

# STI 2016: Where We Need to Go

**Gail Bolan, M.D.**

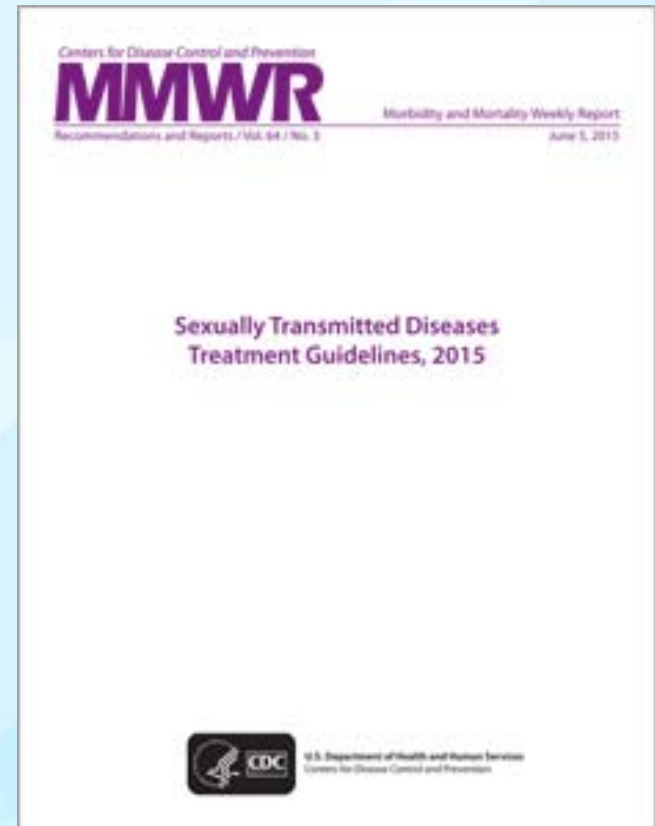
Director, Division of STD Prevention  
National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sexually Transmitted Infection Update 2016  
Chicago, IL  
September 29, 2016

**No conflicts of interest**

# Overview

- ❑ STD treatment guidelines history
- ❑ Changing landscape of STDs in the United States
- ❑ What's hot in STD treatment and management
  - USPSTF chlamydia screening for young females
  - Treatment concerns for gonorrhea
  - Syphilis in pregnancy
  - Emerging Issues:
    - Genital Herpes
    - *Trichomonas vaginalis*
    - *Mycoplasma genitalium*
- ❑ Provision of quality STD clinical services



# 2015 STD TREATMENT GUIDELINES



CLINICAL PRACTICE  
GUIDELINES  
WE CAN TRUST

## Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust

Robin Graham, Michelle Mancher, Dianne Miller Wolman, Sheldon Greenfield, and Earl Steinberg, Editors; Committee on Standards for Developing Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines; Institute of Medicine

ISBN: 0-309-16423-0, 300 pages, 6 x 9, (2011)

**This PDF is available from the National Academies Press at:**

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/13058/clinical-practice-guidelines-we-can-trust>

- Be based on a systematic review of the existing evidence;
- Be developed by a knowledgeable, multidisciplinary panel of experts and representatives from key affected groups;
- Consider important patient subgroups and patient preferences, as appropriate;
- Be based on an explicit and transparent process that minimizes distortions, biases, and conflicts of interest;
- Provide a clear explanation of the logical relationships between alternative care options and health outcomes, and provide ratings of both the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations; and
- Be reconsidered and revised as appropriate when important new evidence warrants modifications of recommendations.

