



Public Health: Communicable Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Contact Tracing



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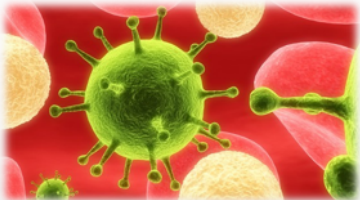
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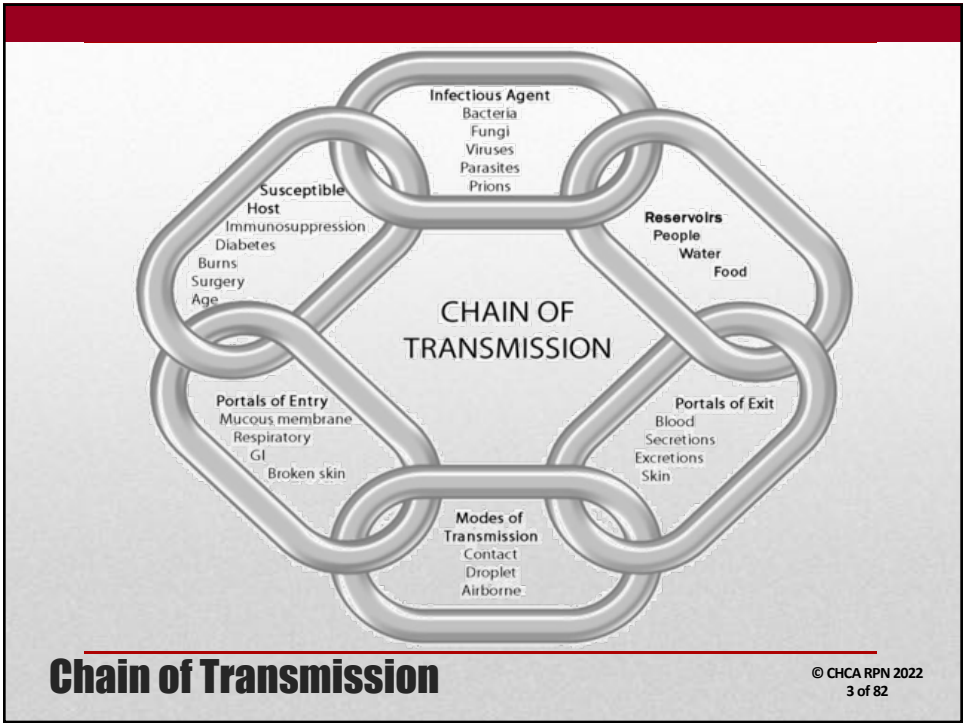


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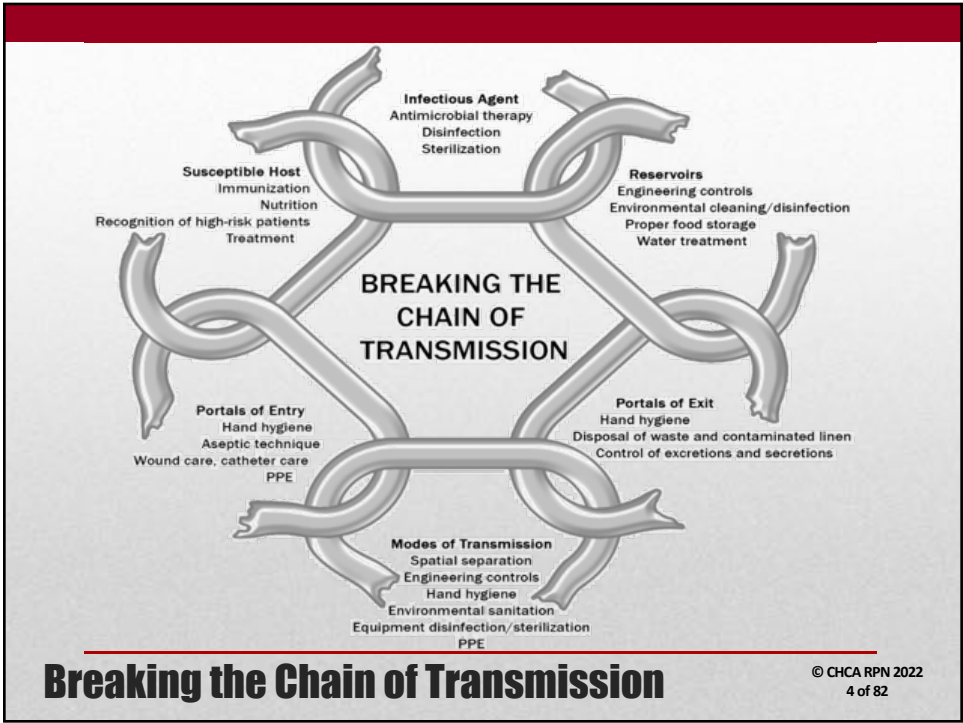
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History:

- Onset of symptoms
- Presence of symptoms: e.g. fever, pain, rash, cough, vomiting, diarrhea
- Contact with ill persons
- Dietary history
- Recent travel

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Physical Examination:

- Vital signs
- Inspection
- Palpation
- Auscultation

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Communicable Disease Control and Management

