

February 16, 2016

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals – Emergency

Dear Health Care Providers,

## **RE: 1<sup>st</sup> LINE THERAPY FOR GONORRHEA**

First Line Therapy for Gonorrhea is as follows:

### **Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM AND Azithromycin 1g PO OD in a single dose**

In April 2013, Public Health Ontario revised the Guidelines for Testing and Treating Gonorrhea in Ontario.

HKPR District Health Unit is noticing a trend of local health care providers continuing to prescribe previously recommended therapy. We are sending this as a reminder of the 2013 changes.

Please refer to the website listed below for more information:

[https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Guidelines\\_Gonorrhea\\_Ontario\\_2013.pdf](https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Guidelines_Gonorrhea_Ontario_2013.pdf)

Quick Reference Guide (Attached)

[https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Guidelines\\_Gonorrhea\\_Ontario\\_Guide\\_2013.pdf](https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Guidelines_Gonorrhea_Ontario_Guide_2013.pdf)

**If you have questions, please call the Health Unit and ask to speak with a nurse in the Sexual Health Program.**