# Want to know about 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines?

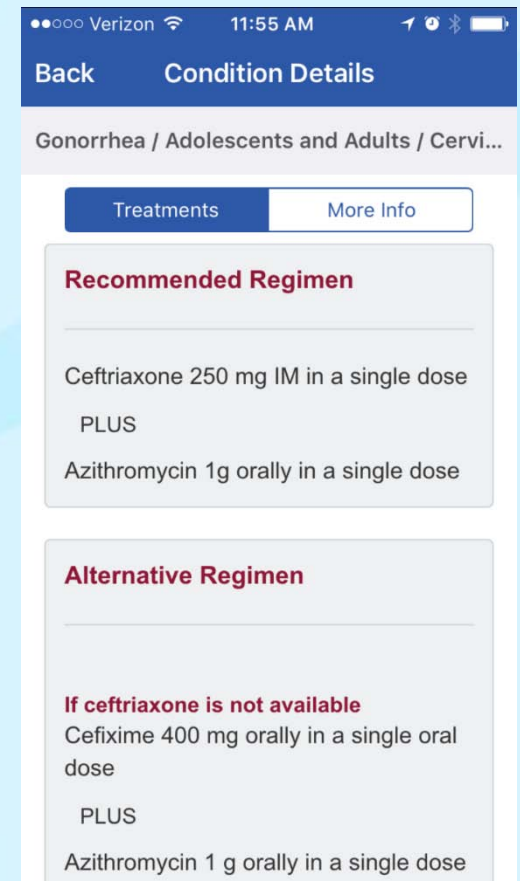
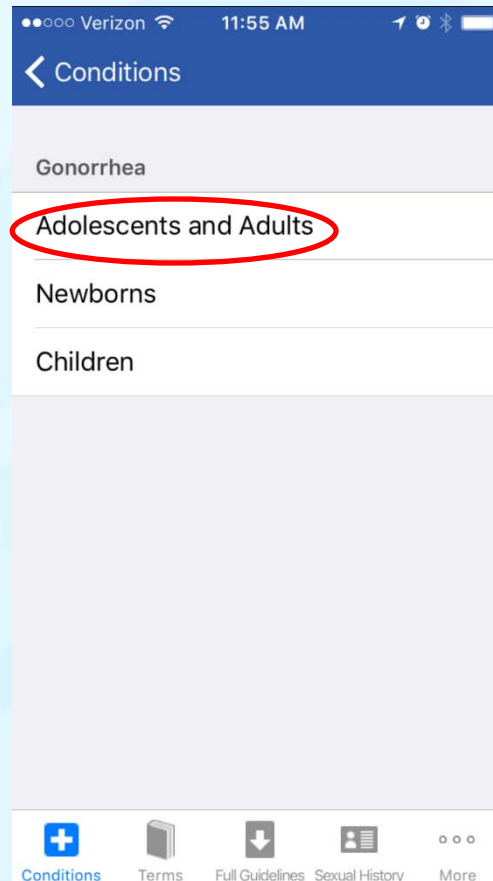
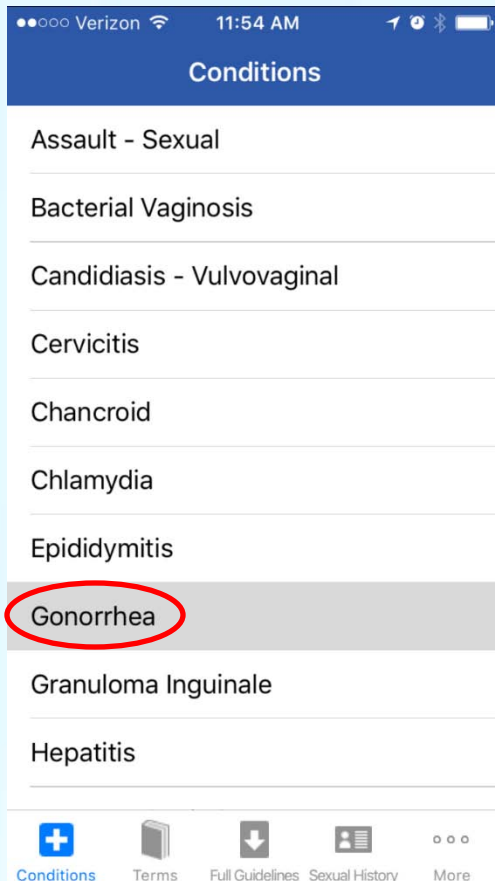
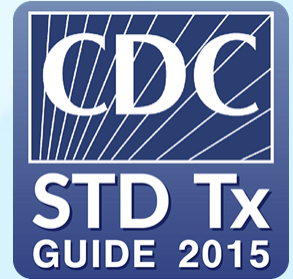
*There's an app for that.*



