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# What are rectal microbicides?

Currently in development, a rectal microbicide is a product that could be available as a lubricant, gel, douche, or an enema and used rectally to reduce a person's risk of HIV infection.

Rectal microbicides could offer both primary protection in the absence of condoms and back-up protection if a condom breaks or slips off during anal intercourse.

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