#### PREP TREATMENT

- PrEP treatment is started by a doctor
- HIV test (HIVAgAb) and other STI tests required every 3 months
- Creatinine test for monitoring kidney function
- PrEP is prescribed for 3 months at a time

## **HOW TO GET PREP?**

There is a national guideline for using PrEP in Finland. Medicines for PrEP treatment can be prescribed by a doctor who has sufficient knowledge about HIV. PrEP counseling, treatment and medicines are provided free of charge by the Finnish national health service.

## **SHORT INFO FOR PREP USE**

- You have been tested for HIV and you are HIV negative
- Your PrEP treatment should be supervised by a doctor, with follow up appointments every 3 months.
- · You can commit to the treatment
- PrEP does not protect you from other STIs



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PrEP stands for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis. It is a medication that prevents HIV infection. PrEP is highly effective against HIV when used correctly, but PrEP does not give protection against other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

PrEP provides HIV prevention for people who are at high risk of getting HIV. Your risk may be high if you have anal intercourse without a condom with several partners or in group sex.

However, PrEP is not needed if your sexual partner is HIV positive and on HIV medication, since HIV cannot be transmitted from a person who is on HIV medication, even when having anal intercourse without a condom.



# **HOW TO USE PREP?**

The most common way to take PrEP is to take it daily, which means one pill taken at approximately the same time every day. It is also possible for cis-men to take PrEP on an event bases ("on-demand"): take two pills 2-24 hours before having sex, then continue taking one pill each day at approximately the same time, continue this until you have had 2 sex-free days.

