### Have you Heard about PrEP?







#### What is PrEP?

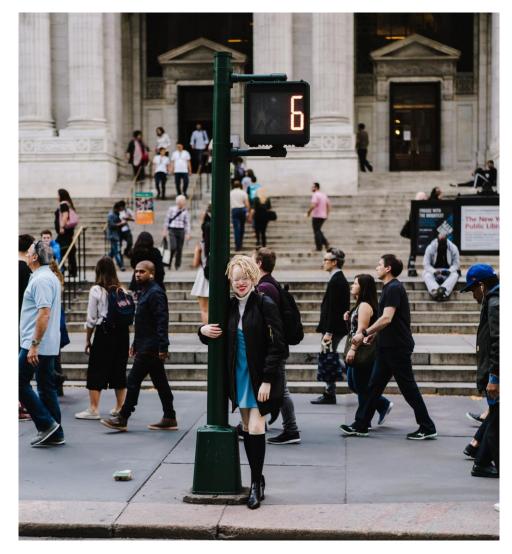
- A pill taken once a day to decrease chances of contracting HIV.
- It's been on the market since 2012
- It is more than 90% effective

#### Other Resources for Explaining PrEP:

- Video from Planned Parenthood
- <u>FAQs</u> from Greater than AIDS
- Stats from the CDC









### Wait, why are we even talking about HIV?



- HIV disproportionately affects Black **Americans**
- Statistically, 1/2 Black gay, bisexual, and same gender loving men will contract HIV in their lifetime
- Statistically, 1/20 Black men will contract HIV in their lifetime
- Statistically, 1/48 Black women will contract HIV in their lifetime







### Why does the epidemic look like this?

- It's not behavior or biology!
- Racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia impact education, prevention, and treatment.

Other Resources for Discussing Social Determinants of Health and HIV <u>Fact Sheets</u> from CDC <u>Positive Women's Network</u>









### OK, but why are we talking about PrEP?



- PrEP is an important tool to use in HIV prevention
- It can complement condoms and other methods
- Many people, especially Black women, don't know about PrEP, so it's important to have these conversations







# What about other STIs? What about pregnancy?

- PrEP is only for HIV prevention. Condoms and other methods can help prevent STIs
- PrEP does not prevent pregnancy
- PrEP is safe for women who are <u>considering pregnancy</u> and breastfeeding

More Resources about PrEP
Facebook Group about PrEP and Women
PrEP and Trans women



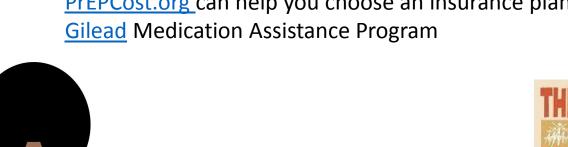




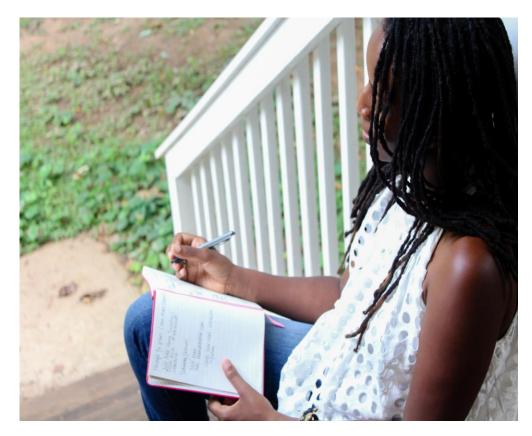
### Is PrEP Expensive?

- Most insurance covers PrEP.
- Medicaid covers PrEP in all 50 states.
- There are programs to cover the costs of co-pays and labs if you qualify.
- Your pharmacist and doctor can help you understand the costs.

Other Resources for PrEP payment Prepcost.org can help you choose an insurance plan





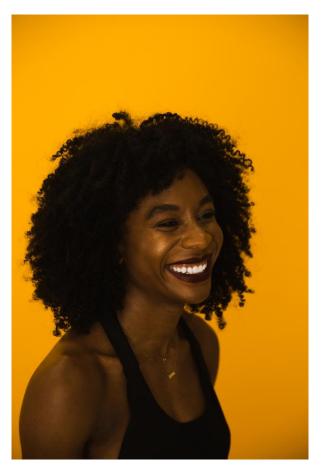




# Where can I get PrEP? How do I talk to my doctor about this?

- Anyone who can write a prescription can prescribe PrEP!
- When you talk to your doctor, you should ask about side effects:
  - Some people feel nauseous for two weeks, but it passes
  - People with serious kidney problems or bone density issues may not be able to use PrEP.
  - PrEP is safe for use while people are undergoing hormone therapy.
- No matter what decision you make, you have the right to get all of your PrEP questions answered!







### What else can I do about HIV in my community?



- HIV is about:
  - Social justice
  - Racial justice
  - Reproductive justice
  - Gender equity
- Tell your friends- share this powerpoint!
- Get educated- watch Black AIDS Institute webinars
- Mobilize with your local chapter of the Black Treatment Advocates Network





More Resources about HIV

<u>A Declaration of Liberation</u>

<u>The Sero Project</u>



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