

For Health Professionals

Health Alerts

Health Advisory #31 - Syphilis Cases - 01/29/2003

Over the past 2 weeks, 3 cases of early Syphilis have been identified in Erie County. One male reported having at least 15 anonymous partners over the past 6 months. All potential contacts were met on a gay on-line chat room and used aliases. Sexual encounters occurred in cars, parks, and paths behind UB in Amherst. Please be aware of patients presenting with lesions and rashes indicative of Syphilis. RPR testing should be done on all patients determined to be at risk, presenting with symptoms, or who have had a known exposure to a recently diagnosed infection of multiple partners.

For more information, and to report any confirmed or suspect cases of Syphilis please contact the STD clinic (858-7687), at the Erie County Health Department.

Please visit the following link for additional information on Syphilis:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/Fact_Sheets/Syphilis_Facts.htm