

INJECTABLE PREP: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT APRETUDE

Injectable PrEP (Apretude) is safe and highly effective in protecting a person's body from HIV infection, but with every medication there can be unpleasant side effects.

Most common side effects include:

The site at the buttock where the medication is injected, such as: pain, swelling, warmth, redness, discoloration, bruising, hardness, itching, or numbness.

Other common side effects are:

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, *headache, *low grade fever, *abdominal pain, fatigue, dizziness, brain fog, and swelling.

*Talk to your doctor about over-the-counter medicines like Tylenol or Aleve as these medicines can help with pain, fever, or headaches.

These side effects are RARE:

Liver damage, **severe allergic reaction
**depression, which in some cases can lead to suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

**If you are experiencing shortness of breath where you are unable to stand or walk, severe allergic reaction, or new depression with suicidal thoughts, call 911.

Good news!

Every person who takes this medication will not experience these side effects. For those who do experience side effects, they tend to go away or become less bothersome as a person continues on the medication.

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