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Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) & Occupational PEP (oPEP)

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This resource summarizes the guidelines for the management of occupational and non-occupational exposures to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B (HBV), and hepatitis C (HCV). This resource also summarizes recommendations for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV in adults at high risk for acquiring HIV. This resource is intended to guide initial decisions about PrEP/PEP and should be used in conjunction with other guidance provided in the full reports available at websites listed throughout this resource.

Management of Non-Occupational Exposures

- Evaluate exposure - See inside of card
- Start non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP) when indicated
- Sexual exposure requires evaluation for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- For injecting drug users (IDUs), assess access to clean needles/syringes
- Women at risk for unintended pregnancy should be offered emergency contraception
- Refer as appropriate to counseling for risk-reduction, mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence
- Victims of sexual assault should be referred for additional evaluation and counseling
 - See the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute guidelines for victims of sexual assault at <http://www.hivguidelines.org/pep-for-hiv-prevention/after-sexual-assault/>
 - National Sexual Assault Hotline 1.800.656.HOPE (656.4673)

Management of Occupational Exposures

Requires immediate reporting so exposed person can be evaluated, tested, and provided with appropriate occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (oPEP) if indicated

- Treatment (tx) of Exposure Site**
 - Wash wounds and skin sites with soap and water
 - Flush mucous membranes with water
 - Use of antiseptics-not contraindicated, but no evidence that it will further reduce risk of transmission. Avoid use of caustic agents (e.g., bleach).
- Evaluate Exposure - See inside of card**
- Start oPEP when indicated**

Exposure to other blood-borne pathogens (e.g., hepatitis B and C) should be considered in addition to HIV. See sections on hepatitis B and C provided in this resource. Patients should be counseled to initiate or resume preventive behaviors to prevent additional exposure and to prevent possible secondary transmission while receiving PEP.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services. U.S. Public Health Service. Clinical Practice Guideline: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States – 2017. Available at www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/prep/cdc-hiv-prep-guidelines-2017.pdf CDC and DHHS. U.S. Public Health Service. Clinical Providers' Supplement: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States – 2017. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/prep/cdc-hiv-prep-provider-supplement-2017.pdf>. Both accessed April 22, 2018.

BEFORE INITIATING PrEP

Recommendations for PrEP

- PrEP is recommended as one prevention option for adults who do not have acute or established HIV infection, but are at high risk for acquiring HIV infection
- Risks and benefits of PrEP for adolescents should be weighed carefully in the context of local laws and regulations as the data on efficacy and safety of PrEP for adolescents are insufficient
- Sexual PrEP Indications (men who have sex with men and/or women, heterosexual men or women, transgender men or women):
 - Not in a mutually monogamous partnership with a partner who is has recently tested negative for HIV **AND** ≥ 1 of the following:
 - Sex with person known to have HIV infection **or**
 - Sexually transmitted infection (STI)¹ diagnosed or reported in past 6 months **or**
 - High number of sexual partners **or**
 - History of inconsistent or no condom use **or**
 - Commercial sex work

NOTE: Sexual activity in high HIV prevalence areas may increase risk of HIV acquisition (see <http://www.AIDSvu.org> or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/atlas/>).

- IDUs indications:
 - Injecting partner with HIV or sharing injection equipment and/or
 - Risk of sexual acquisition (see above)
- Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine (TDF/FTC, Truvada[®]) is the only agent that is FDA-approved for prevention of HIV via PrEP for all populations at risk listed above.
- Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF, Viread[®]) alone is an alternative option for heterosexual or IDU's but not for MSM, as efficacy has not been studied in the MSM population. See guidelines for more information.

