

## **Generic version of Truvada available in U.S. by September 2020**

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(HealthDay)—A generic version of the HIV preexposure prophylaxis



(PrEP) drug Truvada will be available in the United States by September 2020, a year earlier than expected, according to Gilead Sciences.

"Gilead reached an agreement with Teva Pharmaceuticals in 2014 to allow the early launch of a generic version of Truvada into the market in 2020, a year earlier than required," Douglas Brooks, Gilead <u>executive</u> <u>director</u> for community engagement, wrote in an email shared with *NBC News* by the advocacy group PrEP4All.

A month's supply of generic Truvada is available in countries around the world for as little as \$70, but the drug costs \$1,600 to \$2,000 in the United States.

Activists launched a campaign to convince Gilead to make the generic drug more widely available to combat the global HIV epidemic, *NBC News* reported.

## More information: <u>NBC News Article</u>

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