Since the first National HIV/AIDS Strategy was released in 2010, major advances have transformed how we respond to HIV, provided new tools to prevent new infections, and improved access to care. With a vision for the next five years, our National HIV/AIDS Strategy has been updated to leverage these achievements and look ahead to 2020.

**Our prevention toolkit has expanded.**

- **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)**
  - *A daily pill to prevent HIV.*
  - When taken consistently, can reduce the risk of HIV by up to 92%.

- **Treatment as Prevention**
  - The risk of transmitting HIV is reduced by 96% in those who start treatment early.

**The Affordable Care Act has transformed health care access.**

- Millions more individuals now have affordable, quality health coverage.
- There is no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, like HIV.
- Preventive services, including HIV testing, are covered without co-pays.
- Protections against sex or disability discrimination in health care.

**HIV testing and treatment are recommended.**

- Federal Guidelines now recommend routine HIV screening for people aged 15 to 65.
- CDC updated recommendations for HIV testing to help labs detect infections earlier.
- Federal HIV treatment guidelines now recommend antiretroviral therapy for all people living with HIV.

**Improving HIV Care Continuum outcomes is a priority.**

- President Obama’s HIV Care Continuum Initiative directed Federal departments to increase the number of people with HIV who are:
  - diagnosed with HIV
  - linked to HIV care
  - retained in HIV care
  - prescribed HIV treatment
  - virally suppressed (having very low levels of HIV in their body).

**Research is unlocking new knowledge and tools.**

- Evidence that starting HIV treatment early lowers the risk of developing AIDS or other serious illnesses.
- New HIV testing technologies, including new diagnostic tests.
- New HIV medications with fewer side effects, less frequent dosing, and a lower risk of drug resistance.
- Continued investigation of long-acting drugs for HIV treatment and prevention, an HIV vaccine, and, ultimately, a cure.

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