



# Can the Right Housing Stop HIV?

National Teleforum – join by phone!

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This event is hosted in collaboration with the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, the Ontario HIV Treatment Network, and the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Too many people with HIV in Canada are unstably housed – and the lack of safe, appropriate, affordable housing is hurting their health. They have lower CD4 counts, higher viral loads and are more likely to die than people with stable housing. They are also less likely to start treatment or take their medications as prescribed.

On the other hand, people with HIV or at risk who have housing and support services are much healthier. They have lower rates of depression and are better able to cope with the stresses of living with HIV. They are more likely to use medical and other services. They are also half as likely to engage in unsafe sex or drug use that can transmit the virus.

For people with HIV, housing is health and housing is prevention.

How can we make the right housing and services as accessible as drug treatments for people with HIV? Join our roundtable to talk about the role of housing in preventing and treating HIV.

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