

PrEP Evolution in Ukraine: **Scaling up CAB-LA and Navigating the Path to Lenacapavir**

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The National PrEP Ecosystem: Infrastructure and Access

•**Legal Foundation & Strategic Goals:** PrEP targets and guarantees are legally defined within the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, the Operational Plan, and the Law on Countering HIV and Protecting the Rights of People Living with HIV.

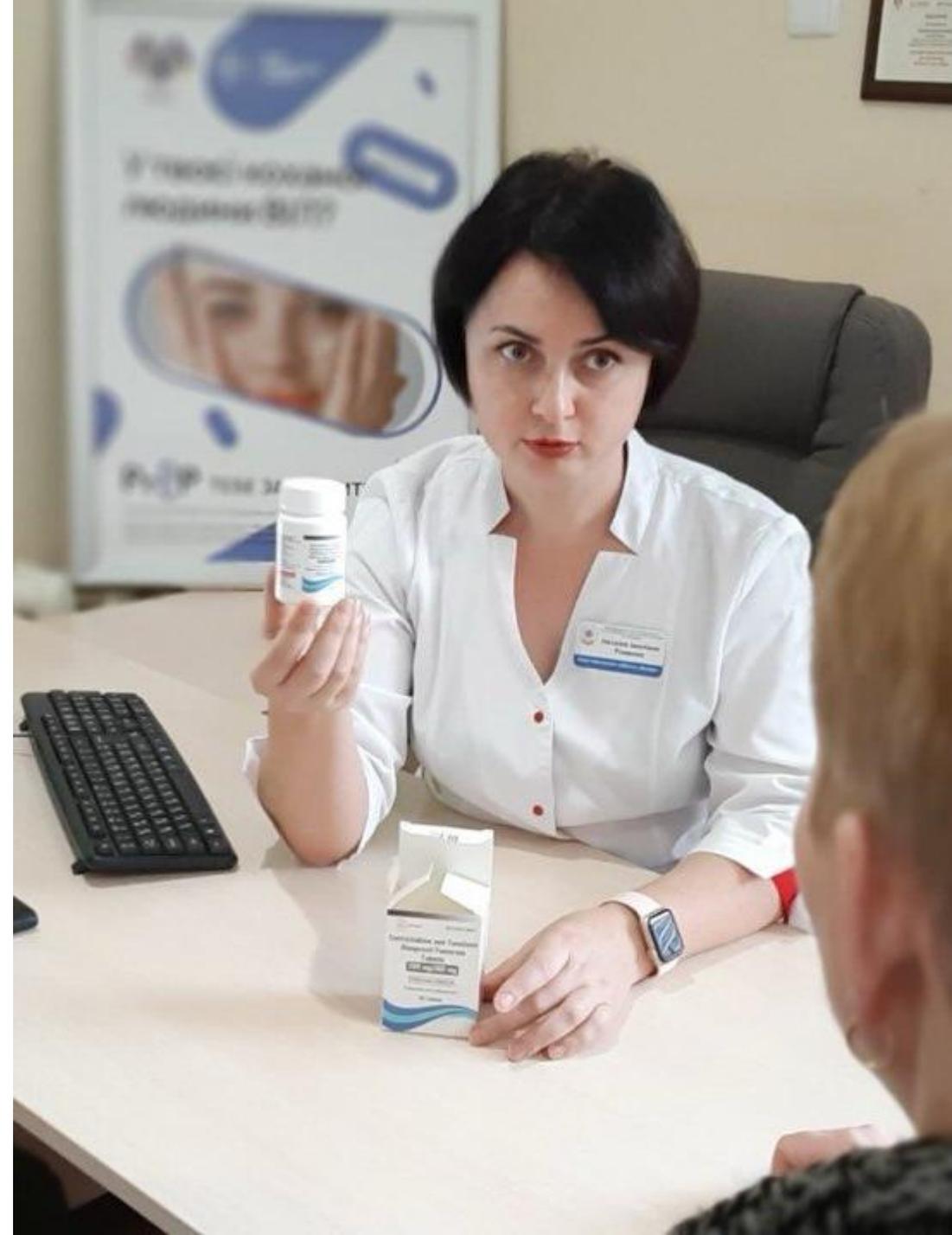
•**Free-of-Charge Services:** PrEP services are provided free of charge to all clients, funded through the Program of Medical Guarantees in collaboration with the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHSU).



