



OHTN RESEARCH LOUNGE EVALUATION SUMMARY

August 31, 2017 @ Fabarnak

SHORT SUMMARY: Dr. Michael Fanous facilitated the discussion around PrEP accessibility and readiness. Based on the article, “Use of an HIV-risk screening tool to identify optimal candidates for PrEP scale-up among men who have sex with men in Toronto, Canada: Disconnect between objective and subjective HIV risk”, attendees discussed current challenges in accessing PrEP in Ontario and ways in which PrEP can be rolled out in different communities. Attendees also discussed about how awareness of, readiness for, and access to PrEP differ among communities. Participants identified PrEP price, potential side effects, and lack of awareness as major barriers to rolling out PrEP.

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 6

ATTENDEES WHO COMPLETED AN EVALUATION: 4 (67%)

DEMOGRAPHICS: Completed 4/4

- ▶ Community member: 1 (25%)
- ▶ Student: 1 (25%)
- ▶ Researcher/academic: 0 (0%)
- ▶ Community agency staff person: 2 (50%)

OVERALL SATISFACTION: Completed 3/4

- ▶ Good/Fabulous: 3 (100%)
- ▶ Average/Okay: 0
- ▶ Poor: 0

TOP COMMENTS

- ✓ **I loved...**
 - ▶ How much I learned about PrEP
 - ▶ The intimate conversation and the handouts
 - ▶ Discussion about stigma against HIV and PrEP
- ✓ **Wow, I didn't know this!**
 - ▶ Social changes initiated by PrEP
 - ▶ Many high-risk gay men did not know they were considered high risk for HIV infection
- ✓ **One thing I learned that I will use in my work/volunteering/life is...**
 - ▶ Create awareness of HIV and prevention in marginalized communities
 - ▶ Think about how to incorporate PrEP in my HIV 101 curriculum
 - ▶ Think about how PrEP can reduce HIV stigma