Confirm Diagnosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review lab slip Review Appendix B (IDP) to confirm case definition and if reportable
Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate history of the disease Counselling Treatment of disease or symptoms if needed Immunization or immunoglobulin
Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare list based on mode of transmission and incubation period Recommend testing or treatment
Prevention Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education Targeted education Community immunization blitz Harm reduction
Outbreak Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered in subsequent presentation
Surveillance and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete appropriate forms and submit to CD nurse Monitor for increased cases in the community that may indicate an outbreak

Infection Prevention and Control

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Control of the Environment

- cleaning equipment, sharps containers, PPE, hand hygiene, safety engineered medical devices

Administrative Controls

- Policies and Procedures, staff education, immunization programs, respiratory etiquette

Personal Protective Equipment

- prevent exposure by placing a barrier.
 - Gloves
 - Gowns
 - Masks
 - Eye protection
 - N95 Respirators (eg. mandatory mask fit testing)

Additional precautions

- signage, client isolation, dedicated equipment etc.

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VIDEO - Donning and Doffing Personal Protective Equipment

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- Gastroenteritis (Bacterial & Giardiasis)
- Varicella
- Viral Hepatitis
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- Fifth Disease
- Invasive Group A Streptococcal (GAS) Infection
- Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome
- Mononucleosis (Infectious)
- Rabies Exposure
- Tuberculosis

Common Communicable Diseases

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- William Bear, a 23 year old male attended a community feast last night.
- He attends his appointment with complaints of sudden and frequent loose stools which started after the community feast.

Clinical presentation #1 - William

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Bacterial gastroenteritis is a bacterial infection of the gastrointestinal tract. There are many different causes:


- E. Coli
- Campylobacter
- C. difficile (recent antibiotic use)
- Salmonella
- Shigella



Bacterial Gastroenteritis

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Salmonella

- Transmission by fecal-oral route
- Carried by domestic and wild animals (poultry and pets)
- Symptoms appear: 1-2 days
- Resolves: 3-6 days
- Symptoms: sudden colicky abdominal pain, watery brown stools and **may** contain blood and mucous, fever, N/V

OR




Shigella

- Transmission by direct or indirect fecal-oral route
- Ingestion of contaminated food or water or contact with feces of infected humans
- Symptoms appear: 2-4 days
- Resolves: 4-8 days
- Symptoms: sudden fever, anorexia, vomiting, solid stools at first then watery brown **with mucous, blood and pus**

Bacterial Gastroenteritis

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Viral gastroenteritis
- Parasitic gastroenteritis (eg, giardiasis)
- Ulcerative colitis

Bacterial Gastroenteritis

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Clinical Diagnosis

- Treat based on clinical findings, particularly dehydration and consultation with MD/ NP
- Obtain stool sample (3 consecutive samples preferred) prior to initiating antibacterial treatment
- Repeat in 1-2 weeks to ensure clearance of infection
- Infection with Salmonella, Shigella and E. Coli are reportable communicable diseases.



Gastroenteritis

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Red Flag Scenario:

- Monitor for dehydration, provide Small amounts of Oral Rehydration when possible, or initiate IV if moderate to severe.

Management:

Pharmacologic Intervention

- If nausea and vomiting are present:
 - dimenhydrinate (Gravol), 25–50 mg IM or IV STAT, then 50 mg PO or PR q4–6h PRN
- IMPORTANT: Do NOT give anti-diarrheal medication (Imodium/ loperamide) as this will slow bacterial clearance
- Consult MD/NP for clients who are immunocompromised and those who have severe symptoms/ dehydration prior to initiating antibacterial treatment.



Bacterial Gastroenteritis

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Causes:

- *Giardia lamblia* parasite, transmitted by fecal-oral contact
- Person-to-person, ingestion of contaminated water, or ***venereal transmission by sexually active individuals (particularly homosexual men)***

Symptoms:

- Sudden onset of explosive, watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea/vomiting, foul flatus

Giardiasis Gastroenteritis

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Gastroenteritis (viral, bacterial)
- Amebiasis
- Bacterial overgrowth syndromes
- Crohn's ileitis
- Irritable bowel syndrome

Clinical Diagnosis:

- Stool for C&S and Ova and Parasites (3 samples in 2-day intervals)

Management:

- Consult MD/NP generally not needed unless considering a community outbreak.
- Antibacterial, anti-protozoan to treat infection: metronidazole (Flagyl), 250 mg PO TID x 5 days
- Follow up daily for dehydrated patients

Giardiasis Gastroenteritis

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Virus	Route of Transmission	Incubation Time (days)
Hepatitis A	Fecal-Oral	15-50
Hepatitis B	Parenteral, sexual, perinatal	45-180
Hepatitis C	Parenteral	14-180
Hepatitis D	Parenteral; only present with Hep B	14-56
Hepatitis E	Fecal-Oral	14-60

Symptoms:

- Fever (common in Hep A), nausea/vomiting, lethargy, dark urine, abdominal pain, jaundiced skin and sclera, tender liver on palpation.
- Clinical manifestation of Hepatitis Infection are similar and it is difficult to distinguish between symptoms to diagnose specific virus.
- Clinical History of risk factors may be helpful for diagnosis.
- Serologic testing needed for diagnosis.
- Also, Liver Function Tests, INR, Glucose and Bilirubin. (consult)


Viral Hepatitis

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Hepatic cancer
- Cirrhosis
- Infectious mononucleosis
- Alcohol-induced hepatitis
- Drug-induced hepatitis



Viral Hepatitis

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- Hepatitis is a reportable communicable disease. In most cases no specific therapy is indicated, and it usually resolves spontaneously in 4–8 weeks without complications or sequelae.
- Clients are most infective before the onset of jaundice. Virus may be shed for up to 1 week after jaundice appears.