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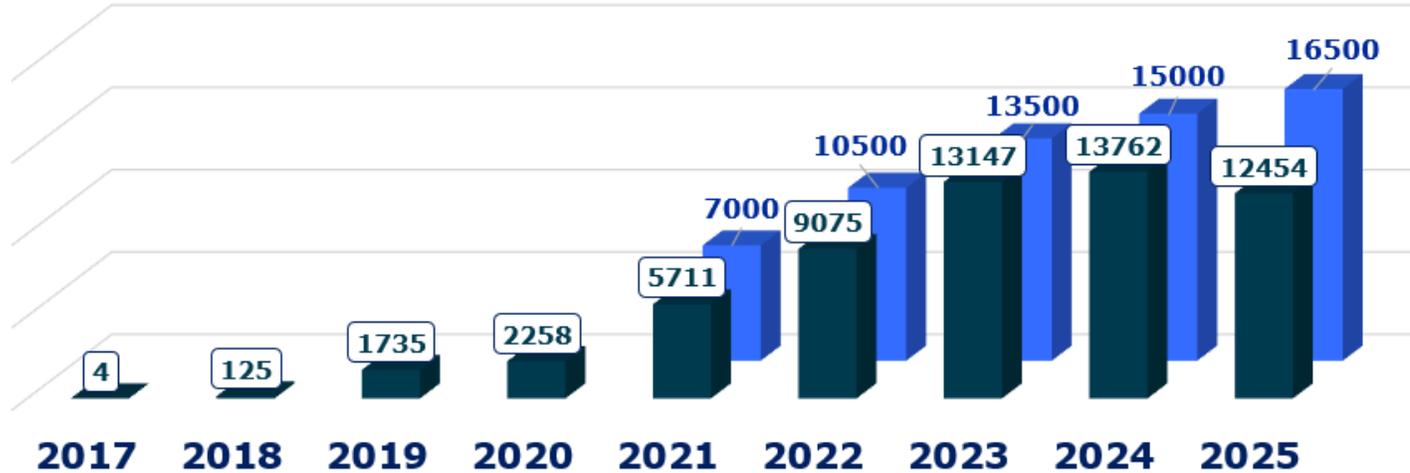
•**Provider Network:** Services are delivered through a broad network of medical facilities under the Ministry of Health, SCES Institutions and the National Academy of Medical Sciences.

•**Digital Monitoring & Evaluation:** Patient tracking and service delivery are managed via the Medical Information System (IS SSD), including electronic health records (EHR), real-time analytical data, key performance indicators, and automated monitoring reports



Current Landscape

Number of clients who received PrEP services at least once during the year (2017–2025)



■ Number of clients who received PrEP services at least once ■ Targets



Хочеш почуватися у безпеці від ВІЛ-інфекції?



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 Доконтактна профілактика (pre-експозитивна профілактика, PrEP) – це прийом антиретровірусних препаратів для зниження ризику інфікування ВІЛ.
 Поворотної профілактики PrEP є додатковим методом зменшення ризику інфікування ВІЛ для осіб з високим ризиком інфікування. У рамках PrEP може бути використано трансфар (TDF) або його комбінація з етріквітабіном (FTC) чи ламівудинем (3TC).
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Implementation of CAB-LA

2023

Ukraine was selected as one of PEPFAR's partner countries to **expand the implementation of CAB-LA**



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The Working Group on the organization of the introduction of injectable drugs for HIV prevention has been created

The Roadmap for the introduction of long-acting cabotegravir (CAB-LA) as a PrEP in Ukraine was created and approved

The protocol of the clinical management of CAB-LA clients was developed and agreed (inclusion criteria, contraindications, clinical and laboratory monitoring, injection schedule)

Negotiations were held with representatives of health care facilities in Lviv and Kyiv, consent was obtained to participate in the implementation of CAB-LA

Medical and social workers were selected for the "implementation teams" in Kyiv and Lviv, 12 specialists were selected

The two-day training on the implementation of CAB-LA in Ukraine was held on September 12-13, 2023

Changes have been made to the IS SSD

The communication framework for CAB-LA implementation in Ukraine has been developed

Online meetings were held with the "implementation teams" of Kyiv and Lviv

An information campaign about CAB-LA has started

Projects of SOPs, client routes have been developed



Implementation of CAB-LA

2024

CAB-LA has registered in Ukraine

A press briefing on the implementation of CAB-LA in Ukraine was held

An online questionnaire has been launched to form a list of interested clients in obtaining CAB-LA

The information campaign on the introduction of CAB-LA as PrEP in Ukraine continues

Syringes, injection needles and HIV antigen/antibody tests were purchased

Ukraine received long-acting cabotegravir in the amount of 1350 vials

The first long-acting cabotegravir injection was administered



**August 15,
2024 Kyiv**



**August 23,
2024 Lviv**

Implementation of CAB-LA

2025

Training on long-acting cabotegravir was conducted for healthcare professionals from all regions and social workers

The **implementation has been expanded** to the Chernihiv region (August, 2025)

A new supply of long-acting cabotegravir (4,050 vials) has been received (October, 2025)

