

PrEP: Community Perspectives

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Different kinds of PrEP

- > Oral PrEP (TDF/FTC; TDF/3TC)
- > Injectable PrEP (cabotegravir/rilpivirine)
- > Topical PrEP (rectal microbicides)
- > Topical vaginal PrEP (vaginal gel and ring)



Pill



Gel



Vaginal film



Vaginal ring



Injectable

EATG Position on PrEP

- Improvement & expansion of access to prevention tools & strategies in Europe is urgently needed
- Much better information on PrEP/TasP needs to be made available
- EMA/industry to be more transparent about licensing PrEP in Europe
- Price needs to come down
- Need for more research among key groups (trans*, adolescents, PUDs, women...)

EATG Position on PrEP cont'd

- PrEP is not for everyone
- Most suitable for those who do not use condoms/harm reduction – those at imminent risk
- Need for PrEP needs to be based on individual risk, not what group they come from
- Intermittent PrEP is not recommended for heterosexuals
- National Guidelines for PrEP need to be led by community insight (UK model)

Gay men's views on PrEP

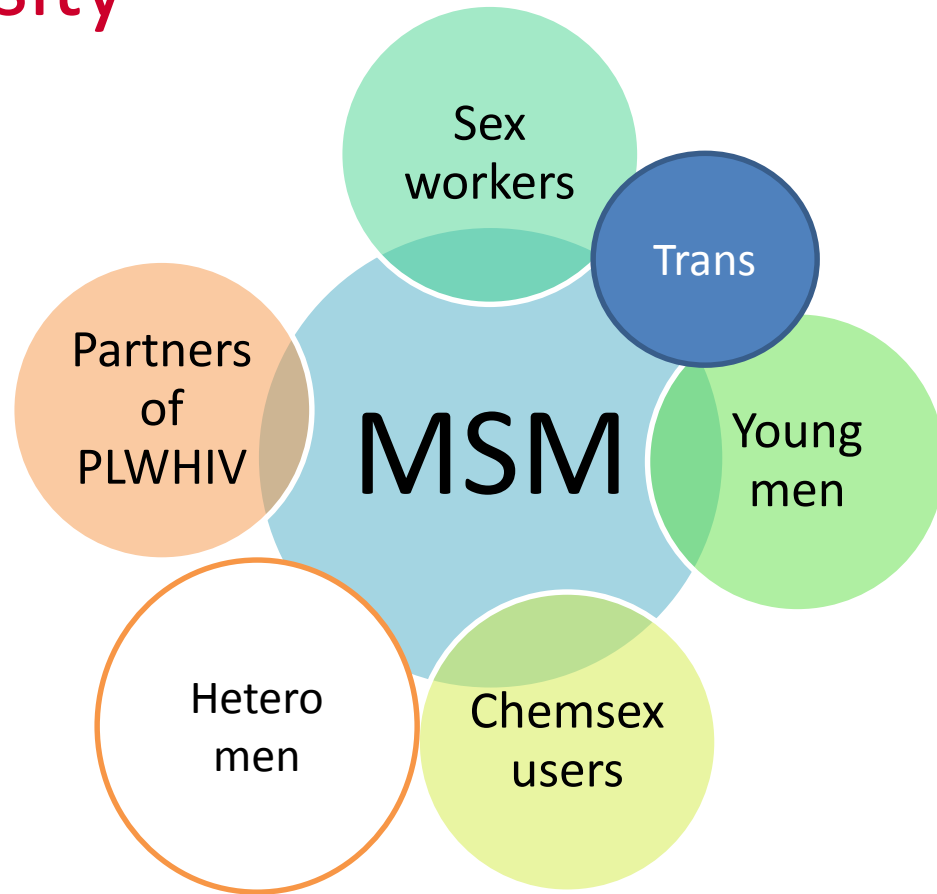
- Initial scepticism: side effects, Pharma profit, “party drug”
- Demand for PrEP: AmPrEP study recruited within 24 hours
- New gay activism and DIY approaches

Prepster



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MSM Diversity



Off-label prescribing in Europe

- In response to demand from gay men
- Anecdotal evidence in 10+ countries
- Asking 'patients' to come back for STI screening/renal function/drug levels

Reasons for not prescribing:

- Dismissal of PrEP
- Question the efficacy
- Fear of prosecution
- Waiting for EMA/authority rulings

“DIY PrEP”

- Pill-sharing with friends
- PEP Clinic-hopping
- Smuggling from abroad
- Order generic PrEP online (parcel forwarding services)
- Sex party packages
- Buy it on the black market

Will there be PrEP Buyers Clubs?

