

# Pharmacy-based PrEP Program Series Session #1

**Pharmacy-based PrEP Programs: How  
Pharmacies Can Benefit from PrEP DAP in WA  
Friday, February 4, 2022**

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# Objectives

- At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to:
  - For Pharmacists:
    - Define the goals and objectives of the Primary Integration into PrEP and ART Provision and Retention (PIPAR) project and the webinar series.
    - List PrEP related Ending the HIV Epidemic activities in King County.
    - Explain Washington's PrEP Drug Assistance Program (PrEP DAP) and how pharmacies can be reimbursed for services in WA.

# Agenda for Today

- Mountain West AIDS Education and Training Center
  - Who we are and what we do
  - Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) activities in King County
- Public Health Seattle King County EHE
  - Activities
  - How to get involved
- Public Health Seattle King County PIPAR
- WA PrEP DAP Program – Martha Grimm, WA DOH
- Q/A

# Polling Question #1

- Have you ever heard of PrEP DAP?
  - Yes
  - No



# **PIPAR Pharmacy-based PrEP Program Series- Mountain West AIDS Education and Training Center**

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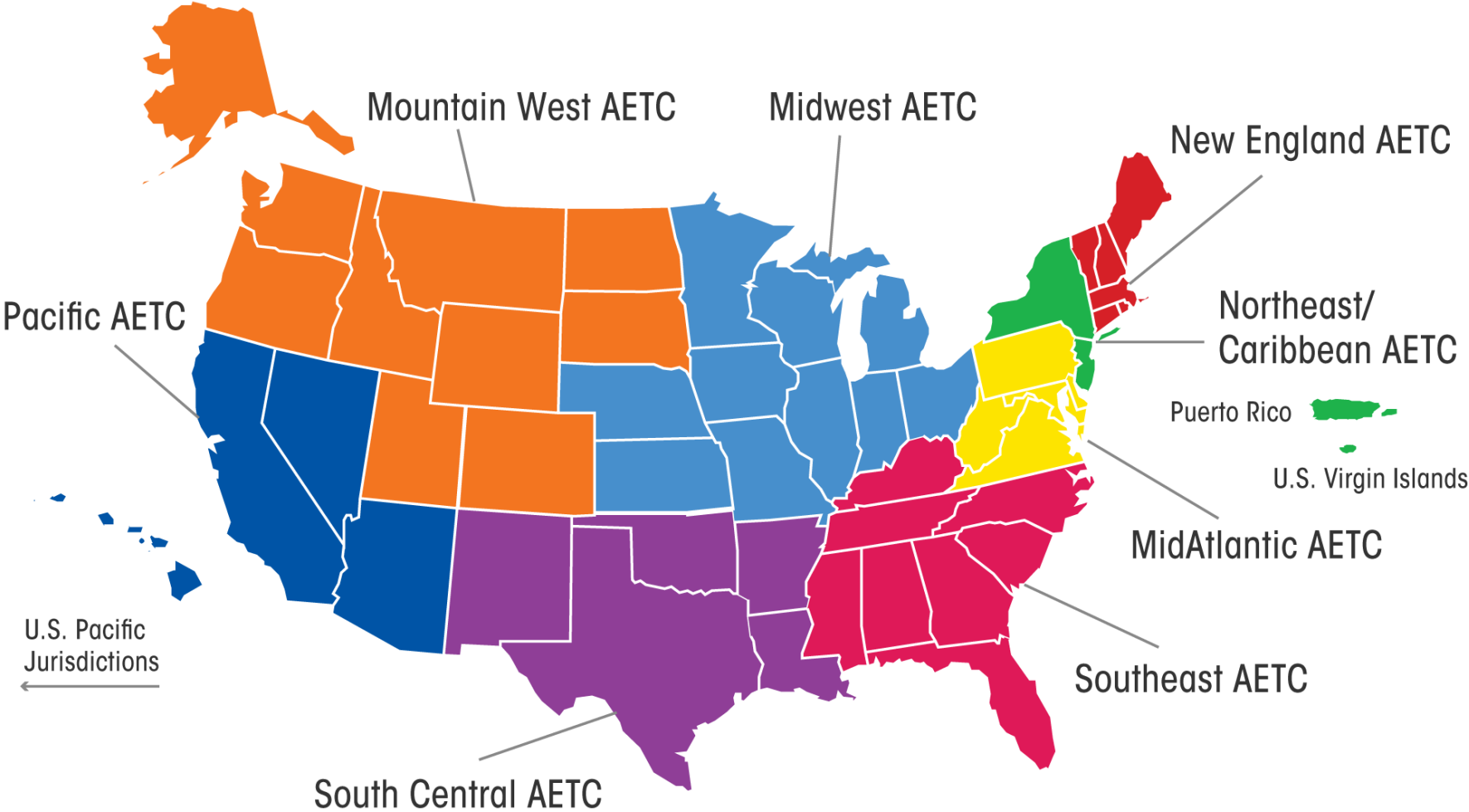
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- 8 Regional Training Centers
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# AETC Regional Training Centers



