SYPHILIS TREATMENT (Bicillin® L-A) Quick Tips

The first-line agent for treatment of syphilis is <u>long-acting penicillin G benzathine</u> 2.4 million units (mu) IM (**Bicillin**[®] **L-A**). Penicillin G sodium and other short-acting or controlled-release penicillins are NOT adequate to cure syphilis.

Bicillin® L-A comes in pre-filled syringes

Reconstitution is **NOT** required

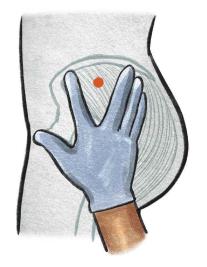
Each pre-filled syringe of **Bicillin® L-A** contains 1.2 million units of medication



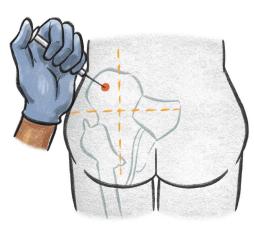
A complete dose of 2.4 million units IM requires TWO syringes

Administer Bicillin® L-A as a divided dose of 1.2 million units IM bilaterally to the left and right **VENTROGLUTEAL** (preferred) muscle or **DORSOGLUTEAL** muscle only. DO **NOT** administer to the deltoid or quadriceps muscles.

VENTROGLUTEAL Landmarking (preferred)



DORSOGLUTEAL Landmarking (alternative)



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