- *“People are asking friends in the UK to receive the order and send on privately, or using parcel forward delivery services that use a UK P.O. Box then forward the parcel from there. To ensure it gets through customs, the parcel is declared as having £30 value and containing dietary supplements”*
- *“To overcome customs, people are asking friends from UK to receive the online order and resend it to by private post mail”*

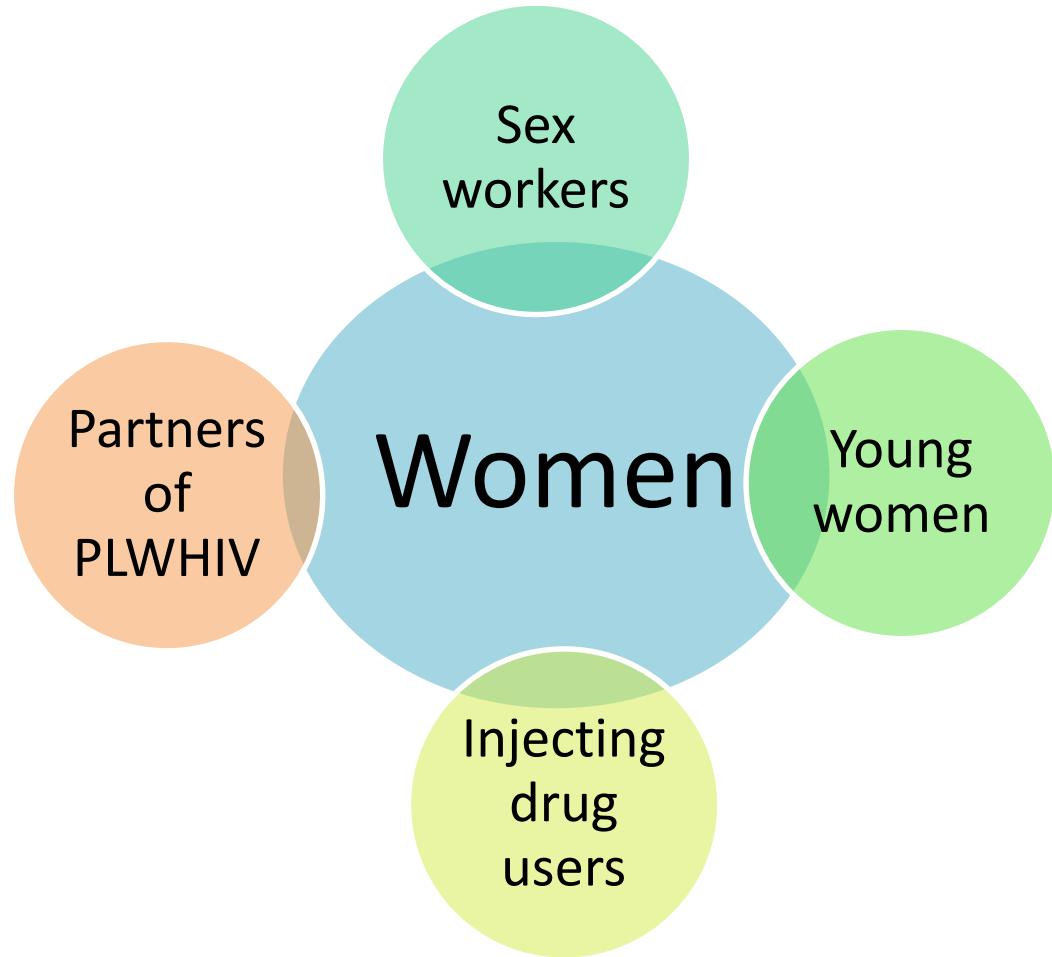


**Street value
= €25**

Women's views on PrEP

- Low awareness among heterosexual women
- Familiarity with “the Pill”
- Need to know you are at HIV risk - test
- Belt and braces approach – TasP + PrEP
- PrEPception
- PrEP enables women living with HIV to share the responsibility of HIV prevention with partners
- Women's idea of “good HIV prevention” is long-lasting, quick-acting, discreet, no side effects and not interfering with pleasure