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# MWAETC – About Us

**MISSION:** Deliver innovative education and training to improve access to care and quality of life for people who are living with or at risk for acquiring HIV.

- Offers HIV/co-morbidity related prevention and treatment education, clinical consultation, and capacity-building assistance.
- Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, nurses, dentists, and other health care team members.
- Allied health professionals (medical case managers, social workers, community health workers, mental health and substance use treatment professionals).
- Non-clinical staff (from clinic administrators to front desk staff).

# MWAETC - Programs You Can Benefit From

**AIDS CLINICAL CONFERENCE** – Educating healthcare professionals on the latest HIV treatment and research through live and webcast lectures

**DENTAL PROGRAM** – Providing HIV oral health training and consultation to health care professionals

**HIV IN CORRECTIONS PROGRAM** – Training health care providers in correctional settings through preceptorships and an annual conference

**DETAILING PROGRAM** – One on one provider training focusing on HIV prevention (available in OR, UT and WA)

**MWAETC HIV ECHO** – Building capacity of rural health care providers through weekly telehealth sessions including case discussions with an expert panel ([www.hivecho.org](http://www.hivecho.org))

**NATIONAL HIV CURRICULUM** – Offering comprehensive online HIV care and treatment content with free CE ([www.hiv.uw.edu](http://www.hiv.uw.edu))

**NURSING CONFERENCE** – Training nursing professionals on HIV care and treatment through an annual conference

**PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS** – Working with selected clinics to improve patient outcomes along the HIV care continuum

**PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM** – Arranging opportunities to shadow expert HIV providers in clinic settings



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- Resources

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Select your state to learn more about the HIV services and educational products these regional offices offer.



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## The Mountain West AIDS Education and Training Center (MWAETC)

In 2015, the Northwest AETC and some of the Mountain Plains AETC states merged to form the Mountain West AIDS Education and Training Center. Through state based and regional programs, the new region now serves ten states: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Our name has changed but our mission is the same: increase health care providers' capacity to provide high quality HIV/AIDS care within the region's health care systems by providing HIV treatment education, clinical consultation, capacity building, and technical assistance. Please check out our calendar pages for upcoming events and our training and resources page for your clinical or continuing education needs or just email or call one of the offices.

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# National HIV Curriculum

www.hiv.uw.edu

FREE CME, MOC, CNE, Pharmacology CE, and CE

Free, up-to-date website for novice to expert clinicians to learn about HIV diagnosis, treatment, and prevention

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the National HIV Curriculum website. It includes icons and text for: Antiretroviral Medications, Course Modules, Question Bank, Clinical Challenges, Tools & Calculators, Clinical Consultation, and HIV Resources. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation bar is a dark blue header with the text "National HIV Curriculum" and a sub-header: "The National HIV Curriculum is an AIDS Education and Training Center Program and led by the University of Washington." There are two buttons: "Contributors" and "Site Overview". At the bottom of the header, it says "Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)". The background of the header features a stylized, blue-tinted image of a virus particle.

Recertified for CE in fall 2020, six modules with 37 lessons and corresponding question bank topics address:

- Screening and Diagnosis
- Basic HIV Primary Care
- Antiretroviral Therapy
- Co-Occurring Conditions
- Prevention of HIV
- Key Populations

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# Online Curricula with Free CME/CNE



## National **STD** Curriculum

[www.std.uw.edu](http://www.std.uw.edu) features self-study modules and Question Bank (board-review style) on a variety of STDs.



