WHAT NURSES KNOW ABOUT PrEP

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THE AIM

• The aim of this survey was to discover how much healthcare workers (non doctors) know about PrEP.
PREAMBLE

• Note: in Italy, there is NO advanced level course available for nurses in HIV care.
PROFILE

- nurse
- headnurse
- healthcare assistant
EVER TESTED?

- yes
- no
KNOW YOUR STATUS

- yes
- no
- assume so
RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT
EVER HEARD OF PrEP
KNOW WHAT IT IS
IF YES IT’S FOR

- msm
- idus
- heterosexual
- all the above
HOW TO TAKE IT

daily basis
intermittent
both ways
RECOMMENDED FOR

- msm
- serum couple discordant
- sex workers
- women multipartners
- men multipartner
- idus
- anyone
THIS THERAPY IS
NOT A SIDE EFFECT

- nausea
- diarrhea
- headache
- fatigue
- nightmares
DISPENSED

- free
- refundable
- for a fee
WHERE SHOULD ONE WITHDRAW

- Hospital
- Pharmacy
- Dedicated clinics
- Counseling
- Pharmacy
YOU RECOMMEND IT

- yes
- no
- not sure
YOU HIRE IT

- yes
- no
- in case of necessity
- absolutely no
PROPOSING PrEP COULD MEAN

- lower the guard
- encourage promiscuous relationships
- increases STIs
- less aware of the risk
SOME COMMENTS

• More information is needed from the competent Institutions
• Decrease the incidence in the most affected Countries
• I didn't answer all the questions because I don't know the subject
• I would like to know if my answers are right and where I should read up
• I would like more information with dedicated meetings in the various Units inside my Department
• It must not weigh on the NHS
• All this is certainly positive but we must also act on discrimination and stigma
NEXT STEPS

• First, show the data to the Management
• Agree with the Manager if and how to organize one or more meetings on the topic, maybe even just to comment on the answers, or if trying to build a "hospital paper/document" type flow chart to consult in case of need, to respond immediately to the request
• Try to be able to propose again, but this time with adequate support from the Management, this short questionnaire to all staff, doctors and specialists including, in order to assess the actual knowledge and then give them the information they need
• What else? Tips?
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION