



# Bringing PrEP closer to home: Why is now the time for differentiated PrEP?

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# The Kelley-Ross Clinic's One-Step PrEP Program

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# Background of PrEP programmes supported by Kelley-Ross Clinic

#### "One-Step PrEP®" - A community pharmacy-based PrEP clinic

- Seattle, WA, USA
- Managed by pharmacist
  - o Personnel: 1 pharmacist FTE, 1 technician FTE
- Washington state law allows pharmacist to order labs and prescribe medication based off a protocol called a collaborated drug therapy agreement (CDTA) RCW 18.64.011 (23)
- CDTA developed as outlined by CDC PrEP Guidelines
- Medical Director: Peter Shalit, MD
- Revenue: Pharmacist recognized as providers (SB 5557)
  - o Requires insurers to reimburse pharmacist for clinical services
- March 2015 to present



# Approach to reaching key populations with PrEP

Bringing PrEP to where the patients are.



"One of our most powerful tools for HIV prevention remains largely on pharmacy shelves. PrEP can be a potent prescription that strengthens prevention options for people who are at high risk for HIV infection."

Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH,
 Director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS,
 Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention



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# Approach to reaching key populations with PrEP

#### **Bringing PrEP to the patient.**

- > 60,000 community pharmacies in the US
- Over 95% of patients live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy
- Pharmacies have longer hours and are open evenings and weekends
- Pharmacists are experts in adherence counseling
- Pharmacists can improve vaccinations rates
- Walk-in accessibility is in line with HIV testing guidelines to offer testing in walk-in centers to increase testing



## **Building blocks of One-Step PrEP**

#### Pre COVID-19

	PrEP Screening, initiation and early follow- up (0-3 months)			PrEP continuation (+3 months)	
	Screening	PrEP initiation visit	Initial follow-up	PrEP refill	Routine clinical follow- up
WHEN Service frequency	Patient requested	Patient requested	1 month	Every 3 months	Every 3 months
WHERE Service location	Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Pharmacy
WHO Service provider	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist
WHAT Service package	Coordination of care	<ul><li>All labs</li><li>Patient risk</li><li>assessment</li><li>Patient</li><li>assistance</li><li>Risk reduction</li><li>counseling</li></ul>	<ul><li>HIV testing</li><li>Adherence monitoring</li><li>SE assessment</li></ul>	<ul> <li>All monitoring labs</li> <li>HIV risk assessment</li> <li>Risk reduction counseling</li> <li>Adherence counseling</li> </ul>	<ul><li>All monitoring labs</li><li>HIV risk assessment</li><li>Risk reduction</li><li>counseling</li><li>Adherence counseling</li></ul>



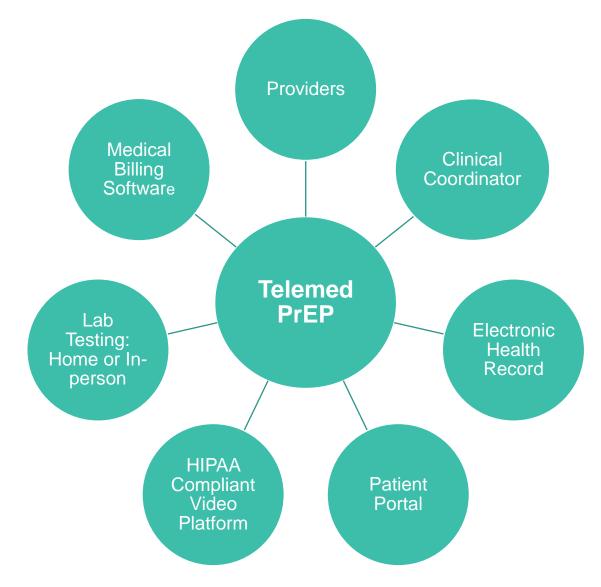
#### **Program results**

- Initial appointment: 45-60 minutes
- Follow-up appointment: 15-30 minutes
- Services: PrEP, PEP, STI screening and treatment, and immunizations
- Pharmacist performs all rapid testing and collects all other blood work
  - Phlebotomy licensed
- Patient STI self-collection: swabs and urine samples
- Billing and drug assistance programs:
  - 98% pay \$0 for all labs, services, and medication
- Same-day start: 74%
- Drop-out rate: 19% lost to follow up
- 80% of patients do not identify having a primary care provider



# Adaptations in light of COVID-19

**One-Step TelePrEP®** 





# Adaptations in light of COVID-19

#### **One-Step TelePrEP® - Lab Testing**

#### In-person

- In-office patient self collection: urine, rectal, and throat specimens
- Provider-collected blood specimens
- Convenience of appointment, medication, and labs in one location
- Only available in clinic

#### Home test kit

- Patient self-collection of all specimens
- Dry blood spots for blood specimens
- Convenience of home
- Turnaround time: 3-5 days
- Patients must be ok with fingerstick

# Hybrid: Home and in-person

- At-home patient self collection of urine, rectal, and throat specimens
- Lab service center collection of blood specimens
- Multiple lab locations; walk-ins available
- Good option for people who do not like fingerstick



## **Building blocks of One-Step PrEP**

#### Post COVID-19

	PrEP Screening, initiation and early follow- up (0-3 months)			PrEP continuation (+3 months)	
	Screening	PrEP initiation visit	Initial follow-up	PrEP refill	Routine clinical follow-up
WHEN Service frequency	Patient requested	Patient requested	1 month	Every 3 months	Every 3 months
WHERE Service location	Virtual visit; Home labs	Virtual visit; Home labs	Virtual visit; Home labs	Virtual visit; Home labs	Virtual visit; Home labs
WHO Service provider	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacist
WHAT Service package	Coordination of care	<ul><li>All labs</li><li>Patient risk</li><li>assessment</li><li>Patient</li><li>assistance</li><li>Risk reduction</li><li>counseling</li></ul>	<ul><li>HIV testing</li><li>Adherence monitoring</li><li>SE assessment</li></ul>	<ul> <li>All monitoring labs</li> <li>HIV risk</li> <li>assessment</li> <li>Risk reduction</li> <li>counseling</li> <li>Adherence</li> <li>counseling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All monitoring labs</li> <li>HIV risk</li> <li>assessment</li> <li>Risk reduction</li> <li>counseling</li> <li>Adherence</li> <li>counseling</li> </ul>



## Key learnings and challenges

- Allows pharmacist to work at the top of their license
- Pharmacists enjoy the work
- Revenue is based on pharmacist billing as a provider. This requires provider status for pharmacist
- Additional revenue stream for the pharmacy outside of standard medication reimbursement
- Pharmacist can be trained and licensed in phlebotomy
- Patient self-collected STI labs are just as effective as provider collected
- Marketing services are critical to success



#### Where to from here?

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