How To Take Doxy PEP

Taking Doxy PEP (the antibiotic doxycycline) after condomless sex — oral, anal or vaginal/front-hole sex when a condom is not used for the entire time — lowers your chance of getting syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia.

Doxy PEP works best if taken within 24 hours of condomless sex.

Sex daily (or more)
Take two 100-milligram (mg) pills of doxycycline within 24 hours (and no later than 72 hours) after condomless sex.

Take doxycycline as often as every day when having condomless sex but do not take more than 200 mg (two 100 mg pills) in a 24-hour period.

Take the last dose at least 24 hours after the previous one and within 72 hours of the last time you had condomless sex.

Acceptable time frame

Ideal time frame

24 hours
48 hours
72 hours

Take two pills after sex

For up-to-date information on Sexual Health Clinic services, locations and hours, scan the QR code, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/health/sexualhealthclinics. To make an Express Clinic appointment for STI rapid testing, visit bit.ly/sti-scheduling. For telemedicine services related to HIV, STI, contraception and medication abortion, call the Sexual Health Clinic hotline at 347-396-7959, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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