

# Advocacy in Flux

Cisgender women and Ending the HIV Epidemic

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Women's Preventive Services Initiative

HRSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that operates programs intended to provide equitable health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable.

- HRSA contracts with an external organization, currently ACOG, to convene a panel of experts, the Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI) to make and update recommendations for women's preventive services.
- HRSA can accept or reject recommendations which determines insurance coverage requirements.

## PrEP Regimens

Regimen	Proven Effective for Men/TGW	Proven Effective for Women	Planned Trial Start
Daily Oral F/TDF	2010	2012	
Event-Driven F/TDF	2015		
Daily Oral F/TAF	2019		2021
Bimonthly Cabotegravir	2020	2020	
Monthly Dapivirine Vaginal Ring		2016	
Monthly Oral Islatravir			2021 F and MSM/TGW
Semi-Annual Lenacapavir Injection			2021 F and M/TG

# Paucity of diversity in HIV cure research

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## A landscape analysis of HIV cure-related clinical research in 2019

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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## A landscape analysis of HIV cure-related clinical trials and observational studies in 2018

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CLINICAL SCIENCE

### A Systematic Review of the Inclusion (or Exclusion) of Women in HIV Research From Clinical Studies of Antiretrovirals and Vaccines to Cure Strategies

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## Short Communication: Population Representation in HIV Cure Research: A Review of Diversity Within HIV Cure Studies Based in the United States

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# CPG Women's Committee

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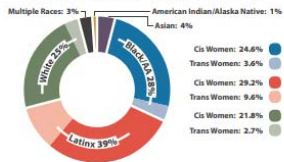
# HIV & WOMEN

There were **4,396** new HIV diagnoses in California in 2019. Of those, **15% were among women** (12% among cisgender women and 3% among trans women).

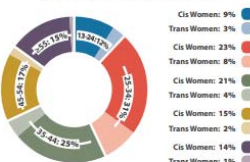


**ONE** in seven new HIV diagnoses are among **WOMEN**

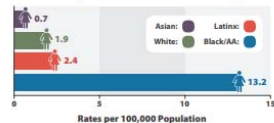
## Black/African American & Latinx Women are Disproportionately Affected by HIV



## Women Aged 25 to 34 had the Largest Proportion of New Diagnoses

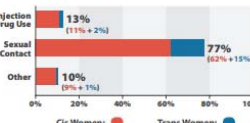


## Black/African American Cisgender Women Have the Highest Rate of New HIV Diagnoses



Rates among newly diagnosed Black/African American cis women are 6.9 times higher than White cis women, and among Latinx cis women, 1.3 times higher than White cis women. Although rates for transgender individuals are unknown, National HIV prevalence among transgender individuals is estimated at 9.2%, with transgender women among the groups most affected by HIV.<sup>1</sup>

## Most New HIV Diagnoses Among Women are Attributed to Sexual Contact



Risk categories are in order of highest transmission risk (Injection Drug Use, Sexual Contact, and Other). Individuals with multiple risk factors are reported in the category most likely to result in HIV transmission. "Other" includes perinatal exposure and risk factors not reported or identified.

Source of Figures: California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, California HIV Surveillance Data

<sup>1</sup> Baeten D, Donnell C, Muth SQ, Hogg DR, Sips TA, Estimating the Prevalence of HIV and Sexual Behaviors Among the US Transgender Population: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1093/aids/zaa011>

## PrEP Can Reduce Your Chance of Getting HIV

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a pill that reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99% when taken daily. Among people who take PrEP:

- PrEP is safe to take with birth control and other medications.
- There are no known drug conflicts between PrEP and other medications.
- PrEP is covered by most insurance plans as well as by the state.

# HIV and Women Infographic

Published September 2021

- This infographic includes data on new HIV diagnoses among cisgender and transgender women, as well as information on PrEP and U=U. There is also a QR Code and link to HIV care and treatment, housing, and domestic violence resources.
- As of September 2022, the English version of the infographic has been downloaded 172 times by unduplicated computers/smartphones and the Spanish version has been downloaded 34 times.

English version: [HIV and Women in California - Infographic](#)

Spanish version: [VIH y Mujeres en California - Infographic](#)

## Women and PrEP Webinar

- In January 2022, the Women's Committee partnered with the STD Control Branch for a Local Capacity Building Webinar on Women and PrEP which featured a presentation by Co-chair, Danielle Campbell.

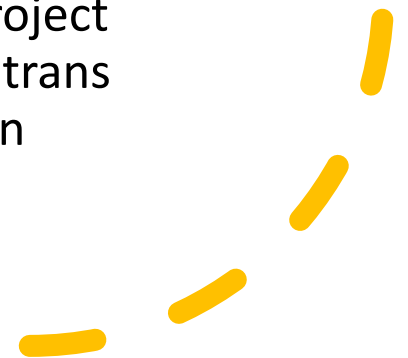
## HIV Cure and Women

- In April 2022, the Women's Committee hosted a conversation focused on HIV cure and women.
  - Guest speaker, Dr. Deborah Persaud with John Hopkins University School of Medicine highlighted the case of the woman recently cured of HIV using a stem cell transplant.

# National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

In recognition of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10, the Women's Committee has coordinated presentations for the CPG Monthly Webinars. Presentation topics have included:

- Overview of HIV and women in California
- Latinas and HIV in non COVID times
- Lifting voices of women living with HIV
- Spotlighting innovative work by Project Empowerment recipient for Black trans women/girls and cisgender women





# Addressing HIV Treatment Outcomes in Black women

- In August 2022, presentation at the Office of AIDS HIV Prevention Stakeholder Call on LinkPositively: A technology-delivered peer navigation and social networking intervention to improve HIV care across the continuum for Black women affected by interpersonal violence.

## Link Positively!

Want to improve your health through peer support using a mobile app designed **specifically for you?**

Black women living with HIV are invited to join **the UCSD/SDSU LinkPositively Study** being conducted by Dr. Jamila K. Stockman. Transgender women are welcome to join too!

Receive **up to \$180** for time & travel

Contact us for more info:  
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or **424-326-3592**

**Find out if you're eligible!**



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# Women's Committee Advocacy

- As a result of the Women's Committee advocacy, the Ending the Epidemics: Integrated Strategic Plan Overview was updated October 2022 to include "**Cisgender women** and all people who can become pregnant" as a focus population.

## The priority populations are:



# EPIC: Navigating Change

## Black Cisgender Women with HIV

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MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023	THURSDAY JUNE 29, 2023	WEDNESDAY JULY 05, 2023
Medical Mistrust & Health Literacy	Gender Responsive Care I: Continuum of Care	Gender Responsive Care II: Mapping Your Health Journey & Wellness Plan
3:00PM PST	3:00PM PST	3:00PM PST

A SANCTUARY FOR BLACK CISGENDER  
WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV / AIDS



 LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

LOCATION: CA VIRTUAL MEETING  
\$150 COMPENSATION

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# Current Activities

- Women and PrEP Infographic
  - a. Goal: Create a client-focused and provider-focused infographic on women and PrEP that highlights PrEP utilization data among women
  - b. HIV and STD surveillance data for the CA counties with the top number of new HIV diagnoses among women, as well as key takeaways/recommendations
  
- Advocacy on doxyPEP Guidance
  - a. CDPH recommendations on doxyPEP letter is linked here:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CDPH-Doxy-PEP-Recommendations-for-Prevention-of-STIs.pdf>
  - b. Current recommendations do not include cis-gendered women.

Thank you!

