

YOU CAN SAY YES

If you are a minor, aged 13 to 17, you can consent on your own to HIV treatment, HIV testing, and HIV prevention.

If you are a minor (13-17) you can consent to:

HIV Treatment

Is very effective.

Has few or no side effects.

May involve taking just one pill once a day.

If you are a minor and you are diagnosed as living with HIV you can consent to your own HIV treatment. Get started on medication right away. The goal is to start treatment the same day, or within 3 days whenever possible.

HIV Testing

You do not need anyone's permission to ask your provider (doctor) for an HIV test.

HIV testing can be as simple as an oral (mouth) swab or fingerprick.

Check out www.hivtestny.org for information about HIV testing and to find sites that offer HIV testing near you.

HIV Prevention

PrEP: A pill is taken every day, BEFORE any possible exposure to HIV.

PEP: Medication is taken AFTER possible exposure to HIV. Go to an emergency room or sexual health clinic as soon as you can, best if within 2 hours. PEP won't work if it's started after 72 hours.