

## HIV/Hep C information via Healthpoint

[Healthpoint](#) is a trusted and reliable source of HIV and Hep C information for people who wish to access services in community pharmacies that relate to the professional services they provide including the following:

- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post – exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medications significantly reduce the risk of HIV infection\*. There are approximately 500 pharmacies nationally that can offer PrEP or PEP quickly (same day or next day)
- Needle exchange services -currently about 160 community pharmacies offer this service
- Maviret dispensing is offered by almost 600 community pharmacies. (Maviret is a medicine that is used to successfully treat hepatitis C)
- Hepatitis C point of care testing is offered at almost 100 community pharmacies.

This website information, which is reviewed by each of the pharmacies in a 4 monthly review cycle accurately reflects which pharmacies offer the above services nationally and is an important resource for primary care and local communities.

Pharmacies have the ability to edit their web page, so the customer /doctor / nurse can be confident that the community pharmacy still offers the listed service.

\* Although there is no cure for HIV, it can be controlled by combination prevention using medications such as PrEP and PEP. PrEP is a prevention strategy for individuals who do not have HIV and are at risk of being exposed to the virus through sexual contact. It should be taken before exposure to the virus.

PEP is a prevention strategy for individuals who do not have HIV but were exposed once during a single high-risk incident, such as contact with infected blood or semen from an infected individual.