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Programmatic Implementation of Long-acting Cabotegravir (LA-CAB) for HIV Prevention

A1 Learning Community

Lunch and Learn

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Which barriers will long-acting injectable PrEP overcome?

Patient	Provider	Structural/environmental
Limited knowledge of PrEP	Knowledge of PrEP	Homophobia
Low HIV risk perception	Willingness to prescribe PrEP	Transphobia
Limited knowledge of partners' risks	"Purview paradox"	Sexism
Medical mistrust	Competing priorities	Racism
Financial concerns	Failure to elicit HIV risk information	Lack of health care access
Competing priorities	Billing/reimbursement concerns	Insurance climate
Confidentiality concerns		HIV-related stigma
Adherence		

Access to LA-CAB, global perspectives:

- **Pricing transparency:**

- CAB-LA price US\$3,700 per vial, or \$22,200 per person per year (6 vials) in the US.
- ViiV's policy to provide their medicines "at cost" for low-income countries, they have yet to publicly announce what that price is.

- **Registration:**

- CAB-LA is registered in the US and filed to register in only eight other countries. Not include many countries with a high HIV burden.

- **Supply:**

- delay in voluntary licensing and potential generic entry
- ViiV will likely be the sole supplier of CAB-LA in the short term

Current situation

- Have you ever prescribed LA-CAB for PrEP?

A.YES

B.NO

Current Situation

LA-CAB for PrEP implantation considerations:

- Product acquisition
- Storage and handling
- Staff
- Documentation and schedule
- Administration and billing
- Individual uptakes and persistency

Product acquisition

- Contract
- Association to Specialty Pharmacy
- Enrollment process
- Inventory management
- Use ViiV Connect
- Insurance
- Other resources

Storage and handling

- Adequate / appropriate storage for injectable PrEP
- Guidelines for whom will be responsible for management of injectable PrEP inventory and if needed the appropriate disposal of injectable PrEP medication

Staff

- Training for LA-CAB injection
- Protocol development
- PrEP Navigator

Documentation and Schedule

- A dedicated EHR template for RN only injectable PrEP visit
- Create RN only schedule template in EHR for injectable PrEP

Administration and Billing

- Protocol for injectable PrEP patients
- ?Oral lead-in
- Develop billing structure for LA-CAB service
- Equity issue among uninsured clients

Individual uptakes and persistency

- How to handle no-show?
- How to measure success?

Next step