



DESCOVY for PrEP[®] (emtricitabine and tenovir alafenamide)

How long will it take for DESCOVY for PrEP to protect me against HIV-1?

This information is provided in response to your question. It is not treatment advice on how to use DESCOVY for PrEP. Please discuss this question and others you have about your medical condition or treatment with your healthcare provider.

Download the **DESCOVY Patient Information** for more details, including approved use(s) and important warnings. https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/hiv/descovy/descovy_patient_pi.pdf

The short answer

We do not know how long it takes for **DESCOVY for PrEP** (known as pre-exposure prophylaxis) to decrease the risk of getting HIV-1 from certain types of sex.¹

DESCOVY for PrEP should be taken once a day, every day.¹

A clinical study showed that Descovy for PrEP works better when taken every day, as directed.²

Who is DESCOVY for PrEP for?¹

- DESCOVY for PrEP is a once-daily prescription medicine used to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection in adults and teenagers who weigh at least 77 pounds (35 kg). HIV-1 is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

- It is not known if DESCOVY for PrEP is effective in reducing the risk of getting HIV-1 from certain types of sex.
- DESCOVY for PrEP is not for use in people born female (assigned female at birth) who are at risk of getting HIV-1 from vaginal sex, because its effectiveness has not been studied.



You must be HIV-negative before you start and while taking DESCOVY for PrEP. Do not take DESCOVY for HIV-1 PrEP if you already have HIV-1 infection or you do not know your HIV-1 infection status.



Talk to a healthcare provider about your risk of getting HIV and if DESCOVY for PrEP is right for you. If you do not have a healthcare provider, the PrEP Locator website (<https://www.PrEPLocator.org>) can help you find a healthcare provider in your area who has experience prescribing PrEP medications.

How long will it take for DESCOVY for PrEP to protect against HIV-1?

We do not know exactly how long it takes for DESCOVY for PrEP to build up to protective levels against HIV-1 in the body.¹

A clinical study showed that DESCOVY for PrEP is most effective when taken once a day, every day, as directed.²

What did the clinical studies report about the time it takes for DESCOVY for PrEP to be protective against HIV-1?²

The time it takes DESCOVY for PrEP to have maximum protection against HIV-1 infection is **not known from the clinical studies conducted.**

Glossary

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome): most advanced stage of HIV infection.

HBV (hepatitis B virus) infection: a type of virus (HBV) that can cause serious liver infection.

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus): HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP): means routinely taking prescription medicine before you're exposed to HIV to help reduce your chances of getting it.

References

1. Enclosed. Gilead Sciences Inc, DESCovy® (emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide) tablets, for oral use. U. S. Prescribing Information. Foster City, CA.
2. Spinner CD, Brunetta J, Shalit P, et al. DISCOVER STUDY for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: F/TAF has a more Rapid Onset and Longer Sustained Duration of HIV Protection Compared with F/TDF [Presentation]. Paper presented at: IAS 2019; 21-24 July, 2019; Mexico City, Mexico.

More information about Descovy

If you would like more detailed information about Descovy, please visit:
www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/hiv/descovy/descovy_pi.

This is the US FDA-approved Prescribing Information, including the Patient Labeling, for Descovy. It will tell you about the uses, warnings, and other important safety information about Descovy.

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Follow-Up

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🌐 www.gilead.com/utility/contact/report-an-adverse-event

FDA MedWatch Program by ☎ 1-800-FDA-1088 or ✉ MedWatch, FDA, 5600 Fishers Ln, Rockville, MD 20852 or 🌐 www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch

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