

Acute HIV infection. What you need to know!

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Disease (AIDS)



What is acute HIV infection?

Acute HIV infection is the earliest stage of HIV infection. You may already be taking PrEP which does help protect people, especially if they take their doses every day, however it still possible to get HIV infection while taking PrEP.

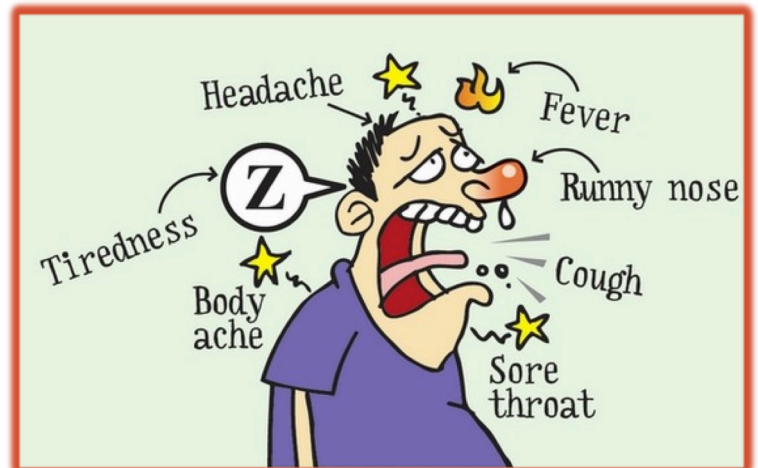
Signs and Symptoms:

If you are taking PrEP and have any of the following symptoms of acute infection, it is important to see your doctor right away to be screened.

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Sore throat
- Joint and muscle aches
- Diarrhea
- Rash

Why do I need to know about Acute HIV?

People who have HIV infection are treated with combinations of 3 or more medicines that fight HIV. If you get infected with HIV the medication you take for PrEP is not enough to stop the virus.



What do I do if I suspect I might have acute HIV infection?

- #1. Contact your doctor and arrange to be examined and have appropriate HIV screening
- #2. Discuss with your doctor whether to stop PrEP medications until your test results come back
- #3. Be especially careful to use a condom and take safer sex measures to protect your partner(s)