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**Guidelines Training on the Use of Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis in Caribbean Countries**

**August 27 and 28, 2025**

**ONLINE TRAINING**

**Meeting links:**

Day 1: 27 August 2025[**https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/cYcqrZ80SXOjyzamdaYV7Q**](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/cYcqrZ80SXOjyzamdaYV7Q)

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**Background**Combination prevention for HIV is a comprehensive health strategy that integrates biomedical, behavioral, and structural interventions, applying a person-centered approach to support prevention efforts among individuals and specific communities. One such intervention is Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), which has proven highly effective in significantly reducing the number of new HIV infections.

PrEP refers to the pre-emptive use of antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) by individuals who are HIV-negative to reduce the likelihood of acquiring HIV. Its effectiveness is strongly correlated with correct and consistent use, making adherence during periods of increased risk essential. When implemented alongside Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for consensual sexual activity that may result in HIV exposure, the combined approach further contributes to reducing new infections.

In Caribbean Countries, combination HIV prevention interventions have been steadily advancing. These efforts have included the introduction of PrEP in public, private, and civil society health facilities where the necessary infrastructure and capacity are available.

This PANCAP training with technical support from the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) will serve as a follow-up to previous capacity-building sessions on oral PrEP. Since those initial training courses, countries have moved forward with PrEP implementation and have gained practical experience in service delivery. The training will focus on supporting the scale-up of PrEP, addressing barriers and challenges identified during implementation, and incorporating the latest WHO recommendations on new PrEP modalities beyond oral formulations.

**General Objective:**To train healthcare providers on the use of PrEP and PEP within the context of sexual and reproductive health, with the overall aim of supporting the effective scale-up of services in health facilities in Caribbean Countries.

**Specific Objectives:**

1. To share updated national and WHO guidelines on PrEP and PEP with healthcare workers, civil society organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, emphasizing their role as essential interventions for reducing new HIV infections.
2. To address social determinants of health, stigma, and discrimination as key factors influencing service access and uptake.
3. To review country-level progress in PrEP implementation, identify barriers and challenges encountered, and discuss strategies to overcome them.
4. To incorporate and promote the adoption of the latest WHO recommendations on new PrEP modalities, including those beyond oral formulations, to expand prevention options.
5. To support the continued implementation and scale-up of PrEP services in the Caribbean Countries.

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| Time | Subject | Presenter |
| 01:00 pm | Welcome remarks | Dr. Wendy Emanuelson-Telgt, PANCAP director |
| 01:05 pm-01:10pm | Background and objectives of training | Dr. Shanti Singh -Anthony |
| 01:10-01:25 pm | **Menti meter Dynamic**  Objectives and goals for this training/Pretest | Hortencia Peralta, Advisor HIV Prevention, PAHO HQ |
| 01:25-01:50pm | **Overview of Oral PrEP**  WHO Guidance on Oral PrEP  Evidence for Oral PrEP | Dr. Shanti Singh-Anthony, Knowledge Management Coordinator, PANCAP |
| 01:50-02:30pm | **PrEP:**  PrEP Initiation and Follow up.  Side Effects  **PrEP Modalities:** PrEP AD and Other modalities.  nPEP to PrEP  HIV acute infection | Hortencia Peralta, Advisor, HIV and STI prevention. PAHO HQ |
| 02:30-03:00 pm | Implementation in Caribbean countries Challenges and Opportunities | Sandra Jones, HIV/STI/TB/VH and EMTCT Adviser, PAHO, Caribbean Sub Regional Office |
| 03:00-03:30pm | Case Discussion | Hortencia Peralta |

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| Time | Subject | Presenter |
| 01:00 -01:15pm | Day 1 Summary brief | Sandra Jones |
| 01:15 pm-01:40pm | Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis | Shanti Singh |
| 01:40-02:00 pm | Standard tools for monitoring PrEP in the Caribbean | Bernardo Nuche, Advisor PAHO HQ |
| 02:00-02:30pm | New WHO Recommendations for PrEP and HIV Testing | Hortencia Peralta |
| 02:30-03:00 pm | Interventions for improving adherence and retention in HIV prevention and Care | Omar Sued,  HIV Care Adviser PAHO HQ |
| 03:00-03:30pm | Case Discussion | Hortencia Peralta |
| 03:30-04:00pm | Menti meter and closure | Hortencia Peralta |