

FACT SHEET 18

HIV TREATMENT AS PREVENTION



PrEP and PEP

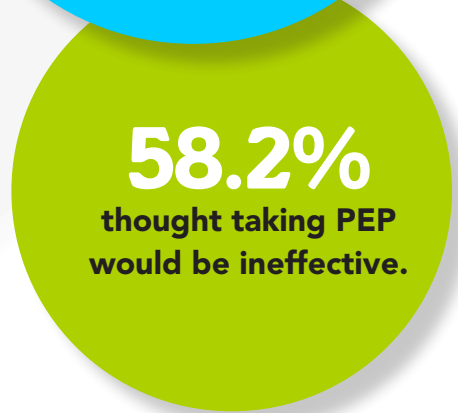
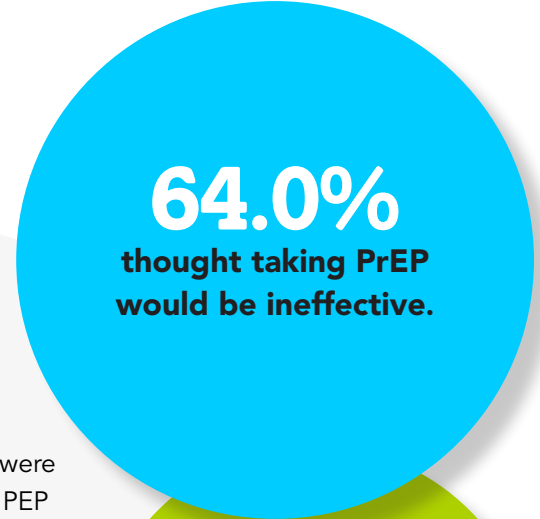
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a form of treatment as prevention. PrEP involves an HIV-negative person taking anti-HIV drugs prior to sex to reduce the risk of HIV infection.

Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is also a form of treatment as prevention. PEP involves an HIV-negative person taking anti-HIV drugs after sex to reduce the risk of HIV infection.

In Canada both PrEP and PEP as forms of treatment as prevention remain controversial.

Effectiveness

Male Call participants were asked about PrEP and PEP in 2012.



How effective do you think it is for an HIV-negative person to take anti-HIV pills to prevent HIV transmission?



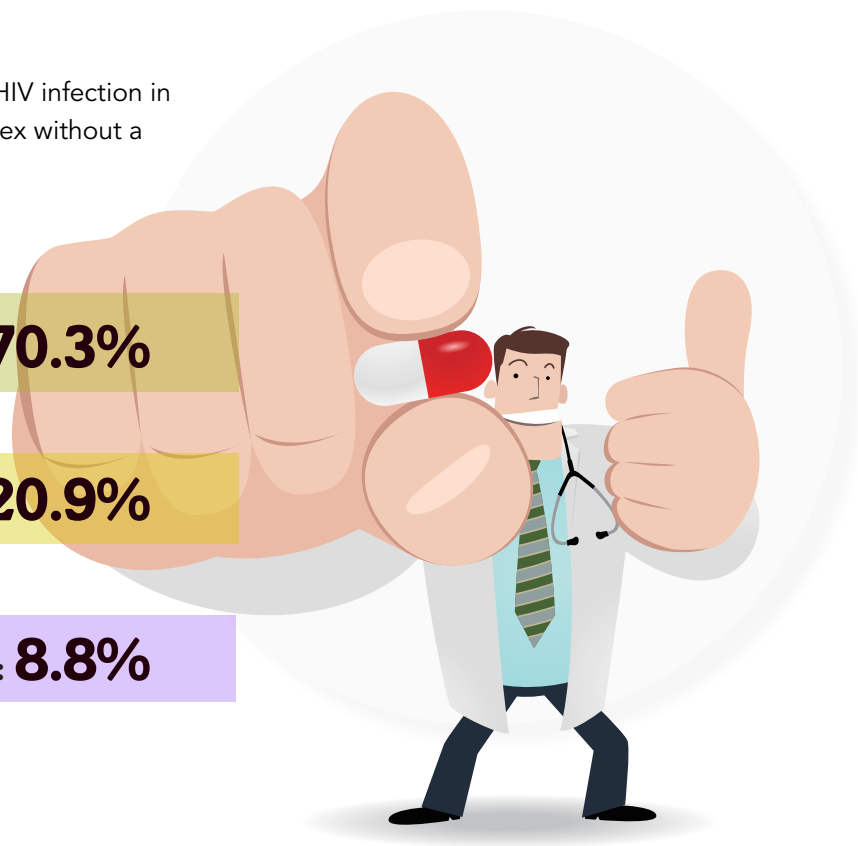
Personal choice

How effective would a pill have to be at preventing HIV infection in order for you to use it prior to having insertive anal sex without a condom?

Always effective: **70.3%**

Most/Half/some of the time effective: **20.9%**

I would never take a pill: **8.8%**



How effective would a pill have to be at preventing HIV infection in order for you to use it prior to having receptive anal sex without a condom?

Always effective: **82.5%**

Most/half/some of the time effective: **14.0%**

I would never take a pill: **3.5%**