Determine Eligibility

- Negative HIV test (antigen/antibody laboratory test preferred) within one week before starting PrEP medication. Anonymous tests, patient-self reported test results or oral rapid tests (less sensitive than blood based tests) should not be used to screen for HIV infection when considering PrEP.
- Obtain HIV viral load if symptoms of acute HIV infection are present or if patient (pt) has had at-risk sexual exposure with person living with HIV in the last 30 days and/or ongoing injection drug use. Delay initiating PrEP until pt is confirmed to be HIV-negative.
 - See [Figure Clinician Determination of HIV Status for PrEP Provision](#) in the PrEP Guidelines.
- Assess for pregnancy or breastfeeding and discuss pregnancy plans so that an informed decision can be made regarding risks/benefits of PrEP exposure.² Provide contraception if pregnancy is not desired while on PrEP.
- Confirm that pt is at substantial, ongoing, high risk for acquiring HIV infection
- A sexual history is recommended for all pts. If sexual partner(s) are known to have HIV infection, assess if they are in care and on antiretroviral (ARV) therapy and assist with linkage or re-engagement if needed.
- Perform estimated creatinine clearance (CrCL). Do not initiate if estimated CrCL is < 60 mL/min. If pt has mild renal insufficiency or risk factors for renal dysfunction obtain CrCL, phosphorus, urine glucose and urine protein prior to initiating PrEP to evaluate for renal disease/Fanconi syndrome. See [Box C of the PrEP](#) guidelines for the Cockcroft-Gault formula for CrCL estimation.
- Consider bone mineral density in pts with risk factors for osteoporosis or bone loss or history of pathologic fracture

Other Recommended Actions

- Screen for hepatitis B infection and immunity; vaccinate if appropriate, or treat if active infection identified whether or not PrEP prescribed. Because TDF/FTC treats hepatitis B, it is important to recognize if this infection is present as flare of hepatitis B is possible if infection is not recognized and TDF/FTC is discontinued.
- Screen pt for alcohol and illicit drug use, including the use of injectable drugs as these substances may affect sexual risk behavior. Refer for substance abuse tx if indicated. For IDUs, assess access to clean needles/syringes.
- Perform screening for bacterial STIs (syphilis serology and gonorrhea and chlamydia testing at all sites of exposure) and tx if indicated¹
- Educate all pts on the importance of practicing safer sex consistently, using condoms correctly, need to avoid sharing injection equipment and the need for 100% adherence to PrEP medications if prescribed. Educate women on the following:
 - PrEP has not been associated to date with adverse events in pregnancy or when breastfeeding²

1. Gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis testing for MSM including those who inject drugs. Gonorrhea, syphilis testing for heterosexual women and men including those who inject drugs.
2. Center's for Disease Control and Prevention. Provider Information Sheet-PrEP During Conception, Pregnancy, and Breastfeeding. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/prep_gl_clinician_factsheet_pregnancy_english.pdf. Accessed April 22, 2018.

See the Guidelines for a complete discussion of laboratory tests and monitoring.
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEPguidelines2014.pdf#page=30>

BEGINNING PrEP MEDICATION REGIMEN

- Pts taking PrEP should be informed of side effects of these medications and possible signs and symptoms requiring urgent medical evaluation
- Provide pt with a medication fact sheet listing dosing instructions and side effects
- Reinforce the fact that PrEP is not always effective in preventing HIV infection particularly if used inconsistently. The consistent use of PrEP together with other prevention methods (consistent condom use, discontinuing drug injection or never sharing injection equipment) confers very high levels of protection.
- Review important prescribing considerations³
- Review "Agreement Form for Initiating TRUVADA[®] for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) of Sexually Acquired HIV-1 Infection" with your pt⁴
- Prescribe Truvada[®] (300 mg tenofovir [TDF]/200 mg emtricitabine [FTC]) po once daily and educate pt on proper use of medication
- Prescribe no more than a 90-day supply, and renew only if HIV antibody test or fourth generation antigen/antibody test confirms that pt remains HIV-uninfected
- Assess pregnancy intent and perform pregnancy test. Assure the pt has been informed about the benefits and risk of use should pregnancy occur²
- Consider using TDF/FTC for both tx of active hepatitis B infection and HIV prevention
- Make sure pt has a follow up appointment

3. Gilead Sciences, Inc. TRUVADA[®] for a Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Indication: Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). Available at www.truvadapreprems.com. Accessed: April 22, 2018.
4. Gilead Sciences, Inc. Agreement Form for Initiating TRUVADA[®] for Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). Available at www.truvadapreprems.com/Content/pdf/Agreement_Form.pdf. Accessed: April 22, 2018.

