**Quick Start Guide for Doxycycline as STI PEP**

Use this Quick Start Guide to navigate considerations for offering doxycycline as STI PEP in your community.

**Workflow Integration of Doxycycline as STI PEP**

Consider building in the following internal resources to routinely and equitably offer doxycycline as STI PEP:

* Protocols/Standard of Procedures (SOPs)
* Administrative capacity
	+ Offer in-service training to build provider and staff awareness and buy-in
	+ Optimize your Electronic Health Record (EHR) system
	+ Integrate proactive counseling on doxycycline as STI PEP during routine care visits, including PrEP visits, HIV care visits, and STI visits.
* Medication provision
	+ Determine what prescriptions you will provide for doxycycline as STI PEP
	+ Reach out to local pharmacies about doxycycline as STI PEP. See the **Doxycycline as STI PEP Quick Reference Guide for Pharmacists** **and Providers and Pharmacy Letter** in this toolkit.
	+ Understand the benefits of doxycycline as a relatively inexpensive drug, - approximately $.06 per each 100 mg pill under 340b and $.08/pill with a GoodRX card – but remember that patients may still need information on how to access doxycycline at lower costs and on how to access it.

**Community Input**

**Community Planning:** Do not wait until the program is implemented to engage the community! Engage them in program planning, messaging, and workflows.

**Community Guidance:** Create a doxycycline as STI PEP community advisory board which meets at regular intervals.

**Community Feedback:** Create infrastructure to gather community feedback and integrate feedback into your program. Develop and use an accountability framework to govern how and when the community will receive updates on how their feedback is being incorporated.

**Develop and Use Culturally Reflective Patient Education and Awareness Materials**

**Prepare Staff:** Ensure all staff – from front desk and clerical staff to providers – are trained and on the same page about doxycycline as STI PEP. Patients should be able to clearly understand how they can access doxycycline as STI PEP and not encounter barriers when making appointments or interacting with staff.

**Collaborate on Communications:** Engage community-based organizations and local representatives from populations experiencing sexual health disparities in the development of messaging and communications tools.

**Be Transparent with Providers and Patients:** Being transparent with providers and patients about what we know and what we don’t know about doxycycline as STI PEP will help increase trust and build comfort. These conversations might include the limitations of current research, including the lack of supportive data on cisgender women, or concerns about antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

**Program Evaluation**

Consider developing an evaluation plan to benchmark the effectiveness of your efforts that examines the following questions:

* How will you assess the effectiveness of your doxycycline as STI PEP program? What benchmarks will you use?
* What is the time frame and frequency of assessment and data collection?
* How will your program evaluation data be shared, in what frequency, and with whom?
* How will you determine if your doxycycline as STI PEP program is equitable and reaching populations disparately impacted by STIs?