- ❑ CDC Treatment Guidelines App for Apple and Android
- ❑ Available now, FREE!
  - (accept no competitors)



# STD Tx Guide Mobile app – New look





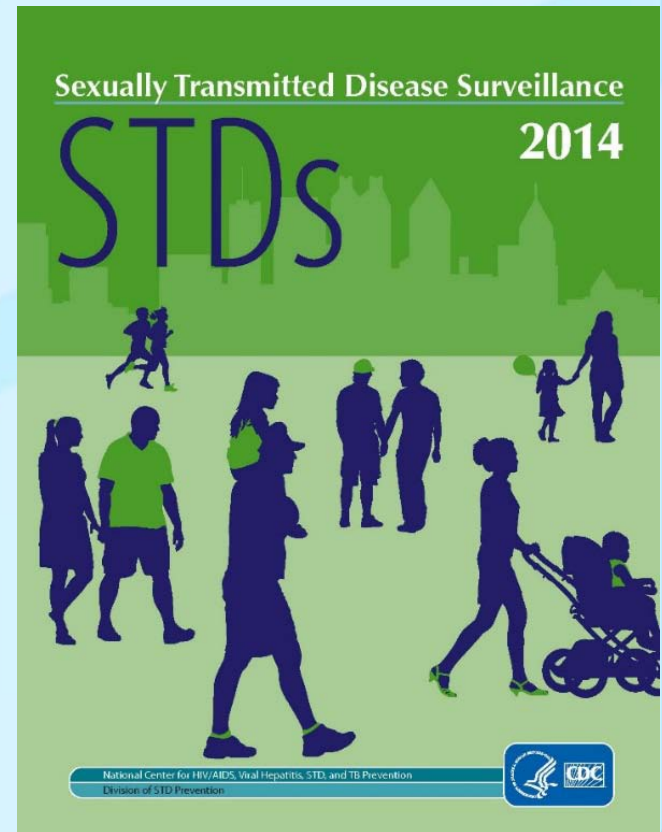
# CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF STDs IN THE UNITED STATES



# 2014 Surveillance Report Overview

## Main Messages:

1. CDC's annual STD report finds that overall reported cases for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis are increasing; some at an alarming rate
2. Young people are still at the highest risk of acquiring an STD and most vulnerable to their damaging effects
3. Greater awareness and action is needed at all levels to ensure good health for the nation's youth and others disproportionately impacted by STDs

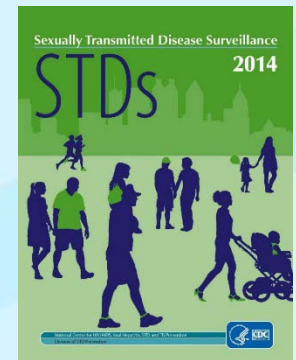




# 2014 Surveillance Report Overview

## Case rate increases seen from 2013 - 2014:

- ❑ Chlamydia: 2.8% with 1,441,789 cases reported in 2014
  - Driven by a 6.8% increase among men
  - 1.3 % increase among women
- ❑ Gonorrhea: 5% with 350,062 cases reported in 2014
  - Driven by a 10.5% increase among men
  - 0.4% decrease among women
- P & S syphilis: 15.1% with 19,999 cases reported in 2014
  - Increases seen in MSM, MSW, women
  - MSM accounted for 83% of P&S cases
- Congenital syphilis: total of 458 cases
  - Decreased from 2008-2012, increased slightly in 2013 and then rose by 27.5% in 2014
  - Increased in all regions with largest increases in the NE and West





# WHAT'S HOT IN STD TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT

# STD Prevention – Key Principles

- ❑ Risk Assessment and counseling to reduce STD acquisition
- ❑ Screening of asymptomatic persons
- ❑ Diagnosis and treatment of symptoms
- ❑ Management of sex partners
- ❑ Vaccination
  - HPV
  - Hepatitis A & B