NOTE: 100% adherence is essential for PrEP to be effective.
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FOLLOW-UP AT LEAST EVERY 90 DAYS WHILE PATIENT TAKING PrEP

- Repeat HIV test every 3 months. In women of childbearing potential, perform pregnancy testing every 3 months.
- Document negative (blood or serum) HIV antibody test or fourth generation antigen/antibody test (preferred)
- Document negative pregnancy test; if pregnant, discuss ongoing PrEP with pt and prenatal care provider² and report exposure to antiretroviral pregnancy registry (www.apregistry.com)
- Assess side effects, adherence and HIV acquisition risk behaviors. Consider more frequent follow-up visits if inconsistent adherence is identified
- Provide support for risk-reduction strategies and the consistent and correct use of condoms. Respond to new questions and provide any new information about PrEP use.
- At 3 month intervals, STI testing and tx as indicated for pts with signs or sx of STI and STI screening of asymptomatic MSM. Every 6 mos, screen all sexually active pts for bacterial STIs even if asymptomatic.
- Assess for signs/symptoms of acute HIV infection and if present, discontinue PrEP until testing confirms that pt is HIV-negative.
- Three months after PrEP initiation, and at least every 6 months thereafter, evaluate serum creatinine and estimated creatinine clearance. If pt has mild renal insufficiency or risk factors for renal dysfunction obtain CrCL, phosphorus, urine glucose and urine protein. If CrCL falls to < 60 mL/min while on PrEP, re-assess the risk vs. benefits of PrEP and dose adjust TDF/FTC per package insert if PrEP continued.
- At least every 12 months, evaluate the need to continue PrEP as a component of HIV prevention

ON DISCONTINUING PrEP

- Document reasons for discontinuing PrEP. PrEP should be discontinued upon any positive test result suggesting HIV infection.
- Perform blood (or serum) HIV antibody test or fourth generation HIV antigen/antibody test
- If HIV-positive, convert PrEP regimen to an HIV treatment regimen recommended by the DHHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. See [Section 8 of the PrEP Provider Supplement](#).
- If HIV-negative, assure continued risk-reduction support services as indicated
- If active hepatitis B is diagnosed, assure continued hepatitis B tx
- If pregnant, inform prenatal care provider of TDF/FTC use in early pregnancy

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| Hepatitis in HIV/AIDS | Opportunistic Infections (OIs) in HIV/AIDS |
| Oral Manifestations Associated with HIV/AIDS | Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) |
| Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) and Occupational PEP (oPEP) | Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) in Pediatrics/Adolescents |
| Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) in HIV-Infected Patients | Treatment of Tuberculosis (TB) in Adults with HIV Infection |

Report Adverse Events and Pregnancy Exposures

FDA MedWatch:
Report unusual or severe toxicity to antiretrovirals
www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/default.htm
800.FDA.1088 (332.1088)

Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry:
A voluntary prospective, exposure-registration, observational study designed to collect and evaluate data on the outcomes of pregnancy exposures to antiretroviral products.
www.apregistry.com
800.258.4263

The information contained in this publication is intended for medical professionals, as a quick reference to the national guidelines. This resource does not replace nor represent the comprehensive nature of the published guidelines. Recognizing the rapid changes that occur in this field, clinicians are encouraged to consult with their local experts or research the literature for the most up-to-date information to assist with individual treatment decisions for their patient. If your patient should experience a serious adverse event, please report the event to the FDA (www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/default.htm) to help increase patient safety.

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Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)
CDC. Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis. MMWR, 2001;50(RR-11): 1-53. Available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5011.pdf.
CDC. CDC Guidance for Evaluating Health-Care Personnel for Hepatitis B Virus Protection and for Administering Postexposure Management. MMWR, 2013;62(RR-10): 1-19. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6210a1.htm?_cid=r6210a1. Both accessed April 22, 2018.

Management of Exposures to HBV

- See Table on Recommended Schedule for Laboratory Evaluation for Source and Exposed Persons
- Any blood or body fluid exposure to an unvaccinated person should lead to the initiation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, unless they have not responded after a second complete vaccination series (after two 3-dose series)
 - Recombivax HB[®] 10 mcg or Engerix-B[®] 20 mcg IM at 0, 1, and 6 months (Consider 40 mcg dose or alternate dosing strategies such as intradermal route if exposed person is on dialysis, is immunocompromised, or is a nonresponder)⁵
- When Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) is indicated, it should be administered as soon as possible after the exposure (preferably within 24 hours, but is recommended up to 1 week following an occupational exposure)
 - HBIG can be administered simultaneously with the Hepatitis B vaccine, but at a separate site
- Test for Hepatitis B surface antibody (HBsAb) 1-2 months after last dose of vaccine series or booster, adequate if HBsAb ≥ 10 mIU/mL (>0.99 index value)

