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Ag/Ab test and HIV-1 RNA assay, medication adherence and behavioral risk reduction support</li> <li>• Bacterial STI screening for MSM and transgender women who have sex with men<sup>3</sup> – oral, rectal, urine, blood</li> <li>• Access to clean needles/syringes and drug treatment services for PWID</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Follow-up visits every 6 months to provide the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess renal function for patients aged <math>\geq 50</math> years or who have an eCrCl <math>&lt; 90</math> ml/min at PrEP initiation</li> <li>• Bacterial STI screening for all sexually-active patients<sup>3</sup> – [vaginal, oral, rectal, urine- as indicated], blood</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Follow-up visits every 12 months to provide the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess renal function for all patients</li> <li>• Chlamydia screening for heterosexually active women and men – vaginal, urine</li> <li>• For patients on F/TAF, assess weight, triglyceride and cholesterol levels</li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> adolescents weighing at least 35 kg (77 lb)

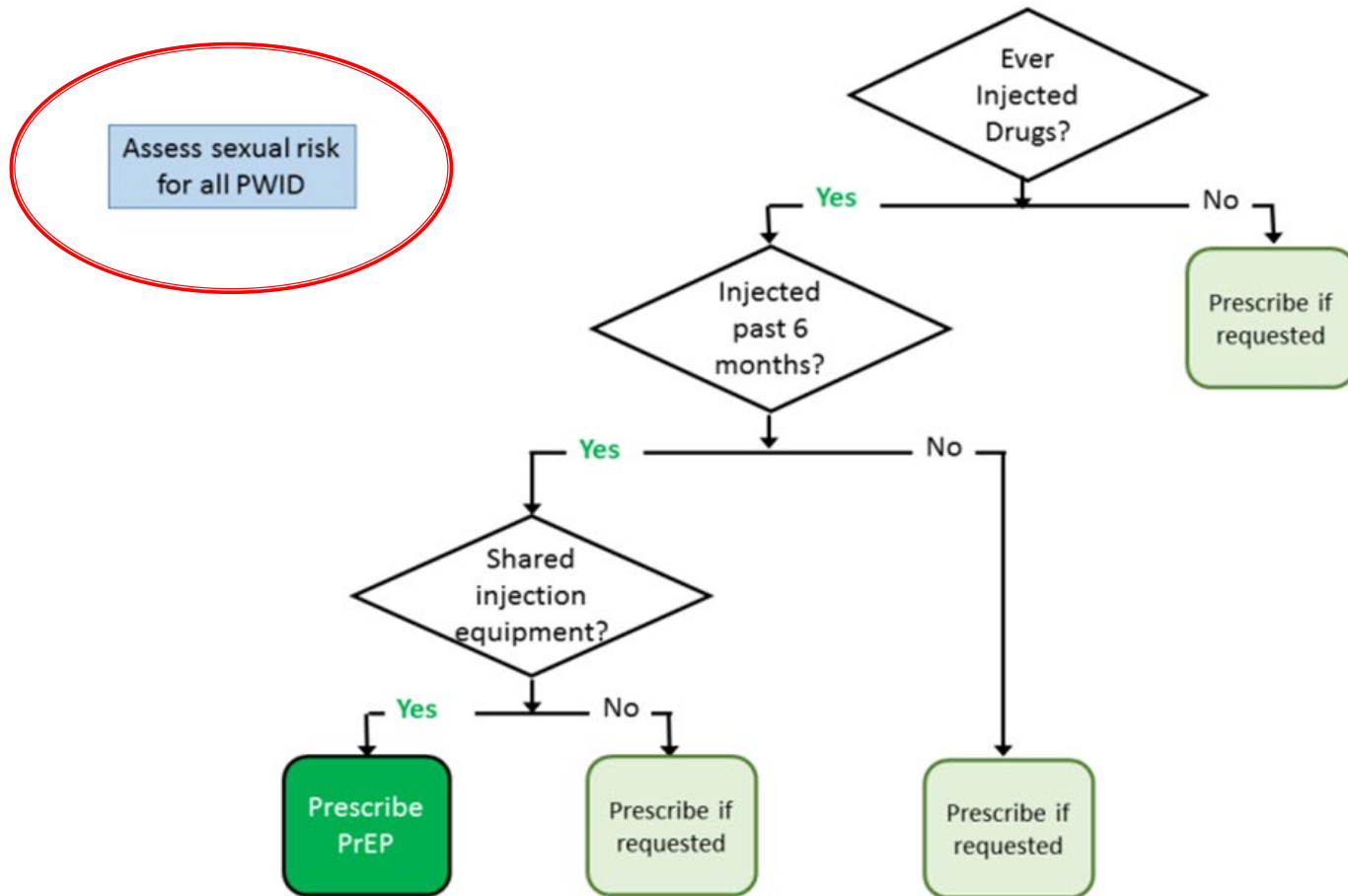
<sup>2</sup> Because most PWID are also sexually active, they should be assessed for sexual risk and provided the option of CAB for PrEP when indicated