## Hepatitis **C** Online

[www.hepatitisc.uw.edu](http://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu) features self-study modules for diagnosis, monitoring, and management of HCV infection; tools and calculators; HCV medications; and a resource library.

# **MWAETC Approach to Increase Ending the HIV Epidemic Capacity in King County**

# EHE: Four Pillars

## GOAL:

reaching  
**75%**  
reduction  
in new HIV  
infections  
by 2025  
and at least  
**90%**  
reduction  
by 2030.



HHS will work with each community to establish local teams on the ground to tailor and implement strategies to:



**Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible after infection.

**Treat** the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.



**Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

**Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.





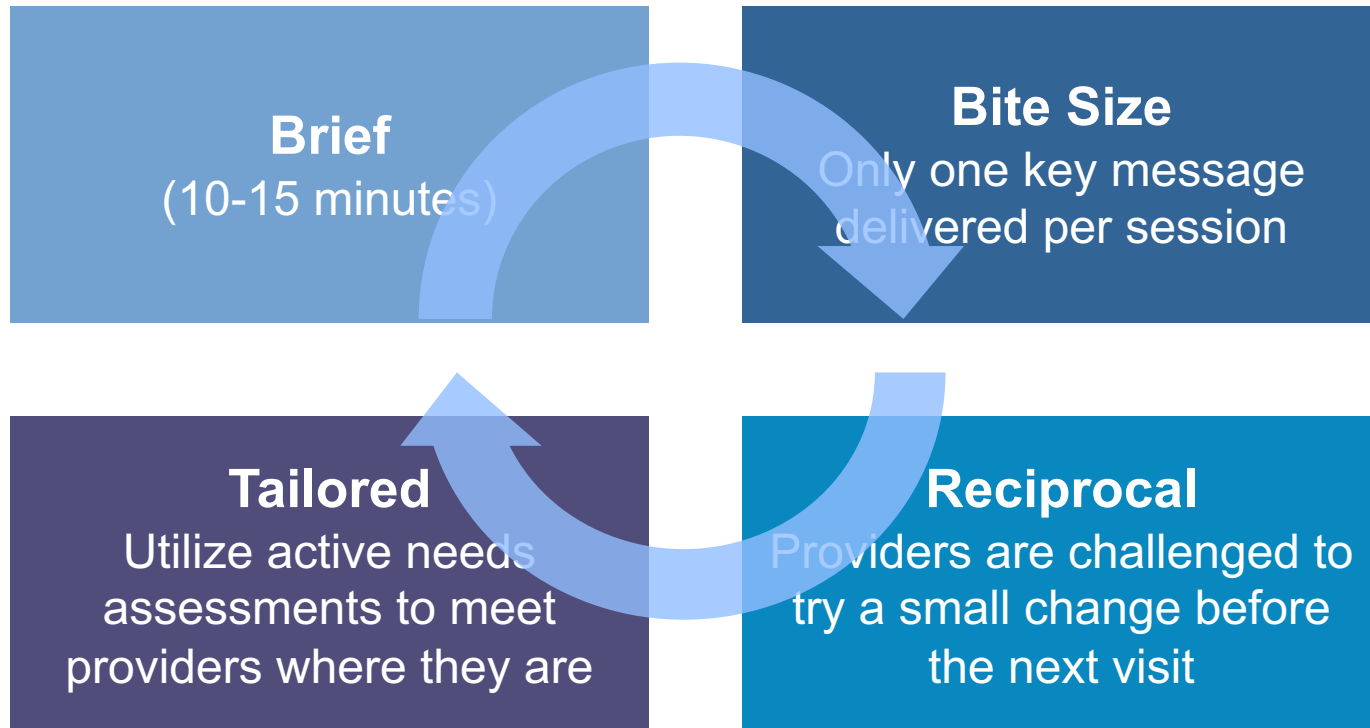
# MWAETC EHE Goals

1. Increase workforce capacity in King County to effectively engage populations that are suffering the greatest disparities in accessing HIV preventive and diagnostic services and in achieving viral suppression.
2. Address the underlying social determinants of health, cultural factors, and comorbidities that contribute to the disparities.
3. Assure that HIV providers in the county have access to cutting edge information on evolving HIV treatment and prevention modalities (e.g. long acting ARVs, new medication classes, PrEP), up-to-date federal guidelines, and TA for implementing integrated models of care.