Diversity



INPUD Position Paper 2015:

- No evidence of efficacy in PUD
- Concerns around adherence
- Fear that PrEP will replace harm reduction
- Access to ARVs for treatment should come before access to ARVs for prevention
- Further research needed to clarify potential for PUD
- If PrEP is made available: freely/affordably, with informed consent, never compulsory

Sex worker views on PrEP:

- Fear of it being used as a tool to register and control sex workers
- Testing could become mandatory
- Condoms are cheaper and don't require HIV test
- Concerns about increased demand for condomless sex from clients
- Fear of side effects/STIs
- “PrEP should not be seen as the magic bullet”

Injectable PrEP

Pros

- Longer-acting
- Less frequent dosing
- Discreet

Cons

- Very long half-life (PK tail)
- Safety concerns
- Resistance concerns
- Trial complexity

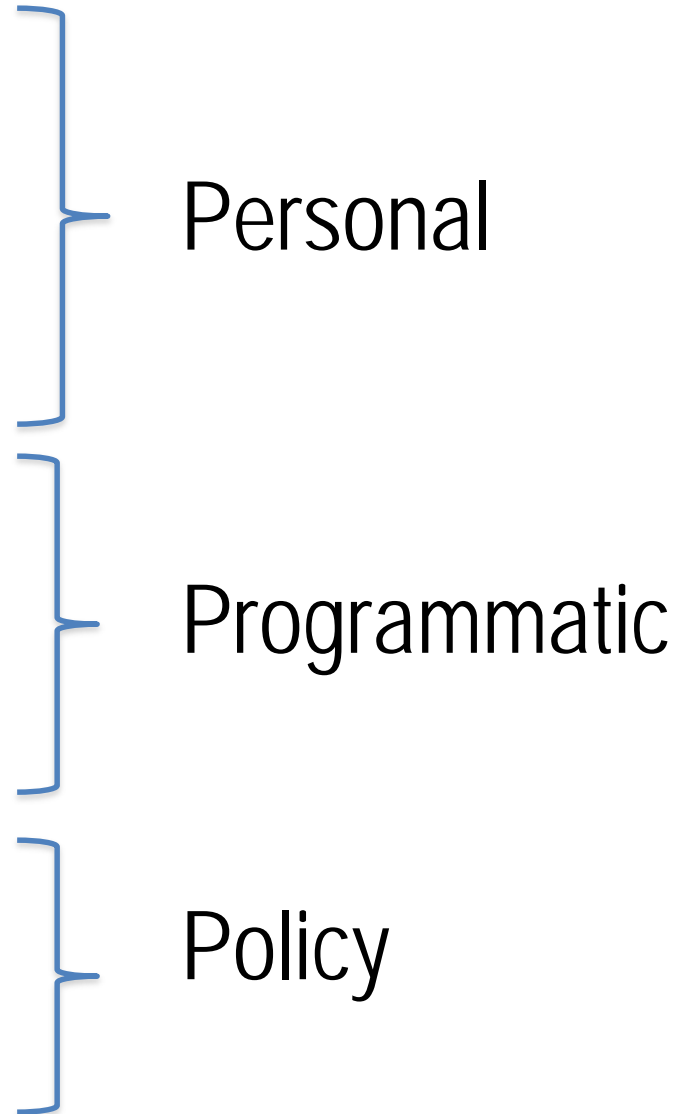
Acceptability research?

“It’s not just about putting pills in peoples’ mouths!”

- Dr Marie Laga, Be-PrEP-ared study

Key questions

- Who needs what?
- Who wants what?
- Who gets what?
- How to deliver it?
- How to support adherence?
- Who pays?
- Who decides?



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