

Dear Colleague,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines in June 2015, and we would like to ensure healthcare providers are aware of the guidelines. All Georgia physicians, laboratories and other health care providers are required by law to [report the following STDs to the GA Department of Public Health](#): chancroid, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, gonorrhea, HIV/AIDS, lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) and syphilis. Reports can be made by phone, mail or fax to your local health department or by our electronic database (sendss.ga.gov).

The CDC highlighted these key updates when they introduced the 2015 guidelines:

1. Alternative treatment regimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*;
2. The use of nucleic acid amplification tests for the diagnosis of trichomoniasis;
3. Alternative treatment options for genital warts;
4. The role of *Mycoplasma genitalium* in urethritis/cervicitis and treatment-related implications;
5. Updated HPV vaccine recommendations and counseling messages;
6. The management of persons who are transgender;
7. Annual testing for hepatitis C in persons with HIV infection;
8. Updated recommendations for diagnostic evaluation of urethritis; and
9. Retesting to detect repeat infection.

Please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm> to view the guidelines in full, as well as a printable pocket guide and wall chart that provide current dosing recommendations for all STDs. Additionally, the CDC has an app that serves as a quick reference guide to the identification and treatment of STDs for both Android and Apple devices. These resources are valuable tools in ensuring consistent/standard of care in following the most effective and up to date recommendations in treating the patients we serve throughout the state. Finally, as a reminder, when entering case submissions in SendSS, please complete all required fields; this enables us to relay population statistics in a timely manner. The required fields include **patient name, address, race/ethnicity, DOB, pregnancy status, provider and lab information, and treatment**. Incomplete cases must be followed up individually, which takes both time and resources of the providers and the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the DPH STD Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local district health office, or call the Georgia Department of Public Health at 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584).

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