| EXPOSED PERSON'S IMMUNE STATUS | TREATMENT | |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| | Source HBsAg (+), HBsAg (unknown) or Not Available for Testing | Source HBsAg (-) |
| Unvaccinated or Incomplete Vaccination | HBIG (0.06 mL/kg IM) x 1 and complete vaccination | Vaccinate |
| Vaccinated-responder (HBsAb ≥ 10 mIU/mL) | No PEP | No PEP |
| Vaccinated-nonresponder (HBsAb < 10 mIU/mL) | After first vaccination series- HBIG (0.06 mL/kg IM) x 1 and revaccinate ⁶ | Revaccinate ⁶ |
| | After second vaccination series- HBIG (0.06 mL/kg IM) x 2 doses (one at time of exposure and one 1 month after exposure) | No PEP |
| Vaccination Completed (HBsAb response unknown) | Test exposed person for HBsAb. If HBsAb ≥ 10 mIU/mL, no PEP necessary. | No PEP |
| | Test exposed person for HBsAb. If HBsAb < 10 mIU/mL, administer HBIG x 1 and revaccinate. ⁶ | Revaccinate ⁶ |

5. Filippelli M, Lionetti E, Gennaro A, et al. Hepatitis B vaccine by intradermal route in non responder patients: An update. World J Gastroenterol 2014; 20(30): 10383-10394. Available at <http://www.wjgnet.com/1007-9327/full/v20/i30/10383.htm>.
6. Give vaccine booster dose; check antibody response (HBsAb quantitative) 1-2 months later; give additional 2 doses (for total of 6 doses) if HBsAb remains < 10 mIU/mL and repeat HBsAb 1-2 months later.

HIV Exposure Management

NOTE: Consider exposure to other blood-borne pathogens (e.g., hepatitis B and C) in addition to HIV. See sections on hepatitis B and C provided in this resource.

- PEP for non-occupational (nPEP) and occupational exposures (oPEP) should start IMMEDIATELY (ideally within 1-2 hours post exposure), and continue for 28 days, or until the source person is confirmed to be HIV-negative.
- See Table on Recommended Schedule for Laboratory Evaluation for Source and Exposed Persons
- If nPEP initiated, consider PrEP after completion of the 28-day nPEP regimen for those with repeated high-risk behavior or repeat courses of nPEP
- Risk reduction and primary prevention counseling should be provided whenever someone is assessed for nPEP, regardless of whether PEP is initiated
- The Clinician Consultation Center provides timely answers for urgent exposure management and PEP. Call 888.448.4911 or visit <http://nccc.ucsf.edu/clinician-consultation/pep-post-exposure-prophylaxis/> for more information

Post-Exposure Management for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)

CDC. Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis. MMWR, 2001;50(RR-11), 1-53. Available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5011.pdf.