Goals of Treatment

- Prevent disease
- Minimize liver damage
- Reduce spread of infection

Appropriate Consultation

- Consult MD/NP for all cases, except those that are clearly mild hepatitis A and for any client who is acutely ill at the time of presentation.



Viral Hepatitis

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Hepatitis C

- often tested for when starting Suboxone, or during initial prenatal workup.
- Ensure the date of symptom onset is recorded (helps the epidemiologist determine if its newly acquired or older infection)

Management

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol), 325 mg 1–2 tabs PO q4h PRN.
- *Use with caution as acetaminophen is metabolized by liver*
- Dimenhydrinate (Gravol), 50 mg PO q6h PRN

Viral Hepatitis

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HEPATITIS CASE MANAGEMENT FORM
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch – Ontario Region

Health Canada

CASE NUMBER: _____ UPDATE: ☐

Hep B: ☐ Hep C: ☐

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Specify: _____

Pregnant: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current residency: ☐ ON RESERVE ☐ OFF RESERVE

Current place of residence (community/institution): _____

REASONS FOR TESTING (Select ALL that apply) UPDATE: ☐

☐ Symptomatic ☐ Contact of Hep C case ☐ Treatment program (suboxone, detox)

☐ Risk factors ☐ Contact of Hep B case ☐ Other (please specify): _____

☐ Elevated liver enzymes ☐ Prenatal testing

HISTORY OF HEPATITIS UPDATE: ☐

Symptomatic: ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, select all that apply and place date of first symptom onset) _____

☐ Jaundice ☐ Loss of appetite ☐ Malaise

☐ Nausea ☐ Abdominal discomfort ☐ Fatigue

☐ Dark urine ☐ Clay colour stools ☐ Other (please specify): _____

RISK FACTORS HISTORY (Select ALL that apply) UPDATE: ☐

Infant of infected mother ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Tissue/Organ transplantation ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Hemodialysis ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Blood products prior to 1992 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Needle stick injury ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Household contact of hep case ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Had blood/body fluid contact as a result of an occupational exposure ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Had blood/body fluid contact as a result of a medical procedure ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Has been incarcerated ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ If yes, duration: _____

Had unprotected sex ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ If yes, how many partners: _____

EXPOSURE

	Never	Within the last 3 months	Within the last 12 months	More than 12 months ago
Injected or snorted drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared needles, syringes, or other equipment used for injecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How many partners did the client share them with	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared a straw, crack-pipe or other devices for inhalation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How many partners did the client share them with	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Body piercing/cutting/tattooing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had sexual contact with a hepatitis B (HBV) positive person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had sexual contact with a hepatitis C (HCV) positive person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had sexual contact with an injection/snorting drug user (IDU)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nurse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

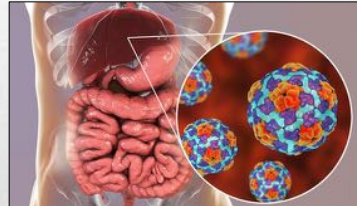
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Advise community members about the following preventive measures:

- Water purification (boiling of water for 1 minute of a rolling boil) before drinking
- Impeccable hand-washing to reduce fecal-oral spread
- Sanitary disposal of fecal material
- Use of separate linens and dishes may be helpful but proper cleansing of these items is more important

(see CPG for guidance)



Hepatitis A Immunization is considered the first line of treatment in post-exposure prophylaxis in some jurisdictions.

Community Outbreaks of Hepatitis A

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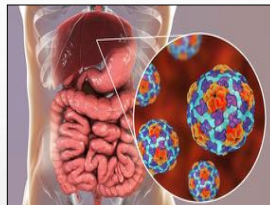
- HIV attacks an individual's immune system until it grows weak
- Time that it takes to affect a person's immune system varies widely between people
- Can be managed as a chronic illness with antiretroviral medication



Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

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Clinical characteristics:

- Insidious onset of disease, fever, diarrhea, weight loss, fatigue

May present with infections such as:

- *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia, Cryptosporidiosis, Toxoplasmosis
- May have unusual cancers or conditions like wasting syndrome, or encephalopathy

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) © CHCA RPN 2022
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- Sierra Kakegamick, a 2 year old female attends the clinic with her grandmother and mother with history of fever for two days and complaints of a red, itchy rash on her torso starting this morning.
- Her family moved back to Ontario from Manitoba when she was 15 months old, and her immunizations were overlooked.
- She was recently in Thunder Bay with her parents.



