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Abstract

About 40,000 Americans and 2 million people total around the world are newly infected with HIV every year. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a way of protection for patients who do not have HIV but are at high-risk. Since 2012, there has been a drastic increase in patients that require and want to use PrEP. Currently Truvada is recommended by the guidelines as the most effective way of preventing HIV in patients at high risk. Patients at high risk include homosexual males, IV drug users, and patients involved in heterosexual relationships where one person is HIV positive. Only about 20% of the people that could benefit from Truvada are currently using it for PrEP.

As global leaders in healthcare and beauty, this unique service can provide Walgreens that is already an HIV center of excellence in some locations, with yet another service not seen by competitors. This service will help community members who are scared of visiting their doctors or even patients who don't know how to get started.