



Overview of Albany Medical Center's PrEP Program

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Patient population on PrEP at AMC

Age	Male	Female
Under 19	1	1
20-29	23	2
30-39	20	4
40-49	13	1
Above 50	16	1
Total	73	9

- 82 patients currently enrolled on PrEP in Albany and Kingston Clinics
- 16 patients pending enrollment
 - 80% of male patients are white
 - 12% of males are black/other race
 - 63% of female patients are white

Unique characteristics of the population

- 83% MSM, 15% heterosexual, 6% bisexual, 4% Transgender Male to Female
- 5 patients have utilized the PrEP-AP with assistance from PrEP Coordinator
- Payer-mix
 - 7 Medicaid
 - 70 Commercial insurance/ACA

Service model

- Clinical education is done on a regular basis with providers in the region.
- AMC has established agreements and ongoing working partnerships with community based organizations focused on identifying and referring individuals to the PrEP program.
 - MOUs in place with many community agencies

Service model continued...

- AMC has designated clinics for PrEP
- All providers are now seeing PrEP patients
- Patients need to be seen by a provider in order to receive medication, per AI guidelines
- AMC has a designated PrEP coordinator
 - Assists patients in navigating health insurance options (Gilead Co-pay and Medication Assistance program, Patient Access Network PAN, and PrEP-AP).
 - Screening, testing, referrals, follow-up, case management, community education and outreach
 - AIRS entry

Funding for PrEP

- AIDS Institute funds PrEP coordinator position only
- Clinical staff prescribing, secretaries scheduling and RNs assisting pharmacies are currently non-funded.
 - Funding is necessary to continue maintaining current patients in care, and patients new to the clinic.
 - AMC is 80% **RYAN WHITE FUNDED**

Services patients receive at each visit

- Adherence counseling is done at each visit with the MD and the PrEP Coordinator
- Mental health assessments are completed and patients are referred as needed.
- PrEP Coordinator assists all PrEP patients in accessing Primary Care.
- All patients have been asked in their interest of attending a PrEP support group.
 - All have declined

Success

- All patients have remained HIV negative
- AMC is receiving over 5 referrals a week
- Only 7% of patients have discontinued PrEP since starting at AMC
 - 2 moved out of the area
 - 1 changed mind
 - 2 lost to follow-up
 - 1 expired

AMC is a unique program

- The Albany community is small and AMC has had a presence advocating for PrEP at community health fairs, social media, testing events, pride events, colleges and local hospitals.
- AMC collaborates closely with one pharmacy to help with prescription coverage pre-initial visit.
- The PrEP program has patients from the ages of 18-68. No one is turned away
- HIV providers discuss PrEP with all infected patients as options for partners

AMC is a unique program

- AMC has free HIV walk-in testing and PrEP is discussed at testing visits.
- AMC's ER staff have been educated on PrEP and refer patients to the PrEP program who use PEP on a frequent basis.
- AMC is the only PrEP provider in a 10 county area.

Challenges

- Rapidly expanding PrEP program with little funding to assist with staffing needs.
 - Secretaries scheduling visits
 - Lack of dedicated provider time to support increasing rate of PrEP appointments.
 - Increased time to navigate insurance needs of those obtaining PrEP
 - Prescription coverage needs

Challenges continued..

- Much time is spent tracking PrEP patients following appointments to treat STDs.
- Future success of the program relies heavily on staff support to the PrEP Coordinator.