Prevention: Ending the Epidemic

More HIV testing, treatment and PrEP needed to end epidemic

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While some cities have made strides toward ending the HIV epidemic, progress at the national level has stalled. New York City recently announced that new diagnoses fell below 2,000 for the first time. San Francisco, with a population one tenth the size, saw new diagnoses dip below 200. But nationwide, around 38,000 new HIV cases still occur each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 14% of people living with HIV in 2017 did not know their status, and 37% of those diagnosed did not have an undetectable viral load. Plus, only 18% of the 1.2 million people who could benefit from pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) had a prescription in 2018. Men were three times more likely to be using PrEP than women (21% versus 7%). About 42% of eligible white people, 11% of Latinos and 6% of African Americans were on PrEP. To help close the gap, the federal government recently announced the Ready, Set, PrEP program to provide the prevention pill for free to those unable to pay.

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