

APPLYING FOR PrEP AND THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION

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CLIENT DISCUSSES PrEP WITH A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER^a

- Client completes baseline bloodwork and confirms HIV status.
- If HIV-positive, initiate/refer for HIV treatment
- If HIV-negative, consider PrEP.
 - Refer to BC-CfE PrEP Guidelines^a for medication options and recommendations.



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PRESCRIBER^b SUBMITS A PrEP ENROLMENT AND PRESCRIPTION REQUEST FORM BY FAX

- Include HIV risk, recent HIV-negative test result (within past 15 days), hepatitis B status, and kidney function.



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IF PrEP IS AUTHORIZED, THE PRESCRIBER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY FAX

- Enrolment approval typically requires 3 working days, longer if additional information is required.
- Prescribers to advise clients of approval and timing of medication availability:
 - For oral PrEP, Pharmacy automatically fills the first prescription.
 - Clients to pick up at designated site. Additional time is required if PrEP is shipped
 - Initial oral PrEP supply: 30 to 44 days
- Alternative PrEP medications: SPH Ambulatory Pharmacy will contact healthcare provider to discuss logistics and quantities; may have different dispensing processes and quantities.



a. PrEP Guidelines: <https://bccfe.ca/prep-guidelines>
b. Any licensed BC physician or nurse practitioner

OBTAINING PrEP REFILL

Note: Re-enrolment is required if there is a dispensing gap of more than 6 months, the client is restarting PrEP, or has moved back to the BC PrEP Program. Updated labwork may be required.

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ONGOING PrEP MONITORING^a

- Review PrEP medication utilization, dosing regimen, adherence and tolerability.
- Assess need for ongoing PrEP
- HIV and kidney function testing before refills.
- STI and other testing as clinically indicated.



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PRESCRIBER SUBMITS A REFILL PRESCRIPTION

- Use BC-CfE preprinted refill form or any legally valid prescription.
- Include client's requested pickup date to expedite refill, if known. Additional time may be required if PrEP is shipped.
- Fax refill prescription to the PrEP Program (604-806-9044)^b



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ARRANGE REFILL DISPENSING

For Oral PrEP

- If a pickup date is included on the refill form, no further action is required; client may pick up medication on or after that date.
- If no pickup date is provided, the client or prescriber must contact the dispensing pharmacy to request processing. Additional time may be required if PrEP is shipped.



For alternative PrEP medications, different dispensing arrangements to be coordinated with the dispensing pharmacy

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b. If not faxed, client may bring refill form to the PrEP dispensing pharmacy in person. Refill processing time may vary