Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a pill taken every day that can help prevent HIV infection in people who DO NOT have HIV. When someone is exposed to HIV through sex or injection drug use, PrEP can help stop the virus from establishing a permanent infection.

- When used consistently, PrEP has been shown to greatly reduce the risk of HIV infection in people who are at substantial risk. PrEP is much less effective when it is not taken every day.
- People who use PrEP must commit to taking the drug daily and seeing their health care provider every three months for HIV testing and other follow-up.
- PrEP is a powerful HIV prevention tool, and can be combined with condoms and other prevention methods to provide even greater protection than when used alone.
- PrEP does not prevent other sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy.

Contact Albany Medical Center at 518.262.6923 for additional information, eligibility and requirements for PrEP.
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Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention