

September 16, 2016

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms / Infection Control / Walk-In Clinics, Peterborough PHOL, Peterborough Public Health, Durham Region Health Department

RE: Cluster of Neisseria Gonorrhoeae in City of Kawartha Lakes

In the last 3 weeks between August 22nd and September 16th, the Health Unit has been notified of 4 laboratory confirmed Neisseria Gonorrhoeae cases, (ages range from 17 to 38, 2 females and 2 males) and is investigating an additional suspect case and several contacts in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Neisseria Gonorrhoeae should be considered in individuals presenting with the following symptoms:

Men:

- acute urethritis, urethral discharge and/or dysuria
- testicular pain, swelling or symptoms of epididymitis
- rectal pain and discharge (if proctitis is present)

Women:

- vaginal discharge, dysuria, and/or abnormal vaginal bleeding
- lower abdominal pain, pain and/or bleeding during intercourse
- rectal pain and discharge (if proctitis is present)

Consideration should also be given to laboratory screening of asymptomatic persons who have risk factors such as:

- Sexually active youth <25 years of age with multiple partners
- Men who have sex with men
- Those who have had contact with a person with proven gonorrhea infection
- Sex workers and their sexual partners
- Street-involved youth
- Individuals with a history of gonorrhea or other STIs

If clients present to your office with symptoms and/or risk factors for gonorrhea please **test and treat** them following the Public Health Ontario Guidelines for the Testing and Treatment of Gonorrhea in Ontario, 2013 and report them promptly to the Health Unit.

https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Guidelines_Gonorrhea_Ontario_Guide_2013.pdf

Publicly funded medications are available at most health care provider sites in CKL and Haliburton. Publicly Funded medications can also be ordered from the HKPR District Health Unit in Lindsay at: 705-324-3569 ext 2205.

If you have any questions about this notice please contact the Health Unit and ask to speak with a sexual health nurse in the Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology & Evaluation Department.