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HIV Prevention Tools for Pharmacists - Pharmacist Prescribing of PEP and PrEP

Tuesday, June 10th from 9:00am - 11:30am

With a new change in MN law, pharmacists will soon be able to prescribe both HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). During this presentation we will review background clinical information, legal requirements, and operational concepts to properly prepare pharmacists for this opportunity to provide more equitable access to HIV prevention services. Completion of this CE will fulfill training requirements in order for pharmacists to prescribe HIV prevention medications.

Learning Objectives

- Review the changes in law and legal requirements for pharmacist prescribing of HIV prevention medications in Minnesota
- Retain clinical management concepts for PEP and PrEP including pharmacotherapy, medication administration, lab stewardship, and coordination of care
- Consistently use patient-centered communication style in both written and verbal formats
- Understand operational and documentation requirements for pharmacist prescribing of HIV prevention medications
- Explore barriers to successful implementation of new pharmacy-based HIV prevention programs

Presenters:

- Melanie R Nicol, PharmD, PhD, Associate Professor/Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology
- Daniel Jude, PharmD, AAHIVP, CSP, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Trellis RX

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HIV & Aging: Navigating Intersectionality in Research, Clinical Practice, and Policy

Tuesday, June 10th from 12pm - 5pm

This institute will provide a comprehensive exploration of the challenges and opportunities at the intersection of HIV and aging. Participants will gain insights into current research, clinical practices, and policy developments impacting older adults living with HIV. Through a series of expert-led sessions—including reports from MN HIV Aging Coalition listening sessions, presentations on the latest research, clinical updates, emerging neurological findings, and policy/advocacy discussions—attendees will learn how to bridge gaps in care and develop integrated strategies for improved outcomes. Special attention will be given to addressing policy nuances such as state Medicare/Medicaid guidance, federal landscape changes, and the evolving definitions of long-term care, ensuring that the diverse needs of the aging HIV-positive community are met with innovation and empathy.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the insights from the HIV Aging Coalition listening sessions to identify community needs and inform future initiatives.
- Evaluate the latest research findings on HIV and aging, including biological mechanisms, comorbidities, and the implications for therapeutic strategies.
- Gain practical insights into the clinical management of older adults with HIV, with a focus on adapting care models to meet their unique health challenges.
- Discuss emerging neurological findings and their impact on the cognitive health of aging individuals living with HIV, setting the stage for future research and clinical interventions.
- Assess current policy challenges and explore advocacy approaches to improve healthcare access and quality, including an in-depth discussion on state Medicare/Medicaid guidance and long-term care definitions.

Presenters:

- Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD FGSA, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging
- Shibani Mukerji, MD, PhD, Associate Director of the Neuro-Infectious Diseases Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Dr. Alan Landay, PhD, Director ad interim, Sealy Center on Aging, University of Texas Medical Branch
- Terri Wilder, SAGE
- Ronald Johnson
- MN HIV and Aging Coalition

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Empowering Peer Experts in the Workplace

Tuesday, June 10th from 1pm - 4pm

While human service organizations recognize the unique richness that individuals with lived experience offer to the enhancement of services, very few have reviewed policies, procedures, and organizational structures to ensure meaningful collaboration aimed at long-term success. Using an equity-centered trauma informed lens, this workshop will review phases of the employment cycle (recruitment, hiring, onboarding, continued employment, off-boarding) and provide recommendations for how to implement or improve shared decision-making with peer experts. Participants will have the opportunity to submit case reviews and questions prior to the session. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity during the session to partner with fellow participants to workshop various job descriptions, orientation materials, employee evaluations, supervisor training, HR policies, and other aspects related to the successful integration of peer experts.

Learning Objectives

Participants will leave the workshop:

- understanding what it means to apply an equity-centered trauma informed lens;
- having learned best practices to integrate and support peer experts across the employment life cycle;
- developing resources to implement in their respective organizations; and
- building a network of partners for ongoing collaboration.

Presenter:

Sean Marz, Alive and Well Communities

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HealthHIV HIV PrEP Navigation Certification (HIVPNC) Program

Tuesday, June 10th from 1pm - 5pm

This institute is intended for PrEP navigators (allied health professionals including disease intervention specialists, case managers, social workers, and health educators) as well as other clinicians involved in guiding people to use PrEP – e.g. physicians, PAs, NPs, nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients at risk of acquiring HIV. The HealthHIV HIV PrEP Navigation Certification (HIVPNC) Program is the only certification program offered to providers and allied health professionals to prepare them to guide community members in their use of PrEP over time. HIVPNC promotes interprofessional collaboration and teamwork by engaging clinical and non-clinical providers to share their experiences in PrEP navigation services.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the barriers patients face to initiating and adhering to PrEP and how providers and PrEP navigation staff can address these challenges through the health system.
- Summarize best practices for guiding patients to access PrEP medication, labs and clinic visits based on national and regional programming, industry-sponsored assistance programs, and insurance coverage.
- Establish safe spaces, deliver client-centered, culturally sensitive services and culturally- and linguistically sensitive communication to help patients effectively navigate the PrEP care continuum

Presenters:

- Alan McCord, HealthHIV
- Paul Nemeth, Red Door Clinic
- Patrick Ingram, MHSA, University of MN School of Public Health

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