

# Ordering PrEP on-line

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# The state of play

- Truvada is not licensed in Australia for PrEP (or for PEP, for that matter!)
- The use of Truvada for PrEP is off-licence
- Gilead has submitted an application to the TGA to licence Truvada for PrEP
- In the interim, Truvada may be purchased at full-price (about \$1000 per month) in Australia, or purchased online from overseas...

# *“But, is it legal?”*

- The TGA allows individuals to import drug for their own usage
  - Common practice in the old days of HIV with ‘buyer’s clubs’
  - Still common nowadays with Viagra, Cialis, oestradiol, etc.
- A valid prescription is required

# TGA regulations

- Subject to satisfying various conditions a person may import a 3 month supply (at the maximum dose recommended by the manufacturer) of an unapproved medicine without any prior approval required by the TGA
- Medicines ordered over the internet require an Australian-issued prescription from your doctor. To purchase or import a generic version of Truvada into Australia, a person must first get a valid Australian-issued prescription to accompany the medicine being imported
- For more information go to:  
<http://www.tga.gov.au/consumers/import.htm#.VBe7B-kcTq4>

# *“How do I know it is real drug?”*

- This is a common concern
- Try to stick to well-known websites
- The website we use has supplied drug for many HIV-positive individuals in Cairns
  - They remain undetectable on these antiretrovirals over many years...

# *“How do I order online?”*

- Go to <http://www.aids-drugs-online.com/>
  - Follow the directions, or
- Go to the HIV Foundation Qld website and follow our step-by-step instructions...
- The cost for 3 months’ supply is A\$313.36
- It is recommended to follow CDC PrEP guidelines
  - 3-monthly HIV and STI testing (as per STIGMA Guidelines)



# For more information

- Go to CDC (USA)
  - <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/prevention/research/prep/>
- Go to [www.hivfoundation.org.au](http://www.hivfoundation.org.au)
- Contact Cairns Sexual Health Service
  - Doctors
  - Nurses
  - Pharmacist

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