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Dear Health Care Provider

We received a Confidential Notification of Sexually Transmitted Infection form reporting that a patient under your care was treated for gonorrhea with Ceftriaxone or Cefixime alone. In BC we currently recommend all individuals who have tested positive for a gonorrhea infection to be co-treated to cover a potential chlamydia infection. However, if you received a negative chlamydia result from the original test date, and decided not to co-treat for chlamydia, we are recommending retesting for incubating chlamydia within 4-6 weeks.

Chlamydia and gonorrhea co-infection is common. The incubation time for chlamydia is 2 to 6 weeks compared with gonorrhea incubation of 3-5 days, therefore if the exposure was recent the test result may be a false negative for chlamydia.

Recommended treatment for chlamydia is either:

- Doxycycline 100mg PO BID for 7 days or
- Azithromycin 1gram PO in a single dose.

Please refer to the guidelines for other treatment alternatives, including treatment in pregnant or breast feeding mothers, and for partner contact tracing.

You may also contact our Clinical Prevention Services- Provincial STI/HIV nurses or clinic physicians at any time at 604-707-5603 or 604-707-5606, respectively.

Sincerely,

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