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# MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRUVADA FOR PrEP

#### Before starting and while taking TRUVADA for PrEP:

- You must be HIV-1 negative. You must get tested to make sure that you do not
  already have HIV-1. Do not take TRUVADA for PrEP to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1
  unless you are confirmed to be HIV-1 negative. Get tested for HIV-1 immediately before
  and at least every 3 months while taking TRUVADA.
- Many HIV-1 tests can miss HIV-1 infection in a person who has recently become
  infected. Symptoms of new HIV-1 infection include tiredness, fever, joint or muscle
  aches, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, night sweats, and/or enlarged
  lymph nodes in the neck or groin. Tell your healthcare provider if you have had a flu-like
  illness within the last month before starting or while taking TRUVADA.
- You must continue to use safer sex practices. Just taking TRUVADA for PrEP may not keep you from getting HIV-1.
- If you do become HIV-1 positive, you need more medicine than TRUVADA alone to treat HIV-1. If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat now and in the future.

### TRUVADA may cause serious side effects, including:

 Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. Your healthcare provider will test you for HBV. If you have HBV, your HBV may suddenly get worse if you stop taking TRUVADA. Do not stop taking TRUVADA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to check your health regularly for several months.

# **ABOUT TRUVADA FOR PrEP**

TRUVADA for PrEP is a prescription medicine that can help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 through sex, when taken every day and used together with safer sex practices. This use is only for people who weigh at least 77 pounds and are HIV-negative and at risk of getting HIV-1.

 To help determine your risk of getting HIV-1, talk openly with your healthcare provider about your sexual health.

### Do NOT take TRUVADA for PrEP if you:

• Already have HIV-1 infection or if you do not know your HIV-1 status.

### **BEFORE TAKING TRUVADA FOR PrEP**

#### Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or have had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis.
- Have any other medical conditions.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you think you
  may have recently become infected with HIV. HIV can pass to the baby in breast milk.

#### Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with TRUVADA for PrEP.

# IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about taking TRUVADA for PrEP® (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection. This does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your medicine.

# POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF TRUVADA FOR PrEP

# TRUVADA can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "Most Important Information About TRUVADA for PrEP" section.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical
  emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these
  symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of
  breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and
  feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider
  right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark
  "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea,
  or stomach-area pain.
- Bone problems.

**Common side effects** in people taking TRUVADA for PrEP include headache, stomach-area (abdomen) pain, and decreased weight.

These are not all the possible side effects of TRUVADA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with TRUVADA for PrEP.

# **HOW TO TAKE TRUVADA FOR PrEP**

- Take 1 tablet once a day, every day, not just when you think you have been exposed to HIV-1.
- Do not miss any doses. Missing doses may increase your risk of getting HIV-1 infection.
- Use TRUVADA for PrEP together with safer sex practices.
- Get tested for HIV-1 at least every 3 months. You must stay HIV-negative to keep taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

# **HOW TO FURTHER REDUCE YOUR RISK**

- Know your HIV status and the HIV status of your partners.
- Get tested for other sexually transmitted infections. Other infections make it easier for HIV
  to infect you.
- Practice safer sex by using latex or polyurethane condoms.
- Talk to your healthcare provider about all the ways to help reduce HIV risk.

# **GET MORE INFORMATION**

- This is only a brief summary of important information about TRUVADA for PrEP. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more, including how to prevent HIV infection.
- Go to TRUVADA.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5
- $\bullet$  If you need help paying for your medicine, visit TRUVADA.com for program information.

