



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Infection Control – Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide written guidelines for the detection and management of STIs.
- II. **POLICY:** During the intake health assessment process, patients shall be screened for risk factors, and if appropriate be offered opt-out testing for the following sexually transmitted infections: Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All persons working in Corrections Medicine are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. As part of the initial health assessment patients are screened for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and HIV.
 - 2. Screening questions for risk for chlamydia and gonorrhea will be asked during the initial health assessment. If a urine specimen is indicated, a message will be sent to the referral box for Assessment Labs indicating that a urine specimen should be collected. Urine samples will be collected from the inmate and processed according to protocol and sent to the laboratory for testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia.
 - 3. All negative labs will be reviewed and finalized by the clinic desk nurse. Positive HIV and syphilis labs will be forwarded to the patient’s regular medical provider for treatment and follow up.
 - 4. Patients with positive lab results will receive appropriate counseling, written information regarding STIs, treatment per current established standards, and referral for community follow-up as needed. All positive results shall be reported to the Department of Public Health – Communicable Disease Control Services (CDCS) division. All patients who have a positive HIV or syphilis test will be scheduled to see a medical provider for follow up. The provider shall engage a CDCS representative for support in diagnosis and treatment if needed.
 - 5. The CDCS office will attempt to locate any patients who have been released prior to receiving positive HIV or syphilis test results so the appropriate counseling, treatment and referral can be accomplished.
 - 6. If a person develops any signs and symptoms of a possible STI during the period of incarceration, a sick call request may be submitted to Corrections Medicine nurse on duty for that housing unit. An appropriate assessment will be conducted and a referral to the appropriate medical provider will be requested for further evaluation and treatment.

V. **REFERENCES:**

Standard 4-ALDF-4C-24, 4C-14; Performance Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities; 4th Ed; American Correctional Association; June 2004

Standard J-B-01; Jail Health Standards; National Commission on Correctional Health Care; 2018