SYPHILIS TREATMENT (Bicillin® L-A) Quick Tips

The first-line agent for treatment of syphilis is **long-acting penicillin G benzathine** 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.*

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.

For additional information and resources, please scan the QR codes below. If you have questions, please call the BCCDC Syphilis Desk at 604-707-5607.