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PrEP Works: Two New Studies Highlight the Efficacy of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to Prevent HIV Infection

The Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) wrapped up late last month with news of two new studies illustrating the efficacy of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV infection. PrEP is a pill taken daily to prevent HIV infection in HIV-negative people. Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, [discussed the significant scientific findings](#) at CROI with Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Infectious Diseases.

Two studies, one from France and one from the UK, proved PrEP to reduce the risk of HIV infection among MSM by 86 percent when taken as prescribed. These studies add to the growing body of information about the HIV prevention medication, and bring us one step closer to an AIDS-free generation. Learn more about these two key studies in the [CDC's statement](#).



More PrEP Resources:

[CDC Information and Guidelines](#)

[AIDS.gov](#)

[Protecting Yourself from HIV Through PrEP: What You Need to](#)

[Know](#)

[What is PrEP?](#)

Webinar This Week!

Data to Care: Improving HIV Treatment Outcomes & Addressing Disparities

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00 PM ET

Sponsors: The [National Center for Innovation in HIV Care](#) and the National LGBT Health Education Center

Faculty: Julie Dombrowski, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Medicine & Infectious Diseases, University of Washington, Deputy Director, Public Health, Seattle & King County HIV/STD Program, and Mark Fleming, Counselor, Public Health, Seattle & King County HIV/STD Program

[Register*](#)

Retention in care is a point of steep drop-off in the HIV care continuum. HIV clinics, AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs)/Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and health departments are implementing programs to assist out-of-care people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in returning to HIV care. However, many patients and clients who appear to have fallen out of HIV care have actually transferred care or moved out of the area. Health departments can use HIV laboratory surveillance data to identify persons who have fallen out of care in order to guide relinkage efforts ("Data to Care"). How can ASOs and CBOs partner with health departments and HIV clinics and FQHCs to coordinate outreach efforts? How can surveillance data be used to address disparities and ensure access to care and treatment for all PLWHA? Julie Dombrowski and Mark Fleming of Public Health - Seattle & King County and the University of Washington will discuss their experience with a Data to Care program in Seattle, describe innovative programs from around the country, and discuss how cross-organizational partnerships can improve HIV care relinkage programs

**Please note: we will not be offering CME/CEU for this webinar.*

Now Available for Pre-Order!
**The Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender Health, 2nd Edition**

We are excited to announce that the newest edition of The Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health is now available for pre-order! This new 2nd edition reflects clinical and social changes since the publication of the first edition. Written by leading experts in the field of LGBT health in conjunction with The Fenway Institute at Fenway Health, this edition continues to present the important issues facing patients and practitioners, including:

- Principles for taking an LGBT-inclusive health history
- Caring for LGBTQ youth, families, and older adults
- Behavioral Health Care: coming out, intimate partner violence, drug, alcohol, and tobacco use
- Understanding health care needs of transgender people
- Development of gender identity in children and adolescents
- Sexual health and HIV prevention
- Policy and legal issues

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On-Demand Webinars

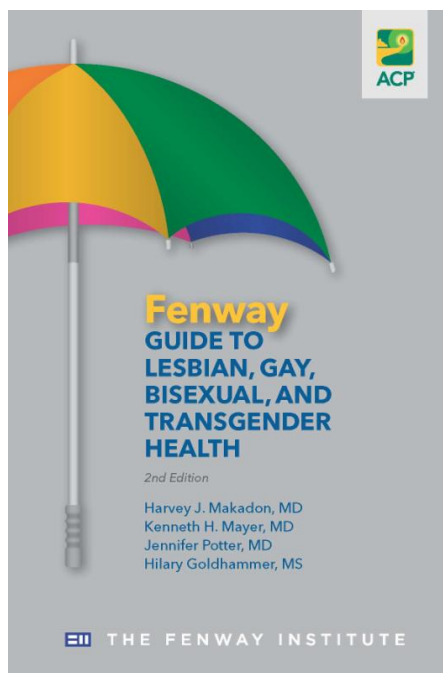
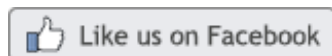
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- Introduction to LGBT Health
- LGBT Health Care Under the Affordable Care Act
- LGBT Youth
- LGBT Older Adults
- HIV Prevention
- Transgender Health Care
- Cross-Gender Hormone Therapy
- Same-Sex Domestic Violence
- and more!

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The National LGBT Health Education Center provides educational programs, resources, and consultation to health care organizations with the goal of optimizing quality, culturally responsive, cost-effective health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people.

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