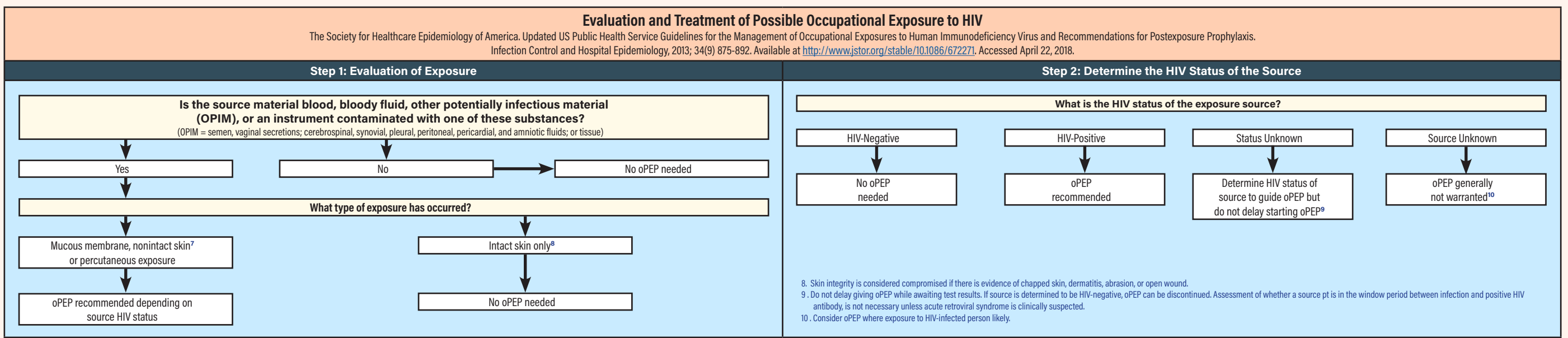
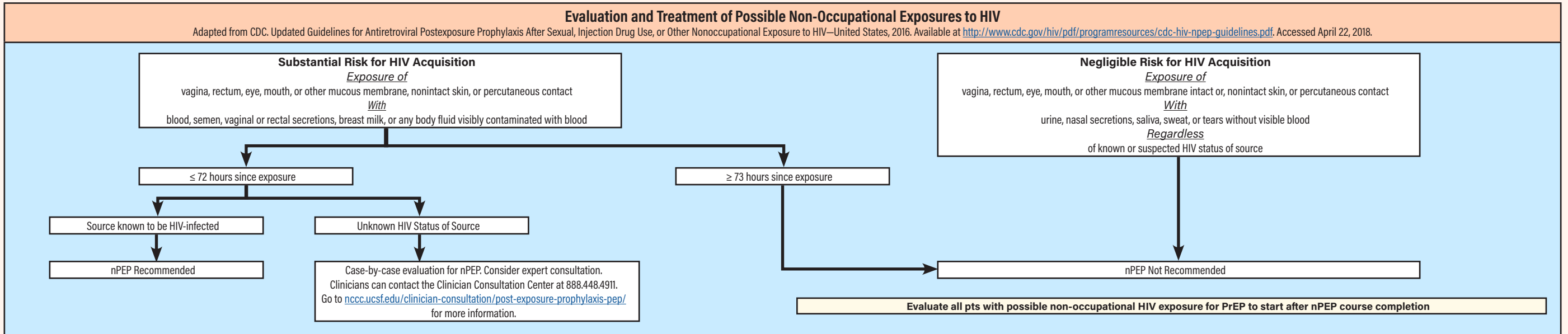
CDC. Information for Healthcare Personnel Potentially Exposed to Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Recommended Testing and Follow-up. November 2016. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/pdfs/testing-followup-exposed-hc-personnel-3d.pdf>.

CDC. Testing for HCV Infection: An Update of Guidance for Clinicians and Laboratorians. MMWR, 2013;62(18), 357-365. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6218a5.htm>. All accessed April 22, 2018.

Management of Exposures and Post-Exposure Management to HCV

- See Table on Recommended Schedule for Laboratory Evaluation for Source and Exposed Persons
- Confirm HCV Ab results reported positive by testing for HCV viral load
- No regimens proven beneficial for PEP
- Early identification of acute HCV and referral to hepatitis C specialist for management if infected⁷

⁷ Management of Acute HCV Infection in AASLD and IDSA HCV Guidance: Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C. Available at <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/full-report/management-acute-hcv-infection>. Accessed April 22, 2018.



Preferred HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Regimens for Healthy Adults and Adolescents (All regimens are for 28 days [4 weeks])

(See the Guidelines listed below for persons with decreased renal function, pregnant women, and children.)

Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis, (September 2013) at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/672271>, the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute occupational post-exposure prophylaxis guidelines (October 2014) at <http://www.hivguidelines.org/pep-for-hiv-prevention/>, and CDC. Updated Guidelines for Antiretroviral Postexposure Prophylaxis After Sexual, Injection Drug Use, or Other Nonoccupational Exposure to HIV—United States, 2016. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/programresources/cdc-hiv-npep-guidelines.pdf>. All accessed April 22, 2018.

