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FAST FACTS

A message for health care providers



Chlamydia trachomatis

The problem

- #1 reportable disease in Erie County and in U.S.
- ~5,000 new cases diagnosed in Erie County in 2009
- In U.S., ~3 million new cases/year; 80% are asymptomatic

Things you can do

- Routinely include a sexual history as part of medical history, especially for adolescent patients.
- Inform patients that Chlamydia screening is an important and strongly recommended routine test.
- Maintain patients' privacy; try to meet privately with adolescents.
- Offer urine Chlamydia/Gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) for ease of specimen collection. All area labs offer these tests. Call your clinical lab to obtain specimen collection kits.
- Report treatment given to patients who test positive for Chlamydia to the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) at 858-7697 or by using the reporting form available at: http://www.erie.gov/health/offices/disease_control.asp.

Resources

- National Chlamydia Coalition <http://ncc.prevent.org>.
- The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is happy to assist with the implementation of a Chlamydia screening program in your practice. Please call us with questions at 858-7697.

Fast Facts coming soon

- New STI treatment guidelines, review of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis screening recommendations, Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) for Chlamydia infection in NY State, mandatory reporting & PartNER Assistance Program (PNAP)