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BREAKING NEWS: PREP TRIAL HALTED

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In what can only be viewed as a major setback for those advocating pre-exposure prophylaxis--giving anti-retroviral treatment to people who are HIV negative but determined to be at high risk of infection, aka Prep--a major clinical trial on the efficacy of Prep has been halted because it was deemed unlikely to achieve the desired result.

This is great news for activists, like me, who oppose the FDA's potential approval of an indication for Gilead's Truvada for this purpose. The halted trial was exploring Prep's potential use as a prevention strategy for HIV negative women.

This is big news and there is sure to be lots of commentary on it over the next few weeks. Read more about it [here](#).

hThis is <http://www.fhi.org/en/Research/Projects/FEM-PrEP.htm>

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Joseph Sonnabend | [April 18, 2011 11:23 AM](#) | [Reply](#)
 Thanks for bringing this to attention so promptly.

The recent preoccupation with PrEP may well have damaged efforts at HIV prevention education with encouragement and support for continued condom use, the most effective means we have for limiting the sexual transmission of HIV.

But on the other hand, people on the ground facing risk are probably wiser than some who advocate on their behalf. I suspect that very few would consider using a prevention intervention that cannot even halve the chance of acquiring a potentially lethal infection when a much more effective method is available that is also much cheaper and also safer.

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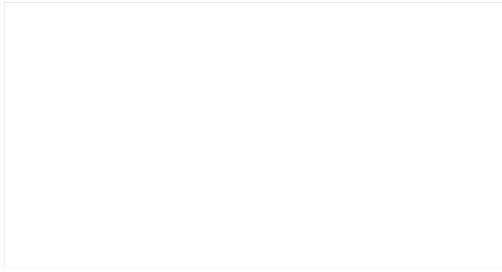
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