

Oneida County Health Department

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Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) Guidelines for Health Care Providers in NYS for Chlamydia trachomatis

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Patient's diagnosis: Clinical or laboratory diagnosis of Chlamydia trachomatis (Ct).

First-choice partner management strategy: Ideally, all partners should have a clinical evaluation, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, counseling, and treatment.

Eligibility criteria for EPT. EPT shall:

- be provided only for partners of a patient diagnosed with Ct infection.
- not be provided for any partners when the patient with Ct infection seen by the health care practitioner is concurrently infected with gonorrhea or syphilis.

Ideal (most appropriate) patient candidates:

- Laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of Ct in the index patient
- Heterosexuals
- EPT is not recommended for men who have sex with men (MSM) due to lack of study of EPT effectiveness in MSM partnerships and risk of STI/HIV co-infection among partners.
- Partners who are unable or unlikely to seek timely clinical services.

NOTE: EPT is not appropriate for use in cases of child abuse, sexual assault, sexual abuse, or in cases where the patient's safety is in doubt.

Recommended drug regimen: Azithromycin* 1 gram orally in a single dose.

Number of doses: Limited to the number of known sex partners in previous 60 days (or most recent sex partner if none in the previous 60 days).

Informational materials: Must be provided to patient to be given to partner(s) with medication/prescription and must include clear instructions, warnings, and referrals.

Patient counseling: Sexual abstinence until seven days after treatment and until seven days after partners have been treated.

Patient re-testing: Complete STI/HIV screening recommended three months after treatment.

Liability: Health care providers or pharmacists who dispense EPT in accordance with the law shall not be subjected to liability or be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct.

Adverse events: Report any EPT-related adverse events to your local public health authority.

For more information regarding this topic;

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/std/ept/guidelines_for_providers.htm

Health Information

2019 is coming to a close and **2020** is heading our way so very soon. If we begin to look ahead into 2020 providers can remind patients about the importance of immunizations. This can include flu shots, adult immunizations and also children's immunizations.

The Oneida County Health Department is always available for guidance with NYSIIS trainings . Just give us a call, **315-798-5747**, and we can set up an appointment to visit your practice.

The OC newsletter will be published in April, July, October and January for the 2020 and 2021 year.

Happy Holidays to all!

Oneida County Communicable Disease

| DISEASE | Aug 19 | Sept 19 | Oct 19 | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 | DISEASE | Aug 19 | Sept 19 | Oct 19 | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tuberculosis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Influenza A | 1 | 2 | 5 | 250 | 250 |
| Giardia | 6 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 23 | Influenza B | 0 | 0 | 5 | 49 | 250 |
| Rabies Exposure | 12 | 6 | 3 | 48 | 59 | Pertussis | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Salmonella | 1 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 28 | Cryptosporidiosis | 2 | 5 | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| Campylobacter | 4 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 17 | Syphilis | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 21 |
| Hepatitis C | 0 | 4 | 2 | 225 | 227 | Gonorrhea | 9 | 14 | 15 | 120 | 99 |
| Hepatitis C (acute) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11 | Chlamydia | 52 | 35 | 66 | 250 | 250 |

Do you work with the public in a role that requires or promotes immunizations? The Mohawk Valley Immunization Alliance (MVIA) is seeking new members who wish to collaborate with other health and human service providers to provide accurate immunization information among the populations you serve.

The mission of the MVIA is to promote and increase age-appropriate vaccination coverage levels, reduce vaccine preventable diseases, and meet the Healthy People 2020 immunization goals through collaboration, education, facilitating access to immunization, providing resources and technical assistance in Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties.

At a recent coalition meeting when asked, "What do you get out of the meetings and coalition?" some members said:

- Awareness of coalition immunization practices and needs; networking.
- Collaborating with other colleges, colleagues networking to improve vaccine rates/education.
- Community updates and valuable relationships.

The coalition meets quarterly, moving meetings between Wampsville, Utica, and Herkimer. The next meeting will be held Friday, December 6th at Utica College, from 9:00-11:00 am.

For more information or to join the coalition, contact Co-chair Chrystal Johnson at

chrystal.johnson@madisoncounty.ny.gov or 315-366-2361.



A Commitment to Our Patients About Antibiotics

Antibiotics only fight infections caused by bacteria. Like all drugs, they can be harmful and should only be used when necessary. Taking antibiotics when you have a virus can do more harm than good: you will still feel sick and the antibiotic could give you a skin rash, diarrhea, a yeast infection, or worse. Antibiotics also give bacteria a chance to become more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat. It means that antibiotics might not work when you really do need them. Because of this, it is important that you only use an antibiotic when it is necessary to treat your illness. How can you help? When you have a cough, sore throat, or other illness, tell your doctor you only want an antibiotic if it is really necessary. If you are not prescribed an antibiotic, ask what you can do to feel better and get relief from your symptoms.

Prevention Agenda 2019-2024: New York State's Health Improvement Plan

The Prevention Agenda 2019-2024 is New York State's health improvement plan, the blueprint for state and local action to improve the health and well-being of all New Yorkers and to promote health equity in all populations who experience disparities. In partnership with more than 100 organizations across the state, the Prevention Agenda is updated by the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council at the request of the Department of Health. This is the third cycle for this statewide initiative that started in 2008. New to this 2019-2024 cycle is the incorporation of a Health Across All Policies approach, initiated in 2017, which calls on all State agencies to identify and strengthen the ways that their policies and programs can have a positive impact on health. It embraces Healthy Aging to support New York's commitment as the first age-friendly state.

Overview of the Prevention Agenda:

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2019-2024/docs/ship/overview.pdf

Prevention Agenda Table of Goals 2019-2024:

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2019-2024/docs/ship/priorities_table.pdf

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https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2019-2024/docs/ship/nys_pa.pdf

Congratulations to Dr. Avramidis and Staff



New York State Department of Health

Bureau of Immunizations

Certificate of Excellence

90% or higher for

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Pictured: Marina Kisner OCHD, Laurie Brenon, Dr. Lee Avramidis, and

Nurse Heather Richardson



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Newsletters are posted
at

[http://
www.ocgov.net/health](http://www.ocgov.net/health)

click on "For Providers"

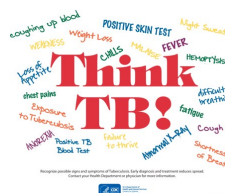


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The Oneida County Health Department
clinic will not be able to accommodate
any interns during the renovation phase
of the clinic at 406 Elizabeth Street.

Newsletter months for 2020- 2021: April, July, October, and January



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Safe Toys and Celebrations Month

National Influenza Vaccination Week

World AIDS Day

National Handwashing Awareness Week

