



PrEP in the Czech republic Role of Czech AIDS Help Society in Implementation

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Current situation with PrEP

- The first prescription (still original Truvada) – August 2015
- Now about 20-30 PrEP users (no exact data)
- „Wild,, use of PrEP seems to be rare (0,5% respondents)
- About 6-7 specialists are involved in PrEP prescription (unofficially half of them are gay men)
- National guidelines of PrEP and National Information for PrEP Users were edited by the group of HIV specialists. Official statement of Society for Infectology changed from negative to neutral
- But generally not all HIV specialists agreed with PrEP (and few other doctors are involved, none GP)

Who can prescribe ?

- Generally the prescription of PrEP is with full payment of client (and little discussion about payment from public sources has been done until now)
- Every doctor can prescribe the medicaments that the client pays
- If paid from the public sources there are limits (ART for PLWHA can be prescribed by HIV specialists only)
- Limit may be also the capacity of HIV specialists (each doctor at biggest Prague HIV center has about 400 HIV+ patients).

The price and availability of PrEP

- Generic Truvada is legally available for PrEP in the C.R.
- The cost is 230 Eur/month for everyday use
- The demo project with price 77 EUR is in the preparation (the expectation is 300 respondents?)
- 3/5 of MSM would be able to pay for PrEP up to 40 Eur/month. 5% can pay more than 80 EUR/month. Average salary in the C.R. is 1200 Eur/month.
- Selected pharmacies in Germany sell 28 tbl of generic Truvada for 50 Eur

The role of Czech AIDS Help Society in PrEP implementation

- Efforts to introduce PrEP in the National AIDS programme
- Increase awareness in MSM community (leaflets, Pride discussions)
- Survey about knowledge and potential interest among MSM during the last Pride (n-543 respondents)
- Identify potential candidates for PrEP during pre-test counselling
- Organize the purchase and delivery of cheaper generic Truvada from Germany for Czech clients

- Thank you.
- 14th May 2018 - 150 th Anniversary of Magnus Hirschfeld birth

