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Information for Patients

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The Victorian PrEP Program provides free PrEP appointments, free testing and free PrEP medication for people without Medicare while they are living in Australia. The PrEP Program can be accessed at a number of registered clinics in Victoria. This information sheet tells you everything you need to know to access the PrEP Program to make your PrEP journey safe and easy while you are in Australia. The program is funded by the Victorian Department of Health through funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Who can access the PrEP Program?

People without Medicare who are living in Victoria, with a Victorian address are eligible to access the free PrEP Program. The program is not able to be used by people visiting on short stays, such as tourist visas. If you are living in Victoria without Medicare and consider yourself at risk for HIV, you can [register for the program](#) or contact the service for more information (contact details below).

Free appointments

Appointments at Victorian PrEP Program clinics are free. You do not have to pay anything to see the doctor or nurse if you go to a clinic that is registered with the Victorian PrEP Program. For a list of PrEP Program clinics visit the [Victorian PrEP Program website](#). The free appointment is only for PrEP related care.

Free testing

All the tests you need to safely take PrEP are free. This includes HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests. At some visits you may also have kidney, hepatitis B or hepatitis C tests. If you test positive for an STI, the doctor or nurse will help to arrange treatment for you.

Free PrEP medication

If you take your PrEP prescription to a PrEP Program pharmacy the PrEP medication is free. Not all pharmacies are part of the PrEP Program, so check the [Victorian PrEP Program website](#) for your closest PrEP Program pharmacy. The prescription needs to be written by a doctor or nurse practitioner from a PrEP Program clinic.

Can I stay with my own doctor for free PrEP if they are not in a PrEP Program clinic?

Yes, you can keep seeing your doctor or nurse practitioner and [register with the PrEP Program](#) for free testing and free PrEP medication. You will need to pay for the appointment and claim it back on your overseas health cover. Ask your doctor to contact the PrEP Program on 1800 889 887.

Telehealth appointments

We prefer to see you in person for your first appointment. After that, you can usually be seen by telehealth if you prefer. Exceptions can be made for people who live in rural or regional Victoria for their first visit to be by telehealth.

Can I use an interpreter?

Yes. We want you to understand the information and ask questions. If you need an interpreter this is easily arranged. Just ask for a phone interpreter in your language at the appointment.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone about the PrEP Program

Call one of our friendly PrEP nurses on 1800 889 887 (Monday to Friday 9AM – 5PM)

Register for an appointment

To register your interest for the Victorian PrEP Program, complete the [Victorian PrEP Program Registration Form](#)

PrEP Program Clinic and Pharmacies

For a list of PrEP Program clinics and pharmacies visit the [Victorian PrEP Program website](#).

Contact details

PrEP Phonenumber on 1800 889 889 (9AM – 5PM Monday – Friday)

Email prep@alfred.org.au

Website <https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/services/victorian-prep-service>

Step-by-step to PrEP