Clinical presentation #2 - Sierra

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Causes:

- Varicella Zoster Virus
- Direct contact or inhalation of airborne droplets
- Incubation: 13-17 days, up to 3 weeks

History:

- Slight fever, skin lesions, mild constitutional symptoms

Immunizations:

- Varicella immunizations received at 15 months and 4 years should provide lifelong immunity.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

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Differential Diagnosis:

- Scabies
- Impetigo
- Herpes Simplex
- Coxsackie Virus Infection

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

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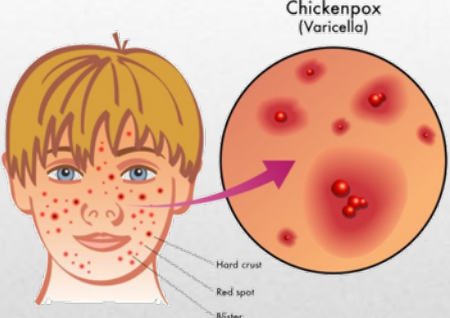
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Management:

- Calamine Lotion or Oatmeal baths
- Acetaminophen 10-15mg/kg PO, q4-6hr PRN
- Diphenhydramine

Consult MD/NP for:

- Antiviral therapy
- Immuno-compromised hosts
- Varicella Zoster Immunoglobulin (VZIG)



Chickenpox is reportable in some jurisdictions, check with your CDC Nurse

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

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Cause:

- Human parvovirus B19

Transmission:

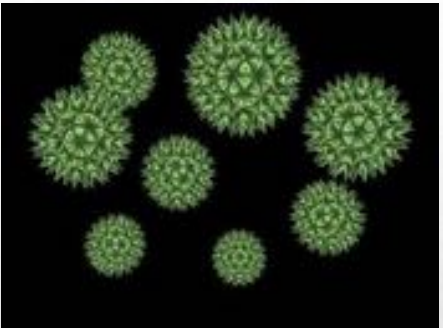
- Respiratory secretions,

Incubation:

- 7-10 days, but can range from 4-21 days

Contagion:

- Once rash appears, no longer communicable



CAUTION: Pregnant Women

Erythema Infectiosum (Fifth Disease)

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Differential Diagnosis:

- Hand-foot-and-mouth disease (Coxsackie)
- Rubeola
- Parotitis
- Rubella
- Scarlet fever




Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

Erythema Infectiosum (Fifth Disease)

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Management:

- Avoid excessive heat or sunlight
- Acetaminophen 10-15mg/kg PO, q4-6hr PRN

Pregnant Women: Check Titre levels

Erythema Infectiosum (Fifth Disease)

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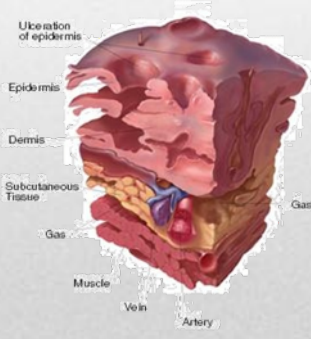
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Causes

- Group A Streptococcus
- Risk increases with underlying disease such as diabetes mellitus, chronic heart, lung or kidney problems, and cancer

Symptoms


- Fever
- Severe pain around the injury site



Invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS)

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INVASIVE GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (iGAS) ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE FORM

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch – Ontario Region

Please complete this form for all iGAS cases and submit by fax or email to the CD nurse

Attention: CDC Nurse
Fax #: 807-343-5348

All dates on these forms should be entered in DD/MM/YY format.
For example, October 01, 2017 is entered as 01/OCT/17.

PART A: To be completed from the patient's medical chart before the interview (Part B)

Administrative Information

Date CHN initially notified of case: / /
Initial and date each time form is updated and faxed: / /
Date CHN nurse notified: / /
Initially interview by:
Date interviewed: / /

Client Demographics

Client Name:
Sex:
IT child - Parent's name:
Date of Birth:
Client Address:
Name of Current Community:
Do you currently live ON RESERVE? Yes No
Residency (check all that apply in the last 1 month):
ON RESERVE: Psychiatric facility, Residential facility, Rehab/transition house, Boarding house, Relative's home, Other
OFF RESERVE: Home, Correctional facility, Shelter, Hostel, Other institution (e.g. nursing home), Other
Postal Code:
Home Phone #:
Physician Ref:
Address:
Telephone:

Type: Case Contact Both
Case Classification: Confirmed case (sample from sterile site) Non-sterile site with evidence of clinical severity
Person under investigation Does not meet definition
The section below may be completed with information from the lab report:
Specimen collected for culture (i.e., blood, CSF, sputum, wound swab, etc.):
Collection Date (YYYY/MM/DD):
Result:

Form type:
8 page document!!
Revised Sept 2018

Recent upsurge in Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

- Initially presents as impetigo, Scarlet fever etc.
- Becomes invasive GAS if Cardiac, Renal, or Neurological systems involved.
- Recent case of a group of several teens with increased BP, hematuria and edema, and all had a recent hx of strep throat.
- All developed acute post-strep glomerulonephritis – medevac'd to ICU.
- Comm Dx. and Public Health response: within 1 week, screened every child in the community for open sores, scabies, proteinuria, BP and Rapid Strep.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

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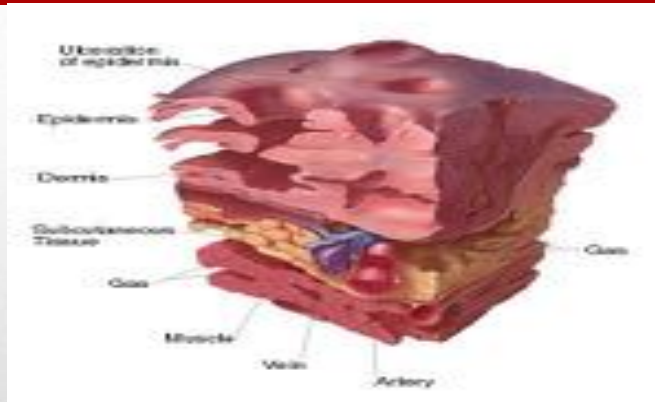
Must present with following clinical signs within 48 hours:

- Hypotension (SBP \leq 90 mmHg)
- 2 or more of:
 - Renal impairment
 - Coagulopathy
 - Liver involvement
 - Acute respiratory distress syndrome

Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Cellulitis
- Sepsis
- Septic Shock

Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome

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Management:

- Oxygen 6 – 10 L/min or more prn
- Keep oxygen saturation > 97%
- Start IV therapy with normal saline TKVO
- Consult for Medevac and to initiate antibiotics

Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome

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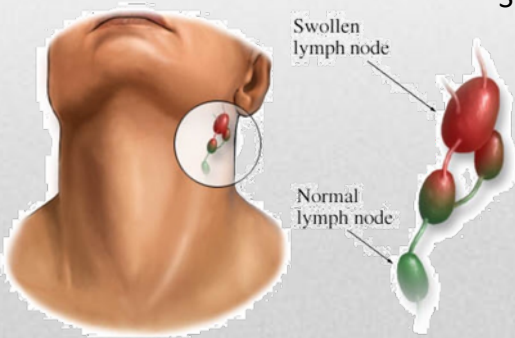
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Causes:

- Epstein-Barr virus
- Oral transmission (saliva)

Symptoms:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Swollen lymph glands



Mononucleosis (Infectious)

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Group A streptococcal (GAS) pharyngitis
- Hepatitis
- Viral pharyngitis
- Cytomegalovirus infection
- Toxoplasmosis

Bloodwork:

- CBC (increased WBC count)
- Monospot

Mononucleosis (Infectious)

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Management:

- Ibuprofen (Motrin), 200 mg, 1–2 tabs PO q6h prn **OR**
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol), 325 mg, 1–2 tabs PO q4h prn

Mononucleosis (Infectious)

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Causes:

- Transmitted by saliva from rabid animal bite that penetrates the skin

Initial Symptoms:

- Headache, fever, malaise, poor appetite, tingling or itching at the bite site

Symptoms after 2-10 days:

- Hyper excitability, anxiety, hyper salivation, muscle spasms, delirium, convulsions

Rabies Exposure

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Differential Diagnoses:

- Delirium tremens
- Drug reaction
- Acute psychosis
- Tetanus
- Meningitis

Important to complete and submit Rabies reporting form to Communicable Disease Nurse and Environmental Health Officer as soon as possible

Rabies Exposure

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Pharmacologic Intervention:

IMOVAX Rabies 1 mL IM on days 0, 3, 7, 14 and 28

AND

Rabies Immune Globulin (HyperRAB S/D) by pt. weight

- If anatomically feasible, the full dose of Rabies Immune Globulin should be infiltrated into area around and into exposed wounds
- Any remaining volume should be injected IM at a site distant from vaccine administration (eg. opposite limb).
- If multiple wounds, all sites should be infiltrated, if possible

Public Health Unit/ CDC Nurse will collaborate with CHN to ship the treatment into community ASAP. (not normally stocked in community)

The client should not have live vaccines within 4 months of being given Rabies Immune Globulin.

Rabies Exposure

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Cause:

- Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacterium

Symptoms:

- Chronic cough, lasting ≥3 weeks
- Hemoptysis
- Fever
- Night sweats
- Fatigue
- Weight loss

A cartoon illustration showing a doctor in a white coat and tie, looking confused with his hand raised, asking "TB OR NOT TB ... THAT IS THE QUESTION!". A female patient in a white lab coat looks back at him and says, "WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO A MANTOUX TEST?".

- Spread by droplet (talking, singing coughing)
- Multiplies in the alveoli
- LATENT: Immune system builds a wall around the infection
- ACTIVE: Immune system unable to suppress = transmissible.
- 10% of Latent infections will develop into active, often when health declines or with aging.

Tuberculosis

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Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)

Delegated procedure

Recipient Client/Patients:

- Contacts of active TB cases
- Routine screening of 4 and 14 year olds in TBZ and MFZ
- Routine Screening of 4 year olds with no BCG History in Lac Seul, Pikangikum, Poplar Hill, Sandy Lake and Mishkeegogamang
- When required prior to giving BCG

The illustration shows a person's forearm being injected with a tuberculin skin test. A hand wearing a yellow nitrile glove holds a syringe, injecting fluid into the inner aspect of the forearm. Labels point to the 'Forearm' and the 'Needle'. The text 'TB Skin Test' is written at the bottom right of the illustration.