<sup>3</sup> Sexually transmitted infection (STI): Gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis for MSM and transgender women who have sex with men including those who inject drugs; Gonorrhea and syphilis for heterosexual women and men including persons who inject drugs

<sup>4</sup> estimated creatine clearance (eCrCl) by Cockcroft Gault formula  $\geq 60$  ml/min for F/TDF use,  $\geq 30$  ml/min for F/TAF use

# PrEP for People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)

Figure 3 Assessing Indications for PrEP in Persons Who Inject Drugs



# PrEP – FDA approved agents

## **TDF/FTC tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine (Truvada)**

- FDA approved 2012
- Once daily tablet
- For ALL sexually active individuals and PWID – now generic!

## **TAF/FTC tenovofir alafenamide/emtricitabine (Descovy)**

- FDA approved 2019 (Discover Trial)
- Once daily tablet
- Cisgender men who have sex with cisgender men (MSM) & transgender women

## **Cabotegravir (CAB, Apretude)**

- FDA approved 2021
- Cisgender MSM & transgender women
- Injectable, long-acting, 600 mg IM - initial dose
- 2nd dose given 1 mo after 1st dose, then Q 2 months

**\*\*All 3 are approved for adults and adolescents weighing at least 35 kg**

# Possible Side Effects

## Oral PrEP (F/TDF, F/TAF)

- Nausea, diarrhea, headache - usually mild and resolves within 1 mo
- Renal impairment - typically reversible if PrEP stopped (risk greater with F/TDF)
- Slight (1%) loss of bone mineral density over 1 yr; no increased risk of fractures; risk greater with TDF
- F/TAF (Descovy: possible weight gain (ave 2-3 lb)

## Injection PrEP (CAB) - injection site reactions

# PrEP time to effectiveness

## **TDF/FTC (Truvada)**

- Rectal tissue 7 days
- Cervicovaginal tissue 20 days

## **TAF/FTC (Descovy) and cabotegravir**

- No data yet available

# Lab monitoring

## Baseline (within 7 days of starting PrEP)

- HIV test (ideally HIV Ag/Ab)
  - HIV RNA (if concern for infection within the past 4 weeks)
- HBV and HCV serology
- STI testing: GC/CT (throat, rectum, genital/urine based on sites of exposure), syphilis
- Oral PrEP: creatinine (CrCl)
  - TDF/FTC (Truvada) contraindicated if CrCl < 60ml/min
  - TAF/FTC (Descovy) can be used CrCl > 30ml/min
- TAF/FTC: lipids

# Labs: Oral PrEP



**1 month:** optional, appropriate in some cases to ensure patient is still HIV negative)



**Every 3 months:** HIV Ag/Ab, HIV RNA, screen for STIs (see baseline labs), pregnancy test



**Every 6 months:** CrCl for persons age  $\geq 50$  or eCrCl  $< 90$   
**Every 12 months:** cholesterol. HCV Ab for MSM, transgender women, and PWID



# Labs: Injection PrEP (CAB)

- 1 month: HIV RNA
- Every 2 months: HIV Ag/Ab and HIV RNA
- Every 4 months: HIV RNA, STI testing (see baseline list)
- Pregnancy test as appropriate

# Follow up visits

## Oral PrEP

- 1 week (optional): Call, check if Rx filled, assess adherence and side effects
- 1 month (optional)
- At least **every 3 months, Rx 90-day supply**

## Injection PrEP

- 1 month (time of 2nd injection)
- Every 2 months (subsequent injections)

# Counseling - PrEP

Importance of  
close adherence

Other infection & HIV  
prevention (condom  
use/risk reduction)

Safer injection  
use practices

Need for regular follow-up  
visits & labs

Reproductive  
goals/contraception

Symptoms of acute  
HIV infection

Risks of stopping (HIV  
infection) and cautions for  
restarting (need for HIV  
testing, risk of inadequate  
treatment if HIV infected)

Oral PrEP: risk of  
flare of HBV (if infected)

For CAB: slow decline in  
CAB levels after stopping  
(risk of CAB resistance if  
infected with HIV during  
this time)