The rollout is being expanded to all regions of Ukraine



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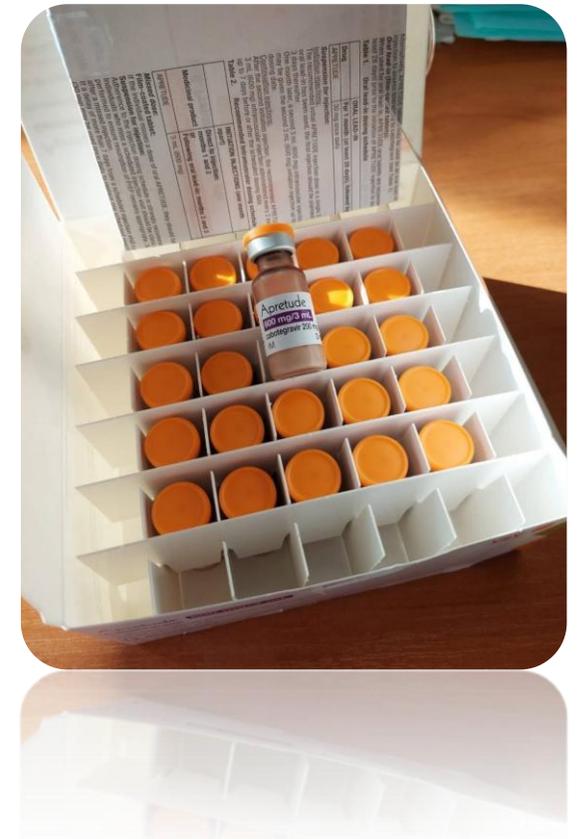
November-December, 2025
Kirovohrad, Kharkiv, Volyn, Zhytomyr, Cherkasy, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Rivne, Mykolaiv, Kyiv region, Odesa city, Donetsk region (the healthcare facility has been relocated to Dnipropetrovsk region)

2026
Expansion to all regions of Ukraine (except for Luhansk region due to the temporary occupation of the territory) and SCESU facilities

Implementation of CAB-LA

CAB-LA Implementation Results as of January 1, 2026

Region	CAB-LA initiations	Number of individuals who returned after the 1st injection	Number of individuals continuing CAB-LA after the initial two doses	Discontinued
<i>Kyiv city</i>	127	118	111	35
<i>Lviv</i>	88	77	64	33
<i>Chernihiv</i>	31	17	12	0
<i>Kirovohrad</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>Kharkiv</i>	6	6	0	0
<i>Volyn</i>	2	0	0	0
<i>Donetsk</i>	1	1	0	0
<i>Zhytomyr</i>	2	0	0	0
<i>Odesa</i>	1	0	0	0
<i>Cherkasy</i>	1	0	0	0
<i>Sumy</i>	2	0	0	0
<i>Zaporizhzhia</i>	5	2	0	1
<i>Rivne</i>	4	0	0	0
<i>Mykolaiv</i>	3	0	0	0
<i>Kyiv region</i>	2	0	0	0



Implementation of CAB-LA



The implementation of CAB-LA PrEP in Ukraine demonstrates that this long-acting injectable HIV prevention strategy is

- ✓ *feasible,*
- ✓ *acceptable,*
- ✓ *effective*

We simply live in a modern world, and when you have the opportunity to protect yourself from something, and it's available, why not take advantage of that

I'm finishing my medical degree now, so I understand that I have elevated creatinine. And, well, that's one of the contraindications for using oral PrEP. So, when I found out that there was a long-acting injectable option, I thought about it, and then I agreed."

Clients reported high levels of satisfaction and positive experiences, confirming CAB-LA as a client-centered and effective HIV prevention option.

The main benefit of the injection is that I have more time to just go and live my life and not be tied to taking pills. I often forget to take them and then I'm like, 'Well, whatever happens, happens.' But with the injection, you come, you get it, and you're free to live your life for two months. You just set a reminder for the specific day when you'll need to set aside time to come back for the next shot



Steps for the Implementation of Lenacapavir in Ukraine

Institutional Framework

- **Working Group Re-established:** PHC Order approved to update the membership and mandate of the **Working Group on Injectable HIV Prevention**.
- **Multi-Sectoral Collaboration:** Includes Ministry of Defense, SCES (Penitentiary), Government/NGO sectors, and International Donors and Partners.
- **Strategic Roadmap:** Officially approved the **Roadmap for Scaling Long-Acting PrEP Implementation** nationwide.

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Operational Structure (Thematic Subgroups)

- **Governance:** Coordination, organizational measures, and regulatory updates.
- **Supply Chain:** Pharmaceutical management, logistics, and medical supply provision.
- **Digital & Training:** Integration into E-health systems and healthcare provider capacity building.
- **Impact:** Information campaigns and comprehensive implementation monitoring & evaluation (M&E).

«The partnership between governments, the private sector, and civil society is not just a strategic option, but a clinical necessity»— Kofi Annan

The coordinated efforts of the government, NGOs, and international partners that enabled the roll-out of cabotegravir have created a sustainable model. This partnership is now our strongest asset as we move toward the next frontier: the implementation of lenacapavir