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	Indigenous Services Canada Services aux Autochtones Canada	Tuberculin Skin Test Form
* Indicates required information.		
Client Demographic Information		
*Community Name: _____		
*Client's Name: _____		
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		
Alternate Name: _____		
DOB: DD-MM-YYYY _____		
*Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Undifferentiated		
*Unique Identifier (OHP #) _____		
*Panorama Identifier: _____		
*Residence Number: _____		
Tuberculin Screening Questions (to be completed by the Community Health Nurse - look in client chart for previous TSTs or TB history)		
Please answer these screening questions by checking (✓) where appropriate:		
1. Have you/has your child ever had tuberculosis?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you/has your child ever had a TB skin test on their forearm that caused a blister?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you/has your child ever had a TB skin test on their forearm that caused a bump equal to or greater than 10 mm (size of a dime)?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you/has your child had a live vaccine in the past 4 weeks? (measles, mumps, & rubella, varicella, yellow fever, herpes zoster or live attenuated influenza vaccine [ie. Fluvaxim])?		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the client answers YES to ANY of the above 4 questions then they should NOT have a tuberculin skin test.		
Consent for Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)		
I have read or had explained to me information about the TST.		
I have had the chance to ask questions, which were answered to my satisfaction.		
I understand the risks and benefits associated with this test.		
I am aware that personal health information collected on this form may be shared with another doctor or nurse if that is required for my care.		
I consent to having the TST done and I am aware that I am required to return for reading of the test in 48-72 hours.		
*Form of Consent: <input type="checkbox"/> Written <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal		*Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Decision Maker Print Name of Person Giving Consent: _____ Signature of Person Giving Consent: _____ Date: _____
*Signature of Person Giving Consent: _____		
Reason for Testing (check (✓) one box only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact tracing <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Test Specification		Test Results
*Date of TST: DD-MM-YYYY _____		*Date of Reading: DD-MM-YYYY _____
*Time of Test: _____		*Time of Reading: _____
*Location: _____		*Indication: _____
*Site: _____		*Result: _____
*Site: <input type="checkbox"/> Inner aspect of Lt forearm <input type="checkbox"/> Inner aspect of Rt forearm <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		*Check only one: <input type="checkbox"/> Positive → Fill out TBRI Report Form <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not Read
*Step 1 of 2: _____		*Follow up: <input type="checkbox"/> No follow up required <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat TST Inform TB / CMC Nurse / Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat T-Boy
*Step 2 of 2: _____		*Repeat TST: _____
*Ordering Physician Name: _____		*Print Name of Provider: _____
*Print Name of Provider: _____		*Signature of Provider: _____
After reading and recording the test result, fax this page to the confidential number below, and place this form in the client's chart.		
TB Nurse confidential fax line: 1-877-333-5586		

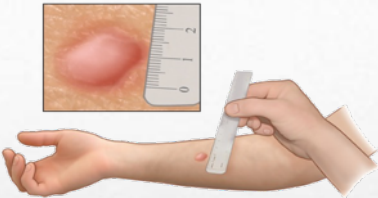
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TST Consent Form

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What are some of the contraindications for TST?

- History of a severe reaction to a TST such as blistering, necrosis, or ulceration
- Extensive eczema or burns at the TST testing site
- Documented active TB or documented history of adequate treatment (i.e. TST does not distinguish between prior and recent infection, and will not yield any useful information in this case)
- Diagnosed with major viral infections (e.g. mononucleosis, mumps)
- Documented previous positive reaction read by a healthcare professional
- Recent history of measles immunization within the past 4 weeks (although no data is available with other live vaccine – mumps, rubella, varicella, and yellow fever. There is a theoretical risk therefore prudent to follow the same 4 week guideline)

Tuberculin Skin Test - Contraindications

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TST Reaction Size	Situation When Result is Considered Positive
0 - 4mm	In general this is considered negative and no tx is indicated Child less than 5 years and high risk of TB infection
5 - 9mm	HIV infection Contact with infectious TB within the past 2 years Fibronodular disease on chest x-ray (healed TB but not previously treated) Organ transplantation (related to immune suppressant therapy) TNF alpha inhibitors Other immunosuppressive drugs e.g. corticosteroids End-stage renal disease
≥ 10mm	TST conversion (within 2 years) Diabetes, malnutrition Silicosis Hematologic malignancies

TST interpretation

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Latent Infection (LTBI)

- Primary infection but patient does not have active disease and cannot transmit the organism to others.
- The risk of active disease is high in certain groups of people with latent infection

Active Disease

- The person has active disease and is contagious when they have high numbers of tubercle bacilli with involvement of the respiratory tract.

Differential Diagnoses:

- Chronic or subacute pneumonia
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Bronchiectasis
- Lymphoma or other malignancy
- Fungal infection

Tuberculosis – Latent vs Active

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Management - Active Infection:

Drug	Usually Daily Dosage (mg)	Adverse Reactions
Isoniazid	300	Hepatitis, paresthesia
Rifampin	600	Drug interactions, flu-like illness
Pyrazinamide	1500-2000	Hepatitis, elevated serum level of uric acid
Ethambutol	800-1600	Ocular toxicity
Streptomycin	1000	Vertigo, tinnitus, renal failure

Management - Latent Infection:

- Isoniazid (INH), 5 mg/kg to max 300 mg PO od for 6–12 months
- Pyridoxine (vitamin B6) 25 mg PO od as Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)


* See Canadian Tuberculosis Standards on LMS


Tuberculosis - Management

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Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI) and Contact Tracing



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Discuss and Describe

- History taking procedure
- Physical examination
- Differential diagnoses
- Diagnostic Tests
- Management



Objectives

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General History

- Site of sexual contact (vaginal, oral, anal)
- Sexual orientation
- Use of condoms
- Number of past sexual partners
- History of sex with injection drug users
- Present symptoms of STBBIs in client or his/her partner