**Pillars 1 and 3 – Diagnose and Prevent  
Increase Geographic Access to PrEP and Access to  
PrEP for Underserved Communities**

**WA State HIV Prevention  
Detailing Program**

# One-on-One Provider Education



# Key Themes

- Take a thorough sexual history to identify patients who might benefit from PrEP.
- Offer PrEP to patients at risk for HIV infection.
- In particular, offer PrEP to BIPOC patients, patients with a recent bacterial STI or methamphetamine use, and transgender patients.
- Prescribe PrEP for 90 days at a time and screen for HIV/STIs quarterly, including three-site STI screening as appropriate.
- Use neutral language that is person first, culturally appropriate, and non-stigmatizing.

**How does it work?**



## HIV Prevention Detailing Program

Free | Virtual | Brief | Individualized Coaching

*Focused education, coaching, and resources for health care providers to support efforts to prevent HIV infection and promote sexual health.*

<https://mwaetc.org/washington-state-hiv-prevention-detailing-program>

# WA State Program

<https://mwaetc-hiv-prevention-detailing.appointlet.com/>

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# Other Types of TA

- Trainings to Individual Clinics and Health Systems
  - PrEP, STI, HIV testing
  - Full-day training
- Create, Pilot, Deliver, and Evaluate Social Determinants of Health (SDH) and Implicit Bias Training
- Improve Health Outcomes for PWH Transitioning Between King County Jail and the Community

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# Ending the HIV Epidemic in King County

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# Pharmacy Integration into PrEP and ART Provision and Retention (PIPAR) Demonstration Project

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# PrEP Basics

- Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (or PrEP) is medicine for people who want protection from HIV from sex or injection drug use.
- Daily tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) approved for HIV PrEP by the FDA in July 2012. Endorsed with Grade A recommendation by US Preventive Services Task Force (6/2019).
- Tenofovir alafenamide with emtricitabine (TAF/FTC) approved in October 2019 for cisgender men & transgender women (not cisgender women).
- Cabotegravir extended-release suspension, a long-acting integrase inhibitor, was approved in December 2021.





# PrEP Uptake in Washington

- 2017 Statewide internet study of 1,080 MSM:
  - 79% had heard of PrEP.
  - 23% reported ever taking PrEP.
  - 19% reported currently taking PrEP.
- 2021 Gay Pride Survey:
  - King County (n=380):
    - 32% ever used PrEP and 20% were taking it.
  - Non-King County (n=163):
    - 16% ever used PrEP and 9% were taking it.



# PrEP in Washington: What's Needed?

- Expand access/options:
  - More widespread; PrEP deserts.
  - Simpler to start and restart PrEP; more venues, better hours, walk-in options.
  - Decouple PrEP from other medical care: Not everyone wants comprehensive care.
- Improve retention related to access.
- Outreach:
  - Marketing
  - Direct: Community-based organizations.

# Why Pharmacies?

- Knowledgeable providers.
- Geographically accessible.
- May be perceived as less stigmatizing than clinic.
- PrEP has not yet been fully integrated into pharmacy services nationwide.
- Policy, education, and infrastructure changes are needed.

## Pharmacists in HIV Prevention: An Untapped Potential

*Meyers J, et al. AJP, 2021*

# PIPAR Project Overview

- 4-year CDC-funded demonstration project (2017-2021).
- Currently in one-year extension.
- Objective: Integrate pharmacies into public health efforts to expand PrEP and promote PrEP and HIV med. retention.
- Provides technical assistance and support to pharmacies in launching PrEP Programs (*i.e., Collaborative Drug Therapy Agreement (CDTA) terms and conditions development, clinical training, coordination w/ community health partners, etc*).



## Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Pharmacy-based Clinics

Now you can see a local pharmacist and start PrEP (a daily pill that can help prevent HIV) the same day!

