I WAS ASSAULTED

What's next?

If you get help within 3 days of being exposed, PEP can protect you from HIV and other diseases, and can help you avoid becoming pregnant.

PEP can help you to cope with trauma through counseling.

Remember – PEP is not a substitute for safe sex. Using condoms is the best way to protect yourself from HIV.

What happens when I go to the clinic?

When you come in, a caring doctor will:

» Treat your injuries

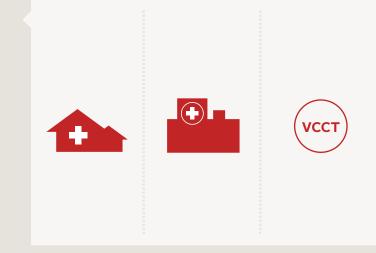
>> Test for HIV, other infections, and pregnancy
>> Help you decide if PEP is right for you



Where can I get PEP?

Not every medical center in PNG can provide PEP. If you have been raped or had unprotected sex, you can access PEP through:

- » the Family Support Centre at your local hospital
- » your local, government-run community health clinic
- » an HIV Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing (VCCT) Centre



What happens if I decide to take PEP?

You will receive:

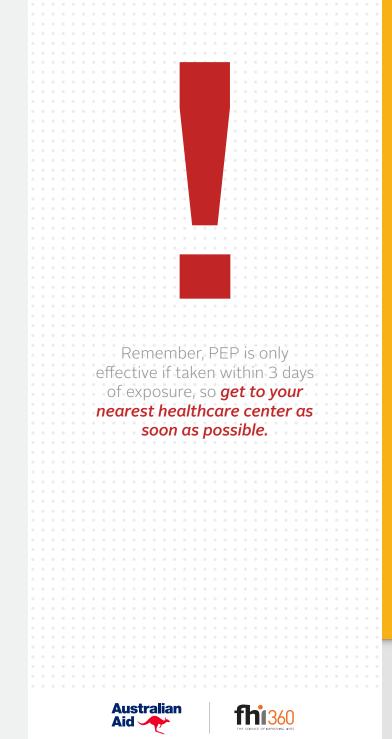
- » Pills to protect you from HIV
- » Treatment to avoid other infections
- » Medicine to prevent unwanted pregnancy

If you've been raped, PEP may protect you from HIV up to **72 hours** after exposure.

What's PEP?

Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is medicine to protect you from HIV if you have been raped or had sex without a condom.

You need to start PEP within 72 hours (3 days) of being exposed to HIV. If you think you need PEP, get to a clinic as soon as possible.



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