Insurance/medication  
assistance

Procedures for refills

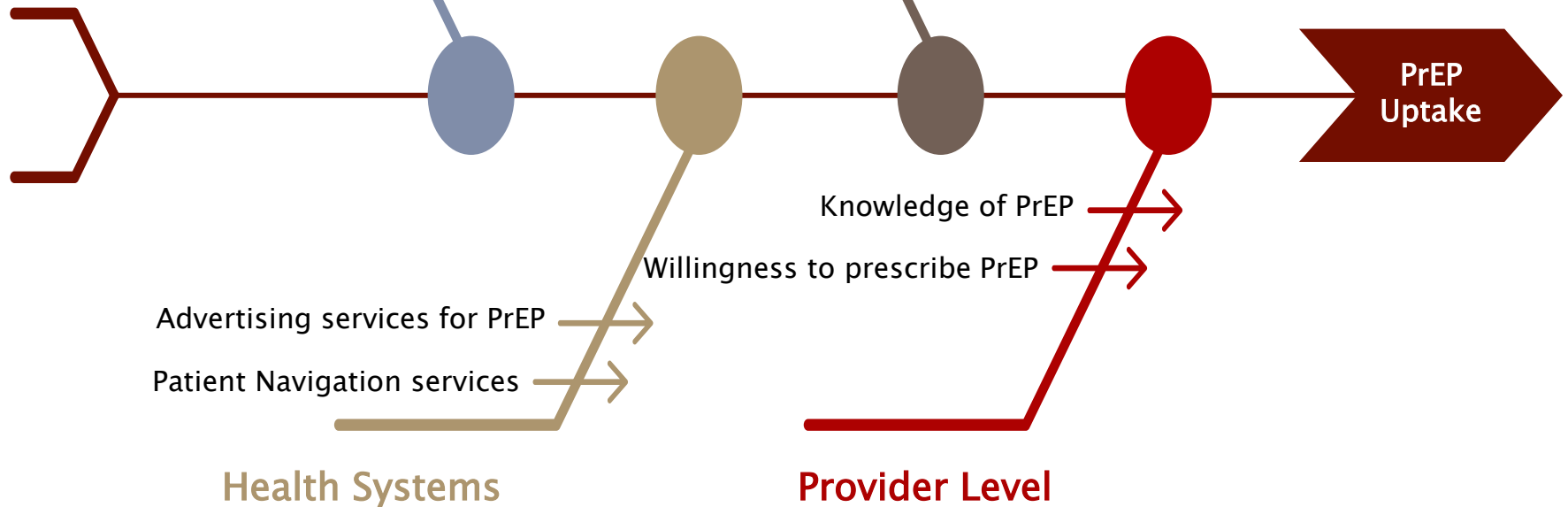
# Barriers to PrEP

## Individual/Community Level

Awareness of HIV risk →  
Risk/benefit perception →

## Clinic Level

Geographic access →  
Clinic hours →



# Improving PrEP Use in PWUD

- Talk about PrEP - incorporate with harm reduction conversations
- Assess sexual related risk
- Address structural & logistical barriers
  - Same day PrEP
  - PEP to PrEP
  - Sync SUD tx visits with PrEP visits
  - Case management, PrEP navigation
  - Integrated care with SUD Tx and harm reduction services

# Improving PrEP Use in PWUD (cont)

- Think of PrEP as another harm reduction measure
- “Are you interested in hearing more about a medication that can prevent HIV?”
- EHR PrEP dot-phrases/templates for substance use & sexual health risk screening
- Offer provider & team education on:
  - Taking a sexual health hx and counseling
  - Health equity
  - Implicit biases
  - Delegate a PrEP “captain” to help other providers with education and clinical consultations

# Conclusions

- PWUD are disproportionately affected by HIV
- PrEP utilization in PWUD lags far behind other groups
- PWUD are at increased risk for HIV infection and should be considered high priority for PrEP use
- Assess sexual related risks in addition substance use and injection related risks
- USPTF & CDC recommend universal screening for HIV and discussing PrEP with all sexually active adolescents and adults
- Interventions addressing barriers to care can improve PrEP uptake, such as integrating care with SUD Tx and harm reduction services

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# nPEP (Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis)

**Known *or* potential exposure to HIV**

**AND**

**≤72 hours after exposure**  
that presents substantial risk  
for HIV acquisition

## **Baseline labs**

- HIV Ag/Ab  
If HIV is reactive, do NOT use nPEP → link to HIV care
- STI tests
- Urine pregnancy
- Serum creatinine, ALT, AST
- HBV serology
- Hepatitis C Ab

# nPEP Medications

- 1st dose of nPEP ASAP after a negative rapid HIV *or* a non-rapid HIV test is sent
- TDF/FTC (Truvada) 300/200 mg + dolutegravir (Tivicay) 50 mg  
1 tablet of each PO daily x **28 days**
- May use TAF/FTC (Descovy) in place of TDF/FTC, and bictegravir in place of dolutegravir. Bictegravir available as coformulation with TAF/FTC (bictegravir/TAF/FTC, Biktarvy)

# nPEP Follow up

- 72 hours
- 4-6 weeks after initiating nPEP
  - HIV Ag/Ab test after initial non-reactive test
  - Syphilis test at 4-6 weeks and 3-6 months
- HBV & HCV serology at 6 months