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Dear Colleague:

Today, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published its updated [Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines, 2015](#), in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Recommendations and Reports*. With more than 20 million cases of STDs occurring in the United States each year, it is critical for healthcare providers to have access to scientifically-sound, evidence-based diagnostic, treatment, and prevention recommendations to help reduce the burden of these infections.

CDC revises the *Guidelines* periodically, and the *2015 Guidelines* update the previous *2010 Guidelines* with many new guidance, including

- Alternative treatment regimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*;
- Updated treatment for chlamydial infections during pregnancy;
- Use of nucleic acid amplification tests for the diagnosis of *Trichomonas vaginalis*;
- Updated recommendations for diagnostic evaluation of urethritis;
- The role of *Mycoplasma genitalium* in urethritis/cervicitis and treatment-related implications;
- An additional treatment option for genital warts;
- Updated HPV vaccine recommendations and counseling messages;
- Screening recommendations for gonorrhea and chlamydia;
- Screening recommendations, including Hepatitis C, for men who have sex with men; and
- Information on the clinical management of transgender individuals.

CDC's Division of STD Prevention and the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) will host the [2015 STD Treatment Guidelines Overview Webinar](#) on June 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. ET to conduct an in-depth discussion on these and other changes in the *Guidelines*.

The *Guidelines* were developed by CDC after a consultation in the spring of 2013 with a group of professionals knowledgeable in the field of STDs. The *Guidelines* play a critical role in advising healthcare providers of the best ways to diagnose and treat STDs, and are among the most widely used and referenced sources on STD treatment and management in the United States.

The full *Guidelines* are now available online for download at [www.cdc.gov/std/treatment](http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment). The Evidence Tables, which serve as the basis for the recommendations, will be available online at the end of June. Additionally, updated Pocket Guides, Wall Charts, and the STD Tx Guide app will be available this summer for you to order or download. Please also remember that the NNPTC is your resource for the prevention and clinical management of STDs. To view the national training calendar, register for courses, find resources, and access STD consultation, visit the NNPTC at [www.nnptc.org](http://www.nnptc.org).

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