Cost-Effectiveness of PrEP

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Agenda

- Cost-effectiveness overview
- PrEP cost-effectiveness model considerations
- Cost-effectiveness of PrEP in United States and South Africa: current findings
- Issues and future research needs

Cost-effective ≠ Cost saving

Cost-effectiveness is about value for money

- Cost-effectiveness analysis is about comparative assessment of worth
- Very, very few health interventions are costsaving
- Cost-effectiveness is evaluated from the societal perspective
- Cost-effectiveness analysis does not directly address the cost impact on specific budgets

Only one of many measures of the appropriateness of health interventions

- Clinical duty
- Ethical duty
- Equity / justice
- Patient preference
- Economic efficiency

Choosing a cost-effectiveness threshold

- \$100,000/QALY now frequently used in the US
- 1-3x GDP/capita frequently used in middle and low-income countries
 - \$8,100/DALY-\$24,300/DALY for South Africa
 - Although benchmark is \$/DALY, also has been applied to \$/LY

Discounting: valuing appropriately over time

- We prefer receiving benefits (money, health) now versus later
- Discounting reduces future streams of costs and effects to a common present value
- Spending on prevention now may not bear fruit for many years
- Treatments that save lives now can result in additional costs in the future
- Impact depends on when costs and benefits occur and the time horizon of the study

All models are wrong, some models are useful

Individual-level Model



Individual-level model inputs

- Target population demographics
- HIV incidence (varies by age/risk group)
- Effectiveness of PrEP (efficacy, adherence)
- Disinhibition (reduces effectiveness of PrEP)
- Duration of PrEP (e.g. lifetime, 20-30 years)
- Risk of resistance
- HIV testing frequency with and without PrEP
- ART initiation with and without PrEP

Transmission model inputs

- Initial HIV prevalence
- Initial ART coverage and changes over time
- Initial coverage of other prevention programs (condom use) and changes over time
- Timing of PrEP roll-out into the population



Modeling the impact of HIV chemoprophylaxis strategies among men who have sex with men in the United States: HIV infections prevented and cost-effectiveness

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HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis in the United States: Impact on Lifetime Infection Risk, Clinical Outcomes, and Cost-Effectiveness

Clinical

Infectious

Diseases

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The Cost-Effectiveness of Preexposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention in the United States in Men Who Have Sex With Men

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Study model characteristics

| | Desai (2008) | Paltiel (2009) | Juusola (2012) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Туре | Transmission | Individual-level | Transmission |
| Time horizon | 5 years | lifetime | 20 years |
| PrEP | tenofovir/ emtricitabine | tenofovir/ emtricitabine | tenofovir/ emtricitabine |
| No PrEP | unclear | Annual HIV testing and ART initiation at CD4 <350 | 67% annual testing and ART initiation at CD4<350 or CD4<500 |
| Base case HIV incidence | 0.75%-1.85% (varies by age) | 1.6% | 0.8%, 2.3% high risk |

Study model inputs for PrEP

| | Desai (2008) | Paltiel (2009) | Juusola (2012) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Effectiveness | 50% | 50% | 44% |
| Monthly medication cost | \$943 | \$724 | \$776 |
| Full use of meds? | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Monitoring | quarterly | lab quarterly, MD semi-annually | every 2-3 months |
| Labs | "medical monitoring" | HIV, CBC, metabolic, chemistry, lipids | HIV, STI, creatinine, urea nitrogen |
| Resistance evaluated? | No | Yes | Yes |

Cost-effectiveness of PrEP in US MSM: study findings

- Cost-effectiveness ratio is more attractive when PrEP is targeted to high-risk MSM:
 - <\$100,000/QALY with high incidence (2-3%) vs. >\$200,000/QALY with lower incidence (0.8%)
 - Mixed results for intermediate incidence (1-2%)
 - Ways to target: younger age, 5+ annual partners, not being tested for HIV annually
- Cost-effectiveness improves dramatically when effectiveness improves or cost of PrEP is lower
- Results less sensitive to resistance, toxicity

Cost of PrEP in US MSM

- High-risk MSM, average annual cost for a 20year program (based on Juusola, 2012)
 - 100% coverage: \$4,250 million cost, \$500 million health care savings, \$3,750 million net cost
 - 20% coverage: \$850 million cost, \$150 million health care savings, \$700 million net cost



The Cost-effectiveness of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Infection in South African Women

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Evaluating the Cost-Effectiveness of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Its Impact on HIV-1 Transmission in South Africa

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Cost-effectiveness of PrEP in young South African women

- Walensky (2012) modeled individual-level impact of 39% efficacy vaginal gel based on CAPRISA results, annual PrEP cost \$188, lifetime perspective
- Cost-effectiveness is <1 x South Africa GDP at 2.2% annual incidence age 25 and younger
- May be cost saving if targeted to higher risk women <u>and</u> higher efficacy or lower cost
- Results less sensitive to resistance, toxicity

Cumulative cost in young South African women (US\$ per 1,000 women enrolled)



Impact of ART expansion in South Africa on cost-effectiveness of PrEP in young women

- Pretorius (2010) extended a previous model of transmission impact of expanded ART coverage in South Africa to examine PrEP
- Results point to interaction between PrEP and ART coverage
 - At current ART coverage, synergies occur with PrEP
 - PrEP becomes less cost-effective with expanded ART coverage, but impact occurs only when coverage is 3x level in 2010
 - PrEP retains impact longer when targeted to higher risk women

Issues identified across studies

- Implementation impact on efficacy and cost
 - Adherence: medication adherence and wastage, monitoring adherence, duration of PrEP
 - Coverage of target group vs. those at low risk
- Interaction between PrEP and TasP
 - Individual-level: testing and entry into care
 - Transmission: impact of TasP on probability of transmission without PrEP

Priorities for future studies

- Evaluating new PrEP modalities, integrating cost-effectiveness studies into clinical trials
- Evaluating "real world" implementation
 Uptake in high risk groups
 - Adherence and duration on PrEP
 - Access barriers and insurance coverage
 - Budget impact
- Modeling cost-effectiveness of combination interventions, including PrEP and TasP

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