Note: If the source is known to be infected with HIV, the healthcare provider should attempt to get a history of antiretroviral use, resistance and most recent viral load from the source patient or his/her provider to guide the choice of nPEP medications. The clinician is encouraged to consult an expert in PEP management when choosing a regimen for an exposed pregnant women or in cases of exposures to virus known or suspected to be resistant to one or more antiretroviral agents. The Clinician Consultation Center provides timely answers for urgent exposure management and PEP. Visit <http://nccc.ucsf.edu/clinician-consultation/pep-post-exposure-prophylaxis/> for more information. See the online PEP Quick Guide (<http://nccc.ucsf.edu/clinical-resources/pep-resources/pep-quick-guide/>) for urgent PEP decision making.

| PREFERRED oPEP REGIMENS | ALTERNATIVE oPEP REGIMENS |
|---|--|
| Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/Emtricitabine 300/200 mg (Truvada®) po once daily PLUS [raltegravir (Isentress®) 400 mg po twice daily OR dolutegravir (Tivicay®) 50 mg po once daily] ¹¹ | For alternative oPEP regimens see New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute occupational post-exposure prophylaxis guidelines (October 2014) at http://www.hivguidelines.org/pep-for-hiv-prevention/occupational/#tab_6 |
| PREFERRED nPEP REGIMEN | ALTERNATIVE nPEP REGIMENS |
| Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/Emtricitabine 300/200 mg (Truvada®) po once daily PLUS [raltegravir (Isentress®) 400 mg po twice daily OR dolutegravir (Tivicay®) 50 mg po once daily] | For alternative nPEP regimens see CDC. Updated Guidelines for Antiretroviral Postexposure Prophylaxis After Sexual, Injection Drug Use, or Other Nonoccupational Exposure to HIV—United States, 2016. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/programresources/cdc-hiv-npep-guidelines.pdf . |

NOTE: Some pharmacies may not “break” their bottles of ARVs which typically come in a 30-day supply. Consider ordering a complete 30-day supply to assure PEP is started in a timely manner.

¹¹ USPHS Guidelines list only the raltegravir regimen as preferred for oPEP.

Recommended Schedule of Laboratory Evaluations for Source and Exposed Persons

Adapted from 1. CDC. Updated Guidelines for Antiretroviral Postexposure Prophylaxis After Sexual, Injection Drug Use, or Other Nonoccupational Exposure to HIV—United States, 2016. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/programresources/cdc-hiv-npep-guidelines.pdf>. 2. CDC. Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis. MMWR, 2001;50(RR-11): 1-53. Available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5011.pdf. 3. The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. Updated US Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis. Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology, 2013; 34(9) 875-892. Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/672271>. 4. CDC. Information for Healthcare Personnel Potentially Exposed to Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Recommended Testing and Follow-up. November 2016. Available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/pdfs/testing-followup-exposed-hc-personnel-3d.pdf>. All accessed April 22, 2018.

Note: See sections on HBV, HCV, and HIV of this resource for additional details including PEP

| Source | |
|-----------------|--|
| Baseline | HIV Ag/Ab ¹² , hepatitis B serology ¹³ , hepatitis C antibody ¹⁴ (for sexual exposures also test for gonorrhea/chlamydia ^{15, 16} , syphilis ¹⁸) |
| Exposed Persons | |
| Baseline | HIV Ag/Ab ¹² , hepatitis B serology ¹³ , hepatitis C antibody ¹⁷ , pregnancy test ¹⁸ , serum creatinine ¹⁹ , AST/ALT ¹⁹ (for sexual exposures also test for gonorrhea/chlamydia ^{15, 16} and syphilis ¹⁸) |
| 4-6 weeks | HIV Ag/Ab ¹² , pregnancy test ¹⁸ , serum creatinine ¹⁹ , AST/ALT ¹⁹ , hepatitis C RNA ²⁰ (for sexual exposures also test for gonorrhea/chlamydia ^{15, 16, 21} and syphilis ¹⁸) |
| 3 months | HIV Ag/Ab ¹² |
| 6 months | HIV Ag/Ab test ^{12, 22} , hepatitis B serology ^{13, 23} (for sexual exposure also obtain syphilis serology if indicated ^{16, 24}) |