History

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Specific History

Men

- Urethral discharge (amount, colour and time of day)
- Dysuria
- Itch
- Pain or swelling in scrotum or inguinal region

Women


- Vaginal discharge (amount, colour, vaginal itch)
- Burning sensation with urination
- Painful intercourse with penetration
- Post-coital, mid-cycle or excessive menstrual bleeding

80-90% of patients with Chlamydia/ Gonorrhea are asymptomatic

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Men

- Inspect and palpate the penis and glans for lesions
- Examine meatus for discharge
- Inspect and palpate scrotum for heat, tenderness, swelling and lesions
- Examine perianal area for lesions or discharge

Physical Examination - Men

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Women

- Inspect and palpate the external genitalia to detect lesions, swelling, discharge
- Observe amount and colour of vaginal discharge
- Examine and visualize the cervix via a speculum examination

Is a Pap due?

- Wait till after treatment to conduct a pap test.



Physical Examination - Women

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Men

Symptoms	Possible STI Syndrome
Urethral discharge, burning on urination, itch	Urethritis
Painful genital ulcers or lesions	Genital ulcer disease (eg. genital herpes, syphilis)
Acute onset of unilateral scrotal pain or swelling	Epididymitis

Differential Diagnosis

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Women


Symptoms	Possible STI Syndrome
Vaginal discharge, odour, genital itch	Vulvovaginitis (eg. Trichomonas vaginalis)
Recent onset of abdominal pain, vaginal bleeding, deep dyspareunia	Cervicitis, pelvic inflammatory disease
Painful genital lesions or ulcers, painful inguinal lymphadenopathy	Genital ulcer disease (e.g. genital herpes, syphilis, chancroid)

Differential Diagnosis

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- Consult for orders to test and treat
- Urine NAAT for GC/CT – first catch urine, 2 hrs post void
- Test and treat same day for symptomatic contacts
- Swabs including cervix, rectum and pharynx can be cultured
- Test for *Chlamydia*, *N. gonorrhoea*, *Trichomonas*, *Bacterial Vaginosis*
- Serology (blood serum) sample for VDRL test for syphilis, hepatitis B and C, and HIV.



Diagnostic Tests

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Non-Pharmacologic Interventions

- Advise client of appropriate administration of medications
- Counsel the client about abstinence x 1 week after treatment
- Teach client about barrier methods for protection during intercourse
- Provide condoms
- Test of cure only indicated for prenatal patients

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Blood Testing for STBBIs

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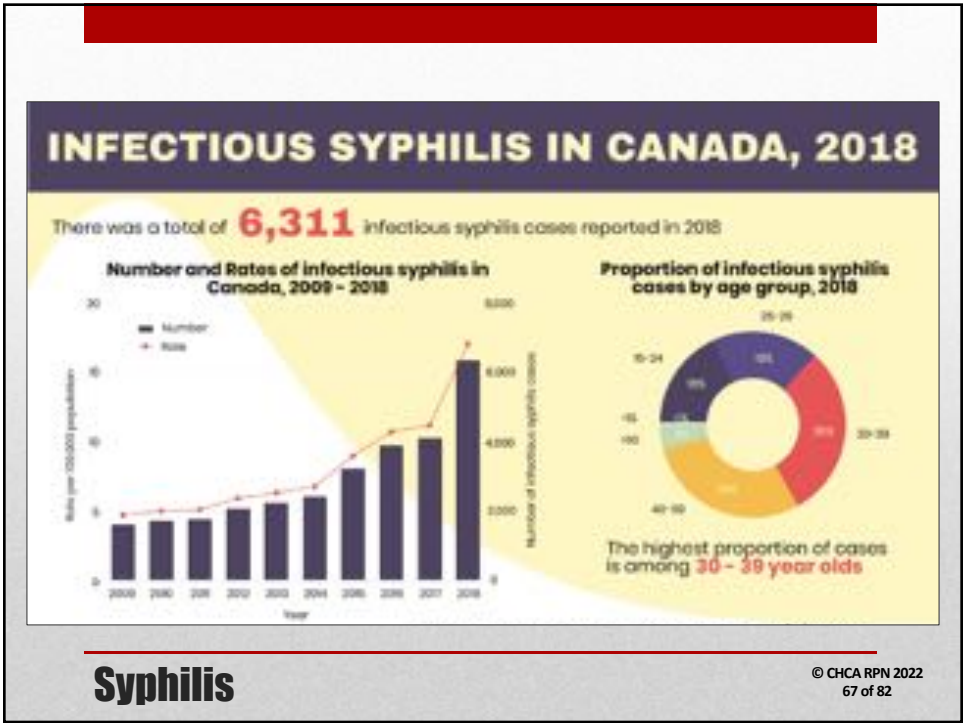
Ontario Public Health
General test Requisition

- Syphilis (VDRL)
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- This requisition is also used for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea
- MD/NP order for testing

