

HIV PREVENTION LEARNING COMMUNITY



Bimonthly Newsletter

VOL. 10

OCTOBER 2023



October Newsletter

DOXY PEP

In recent weeks **Doxy PEP** has been widely reported on and discussed. CDC developed draft guidelines on the use of Doxy PEP for preventing some bacterial STIs, which are available for public comment [here](#) until November 16, 2023. They have provided an informational presentation about these draft guidelines, which can be found [here](#).

News reports about doxy PEP's pros and cons abound, with a focus on both its **public health potential** and its perceived shortcomings. Given the rising STI rates across the country, we are hopeful that doxy PEP can be another tool for medical professionals to **combat the epidemic of STIs**.

SEPTEMBER LC RECAP

September's LC focused on **Managing Syphilis Amidst Penicillin Shortage**. During the LC we heard from clinics about how they are prioritizing penicillin treatment during this shortage. We also discussed [guidelines from CDC](#) about managing penicillin during this time.

We recommend that clinics take the following steps to manage their penicillin supply:

1. Monitor supply and forecast need
2. Appropriately stage syphilis
3. Prioritize treatment

Could your clinic use support working through these steps? Let us know; we would love to help.



RESOURCES

- [September 2023 LC Slides](#)
- [CDC: Clinical Reminders During Bicillin Shortage](#)
- [NCSO: Survey results of Bicillin shortage impact on clinics](#)
- [One-time transfers of Bicillin: how-to](#)
- [Doxy PEP NCSO Command Center](#)

What's next?

DECEMBER LC

Details:

- December 12th at 12-1pm EST
- Topic: Doxy PEP
- Reminders!
 - LC goal: have a discussion where clinics can learn from each other
 - Aim to keep cameras on
 - Aim to contribute to the discussion
 - 2-4 individuals per site



M. GEN IN PREGNANCY

The STD CCN clinical consultation network has been receiving many questions about testing for and treating M. gen during pregnancy. See below for one of those recent questions and our clinical team's response.

Question: My patient is a 24 year old G5P2 who is 10 weeks pregnant. She is asymptomatic. I collected pap with STI profile, which included mycoplasma genitalium. Only mycoplasma was positive. What are the next steps for this patient?

Answer: Due to the unclear role of M. Gen in colonization, the [CDC does NOT recommend testing asymptomatic individuals.](#)

Furthermore, there has been no clear association of M. gen with adverse pregnancy outcomes and so there is [insufficient evidence](#) to recommend routine testing or treatment of asymptomatic M. genitalium in pregnancy. [This article](#) has more information.

Therefore, I would not pursue treatment for this patient unless they were to become symptomatic.

Have a clinical question? Check out the clinical consultation line: www.stdccn.org