

PrEP Implementation

The peer experience so far

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=
Peer Educator

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The early days...



PrEP - ACCESS OPTIONS



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Announcement of Epic-NSW

- Announcement of EPIC-NSW by NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner MP December 2015.



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Prep and epic

- ACON submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health to support the implementation and roll-out of the EPIC-NSW Study and lead education and community awareness of PrEP.



A PrEP mailing list was established on the Ending HIV website after the EPIC-NSW study was announced



A full-time position leading community education of PrEP



9 community forums held



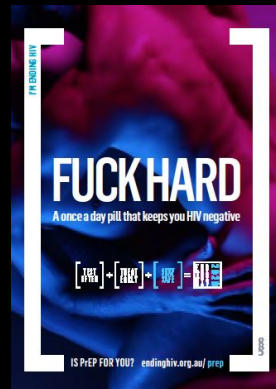
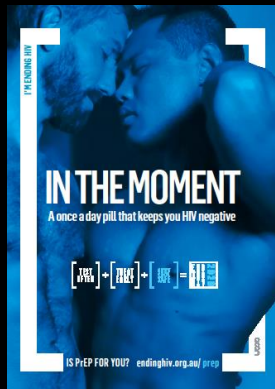
Community awareness during Mardi Gras Festival



Development of EPIC-NSW Campaign and 'Is PrEP For You?' campaign

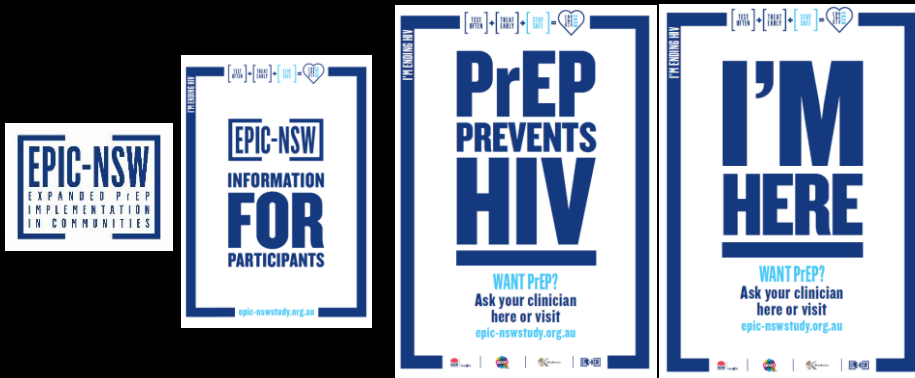
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'Is prep for you?'



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Epic-NSW resources



TRANSLATED IN 6 LANGUAGES
 (SIMPLIFIED CHINESE, THAI, ARABIC, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, INDONESIAN)



Community forums



ACON has hosted 9 community forums: Sydney, Newtown, Wollongong, Newcastle, Parramatta, Byron Bay, Orange, Coffs Harbour and the Aboriginal PrEP Yarning Circle



PrEP Forums include a local GP and/or Clinical Specialist, a community member currently using PrEP and an ACON community representative.



EPIC enrolment and peer educators

Peer educators provided with EPIC-NSW and PrEP training

Amended processes and updated IT systems to get a[TEST] PrEPed!

Worked with our a[TEST] partners to develop two different nurse and peer led models.



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RPA Sexual Health – PrEP Clinic

- Nurse and Peer led
- Monday and Thursday evenings
- Group education pre-enrolment
- PrEP dispensed onsite
- Follow up visits
- Average 20 people in one evening
- Over 650 enrolled quickly

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SSHHC/a[TEST]

- Nurse and Peer led
- Wednesday and Thursday – Surry Hills
- By appointment – Oxford St
- PrEP dispensed onsite
- Follow up visits by appointment
- Over 300 people enrolled through an a[TEST] site
- Over 700 men can access follow up visits through Oxford St

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The peer experience

- Less anxious about sex
- What will the side effects be?
- More STI conversations
- Undetectable Viral Load
- EPIC-NSW
- ‘I’m not high risk enough but still want PrEP’

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Most importantly...

The sex is better

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Big thank you

- RPA Sexual Health
- Sydney Sexual Health
- South East Sydney and Sydney LHD
- NSW Ministry of Health
- The Kirby Institute
- ACON staff

- And all of the a[TEST] peers

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THANK YOU

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