12. Ag/Ab test preferred, antibody test can be used if Ag/Ab test not available; use of oral test is not recommended. If using Ag/Ab test, can consider discontinuing HIV testing at 3-4 months. Obtain HIV viral load and HIV genotype if determined to have HIV infection at any visit. Follow-up HIV testing should be done even if the exposed person declines PEP.
13. Hepatitis B serology: HBsAg, quantitative HBsAb, HBcAb Total or IgG. Occupational exposure guidelines recommend only HBsAg testing in the source and all serologies listed for the exposed person.
14. If source is IDU or is immunocompromised, consider adding HCV viral load testing.
15. Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) recommended. Men reporting insertive vaginal, anal, or oral sex (urine specimen), women reporting receptive vaginal sex (vaginal [preferred] or endocervical swab or urine specimen), men and women reporting receptive anal sex (rectal swab), men and women reporting receptive oral sex (oropharyngeal swab for gonorrhea).
16. See the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Guidelines, 2015 from the CDC for recommendations for treatment and follow-up if any STI is diagnosed.
17. If positive, reflex to HCV RNA viral load. If viral load positive, refer to care for pre-existing chronic HCV infection.
18. Woman of reproductive age, not using effective contraception, with vaginal exposure to semen.
19. If prescribed PEP, oPEP guidelines recommend repeating at 2 weeks and also recommend CBC even though current preferred oPEP regimens are not associated with hematologic toxicity. Further testing may be indicated if abnormalities are detected.
20. If positive, refer to care for Hepatitis C infection. If unable to do HCV RNA, check Hepatitis C antibody with reflex to HCV RNA at 6 months.
21. If not provided presumptive treatment at baseline or if symptomatic at follow-up visit.
22. Delayed HIV seroconversion has been seen in persons who simultaneously acquire HIV and HCV infection. The oPEP guidelines recommend HCP undergo repeat HIV AG/AB testing at 12 months.
23. If susceptible to HBV at baseline. See Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for HBV section for testing following vaccination.
24. If determined to be infected with syphilis and treated, should undergo serologic syphilis testing 6 months and 12 months after treatment. See the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Guidelines, 2015 from the CDC.

Preferred Antiretrovirals Recommended for oPEP and nPEP (Dosage Forms and Important Points)

Refer to Appendix B of the Adult/Adolescent Antiretroviral Guidelines for a complete and updated source for antiretroviral medications to include: dosing, renal or hepatic insufficiency dosage adjustments, side effects, drug interactions, and warnings/contraindications.

| DRUG | USUAL ADULT DOSAGE FORMS | IMPORTANT POINTS |
|---|---|---|
| Dolutegravir (DTG, Tivicay®) | 50 mg tab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take with or without food • Take 2 hrs before or 6 hrs after certain medications (e.g. cation-containing antacids or laxatives, sucralfate, oral iron or calcium supplements, multivitamins with minerals) containing polyvalent cations (e.g. Mg, Al, Fe, Ca). DTG may be taken with calcium or iron supplements if taken together with food. • Adverse Effects: headache and insomnia most common. Hypersensitivity reaction including rash, constitutional symptoms and organ dysfunction (e.g. liver injury) have been reported. |
| Emtricitabine (FTC, Emtriva®) | 200 mg cap, 10 mg/mL oral solution (soln) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take with or without food • Abrupt withdrawal can cause chronic active HBV flares • Adverse effects: generally well-tolerated, ↑ pigmentation of palms/soles (> in black and Hispanic pts) |
| Raltegravir (RAL, Isentress®) | 400 mg tab, 100 mg chewable tabs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take with or without food • Avoid Al or Mg-containing antacids. No separation needed when given with CaCO₃ antacids. Take 2 hrs before or 6 hrs after other medications (e.g., cation-containing antacids or laxatives, sucralfate, oral iron or calcium supplements, multivitamins with minerals) containing polyvalent cations (e.g. Mg, Al, Fe, Ca). • Adverse effects: diarrhea, nausea, headache, and pyrexia; ↑ ALT, AST, creatine phosphokinase; myopathy and rhabdomyolysis have been reported, rare severe skin reactions (SJS/TEN) and systemic hypersensitivity reaction with rash, and constitutional symptoms +/- hepatitis |
| Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF, Viread®) | 300 tab, 40 mg/1g oral powder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take tabs with or without food; take powder with food • Abrupt withdrawal can cause chronic active HBV flares • Do not use for PEP in pts with estimated CrCL < 60 mL/min • Adverse effects: flatulence, headache, renal insufficiency, Fanconi Syndrome (rare), ↓ PO₄ |
| Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/Emtricitabine (TDF/FTC, Truvada®) | TDF 300mg / FTC 200 mg tab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See individual components |