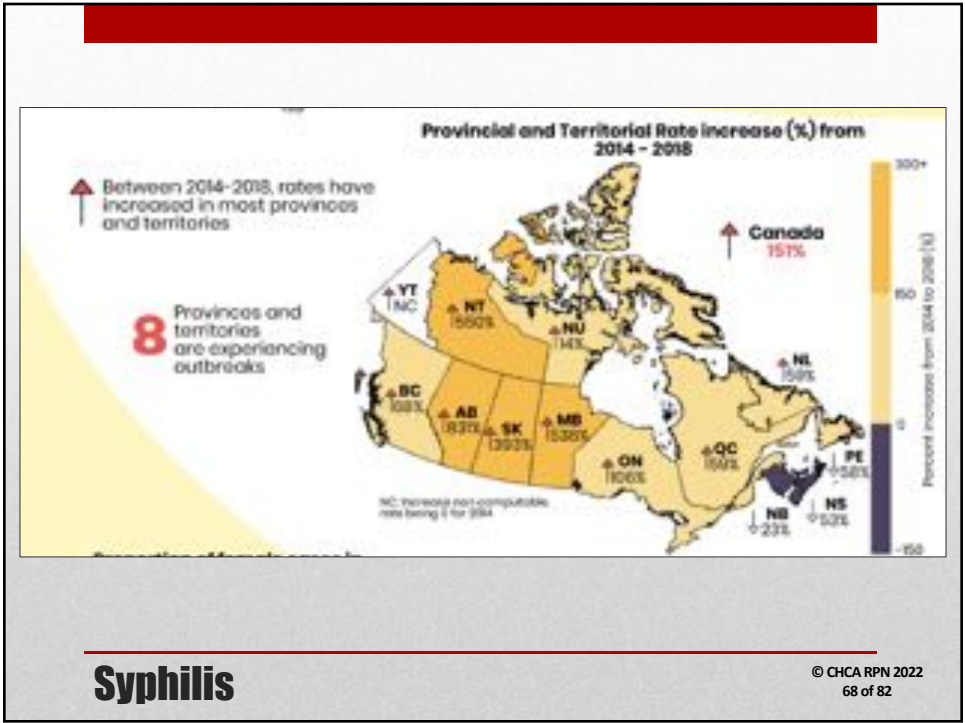
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Blood Testing for STBBIs

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- Syphilis is usually diagnosed through serology regardless of suspected stage of infection.
- Interpretation of serology results can be complex, and different testing algorithms may be used by provinces and territories
- MD/ NP Order for testing

Syphilis

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Clinical manifestations

- usually described according to stage of disease:
 - primary,
 - secondary,
 - latent,
 - congenital,
 - neurosyphilis and
 - tertiary syphilis.

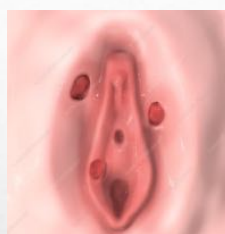
Note: Neurosyphilis may occur at any stage.

- Health care practitioners should consider syphilis in people presenting with rashes or genital ulcerative disease and/or proctitis.

Syphilis

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- Usually occurs three (3) weeks after infection but can range from three (3) to 90 days.
- The primary manifestation is a painless lesion (chancre).
- In persons practicing receptive sex, the lesion(s) may be intra-anal, oral or on the internal genital tract and may go unnoticed.
- Regional lymphadenopathy may occur.

Primary Syphilis

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Secondary syphilis

- Typically starts with the development of a rash.
- The characteristic rash of secondary syphilis may appear as rough, red, or reddish brown spots on the palms of the hands and the bottoms of the feet.
- Rashes with a different appearance may occur on other parts of the body and may be so faint that they are not noticed.
- Signs and symptoms usually occur between two (2) to 12 weeks, but can occur up to six (6) months after infection and may include:
 - Rash
 - Fever
 - Malaise
 - Headaches
 - Mucosal lesions
 - Condylomata lata
 - Lymphadenopathy
 - Patchy or diffuse alopecia
- Secondary syphilis can also manifest with signs and symptoms of:
 - meningitis (e.g. headaches),
 - uveitis/retinitis (e.g. blurred vision, eye redness, flashes or floaters) or
 - otic symptoms (e.g. hearing loss, tinnitus).

Secondary Syphilis

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Early latent syphilis

- Asymptomatic infection of less than one (1) year duration.

Late latent syphilis

- Asymptomatic infection of more than one (1) year duration.



Secondary Syphilis

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Treatment – Needs MD/ NP order

Infectious syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent stages):

- Long-acting Benzathine Penicillin G
- 2.4 million units intramuscular as a single dose.

Longer duration syphilis (late latent and tertiary syphilis):

- Three (3) weekly doses of Benzathine penicillin G-LA 2.4 million units IM.

Neurosyphilis

- requires more aggressive treatment with intravenous antibiotics, and should be managed by, or in consultation with, an infectious disease specialist.



Follow-up

- Post treatment serologic testing is used to assess treatment response.
- It should be done at recommended intervals, which vary depending on stage of infection.

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Contact Tracing

- Assume the presenting client is the index case until proven otherwise
- Obtain a list of all sexual partners in the past 3 months (or more) when samples are collected
- If test results are positive, all contacts must be reported and tested appropriately
- Determined by mode of transmission
 - Eg: measles – airborne vs. STI.

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6 Sexual Health Education Questions on the back:

- Relationship
- Sexual Risk Behaviour
- STI History
- Reproductive Health history
- Substance Use
- Psychosocial history

Individual Case Form

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- Treatment has failed previously
- Compliance is uncertain
- Re-exposure to untreated partner is likely
- Infection occurs during pregnancy – test of cure

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