After your initial visit you will see your pharmacist:

- 1 month later (to make sure you are doing well on PrEP)
- Then every 3-months (to ensure that you continue to do well on PrEP)

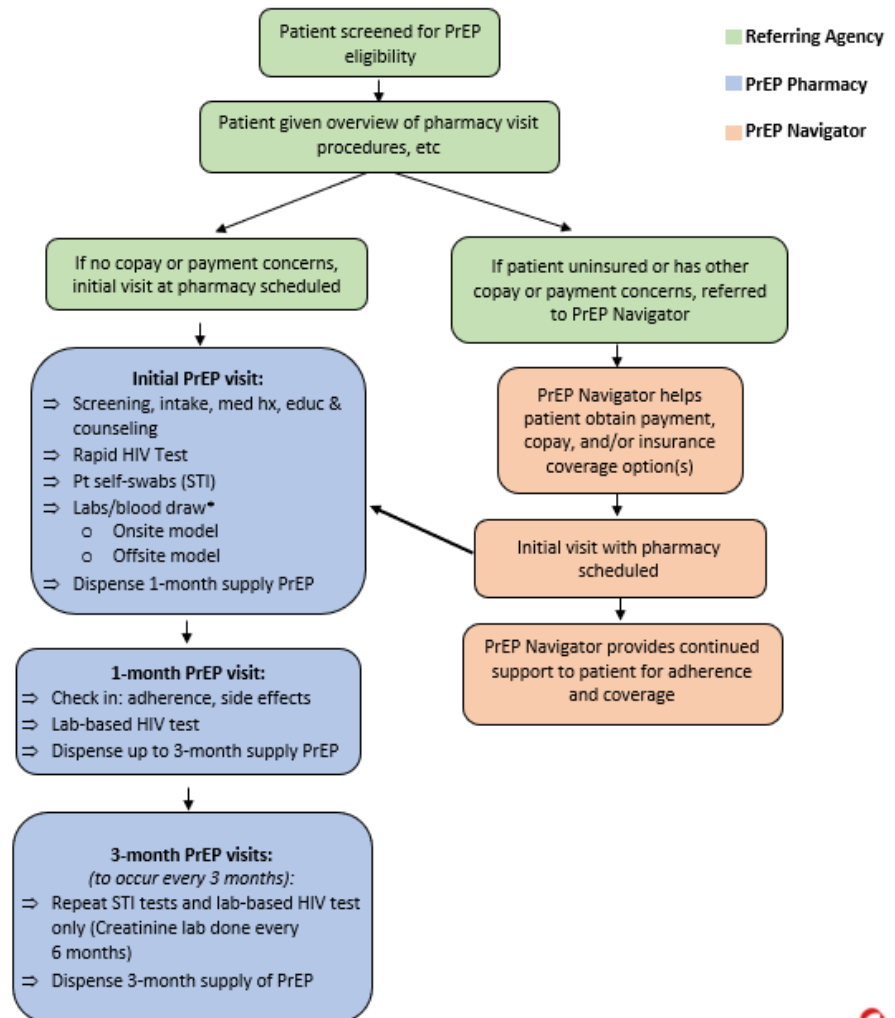
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# PIPAR PrEP Pharmacy Program Models

- Model includes rapid HIV test, labs, counseling, education, and same-day PrEP.
- 3-5 pharmacy partners to launch in 2022.
- Pharmacies in King, Pierce, and Spokane Counties.
- Retail, chain, and community pharmacies included.

PIPAR Pharmacies: Referral and Navigation Process



\*Lab-based HIV test, Syphilis, Renal Function (Creatinine), Hepatitis B, Pregnancy (urine)

# Pharmacy Needs

- Work with PIPAR pharmacies identified thematic gaps in knowledge, challenges, and potential barriers to initiating this work:

*What is a CDTA; How do you initiate one?*

*What are policies and processes for pharmacists to become credentialed to bill for services?*

*What is PrEP Navigation; How can it help promote retention?*

*Who are my local community health partners? How can I work with them?*

*How do I reach Medicaid patients? How do I reach the uninsured?*

*How can I get reimbursed for this work?*

*What are other resources for payment and reimbursement?*

# Pharmacy-based PrEP Program Webinar Series

- This series represents a coordinated plan to provide technical assistance and resources to address structural and technical challenges identified as part of PIPAR project work with pharmacies.
- Subject matter experts have been invited to lead these webinars in order to provide information on policies, best practices, community impacts, and share experiences related to this work.
- Sessions include information on the **CDTA process**, **credentialing**, **PrEP Navigation**, **Medicaid**, and **PrEP DAP**.



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