

STI Takeaways for Providers in Alexandria

Chlamydia

- Providers in Virginia can write prescriptions or provide treatment for partners of patients with chlamydia and gonorrhea. Learn more about Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) at this Virginia Department of Health [VDH EPT Fact Sheet](#).

Gonorrhea

- Ceftriaxone and injectable treatment for contacts to gonorrhea can be administered by pharmacists or private providers without the full expense of a sick visit and testing.

HIV

- [Learn More about nPEP and PrEP Guidance](#) and prescribe nPEP or PrEP to prevent infections.

Syphilis

- Offer syphilis testing for all pregnant persons coming in for urgent or emergency care to identify infections that could lead to congenital syphilis. Pregnant persons can walk-in to Alexandria Health Department (AHD) for a free syphilis test.
- AHD currently has adequate supplies of Bicillin and the visit cost and treatment are free.
- Acquire patients' past syphilis testing and treatment histories from AHD Public Health Nurses at 703.746.6956 or Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) 703.746.4849 to facilitate staging and treatment recommendations.
- Contact DIS at 703.746.4849 to help notify sexual contacts and facilitate testing and treatment.
- Review [VDH resources for current Syphilis Testing and Treatment Guidelines](#).

Comprehensive Sexual Health

- Take comprehensive sexual histories to identify sites to test (vaginal, urethral, rectal, and/or pharyngeal). Stay up to date on sexual health recommendations and STI services:
 - [CDC Guide to Taking a Sexual History](#) – increase comfort with taking a sexual history.
 - [Inova Juniper Program Education Services](#) – customized training programs and clinical consultation.
 - Download the [CDC STI Treatment Guide Mobile app](#)
- Consult with an expert at the [STD Clinical Consultation Portal](#).
- Develop systems within the Electronic Health Record to offer **opt-out** full HIV and STI testing when a person is being evaluated for a single STI. This can identify asymptomatic infections.
- Report cases through the [VDH Confidential Morbidity Reporting Portal](#), call 703.746.4951, or fax 703.746.4953.
- Refer persons (cases or contacts) needing free STI treatment to AHD at 703.746.4888 for an appointment.
- Encourage those with an STI to refer their partners for treatment as a contact if EPT is not provided.
- Persons can walk-in to AHD for pregnancy tests at a flat fee of \$7.50.
- Consider ordering [DoxyPEP](#) for gay and transgender people who have unprotected sex to prevent bacterial STIs.