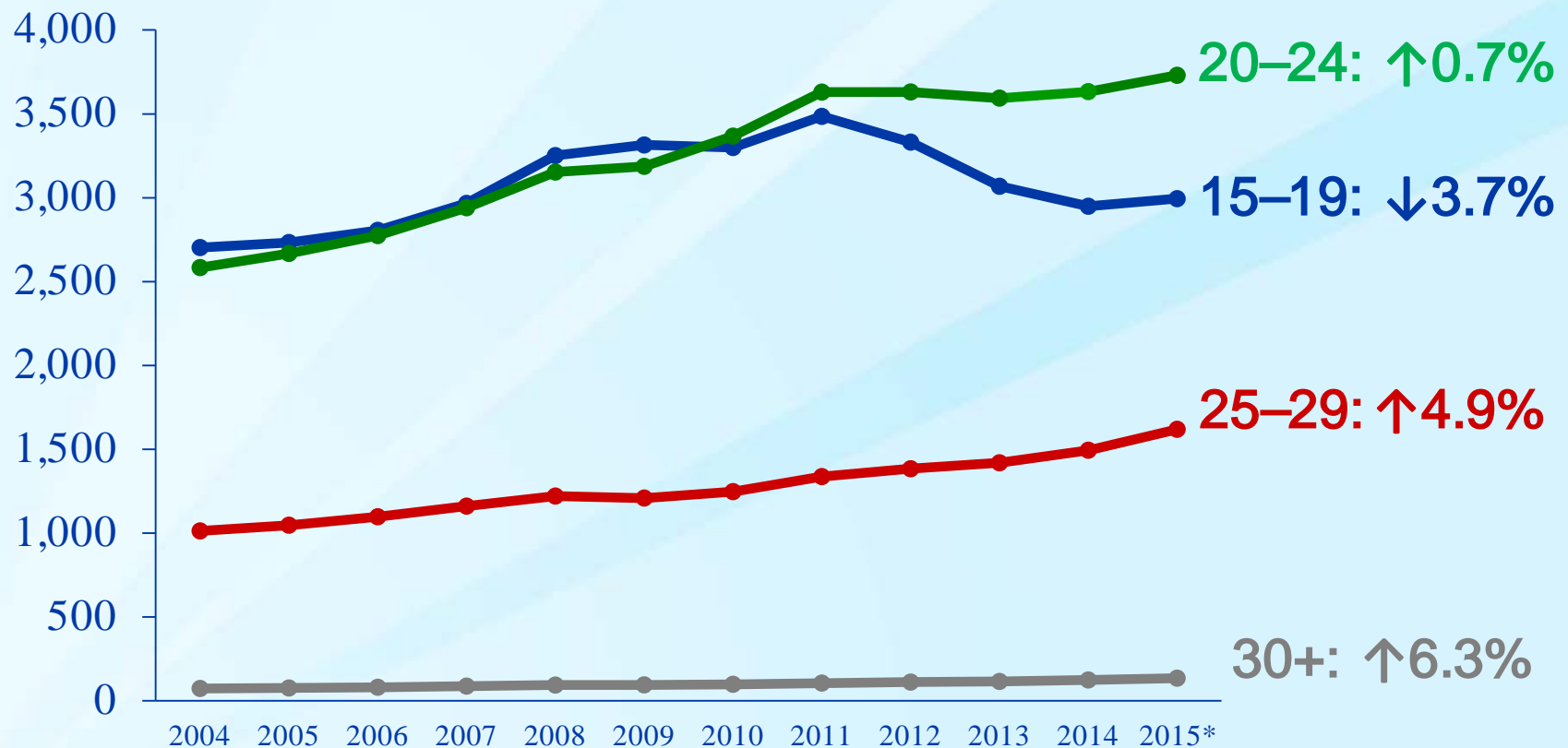
# STD Prevention - The Clinicians' Role

- ❑ A welcoming environment
- ❑ Routine sexual history and risk assessment
- ❑ Screen, appropriately
  - ❑ Appropriate anatomic sites with recommended tests
  - ❑ Alcohol, drug use, tobacco, depression, intimate partner violence
- ❑ Assure appropriate vaccination status (HPV, HBV/HAV)
- ❑ Prevention messages--condoms, HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP, PEP)
- ❑ Diagnosis and treatment
- ❑ Provide or refer partner services
- ❑ Report cases in accordance with state and local statutory requirements; keep reports confidential

# Chlamydia—Rates of Reported Cases Among Women by Age Group, 2004–2015\*

Average annual percent change during 2011–2015

Rate per 100,000



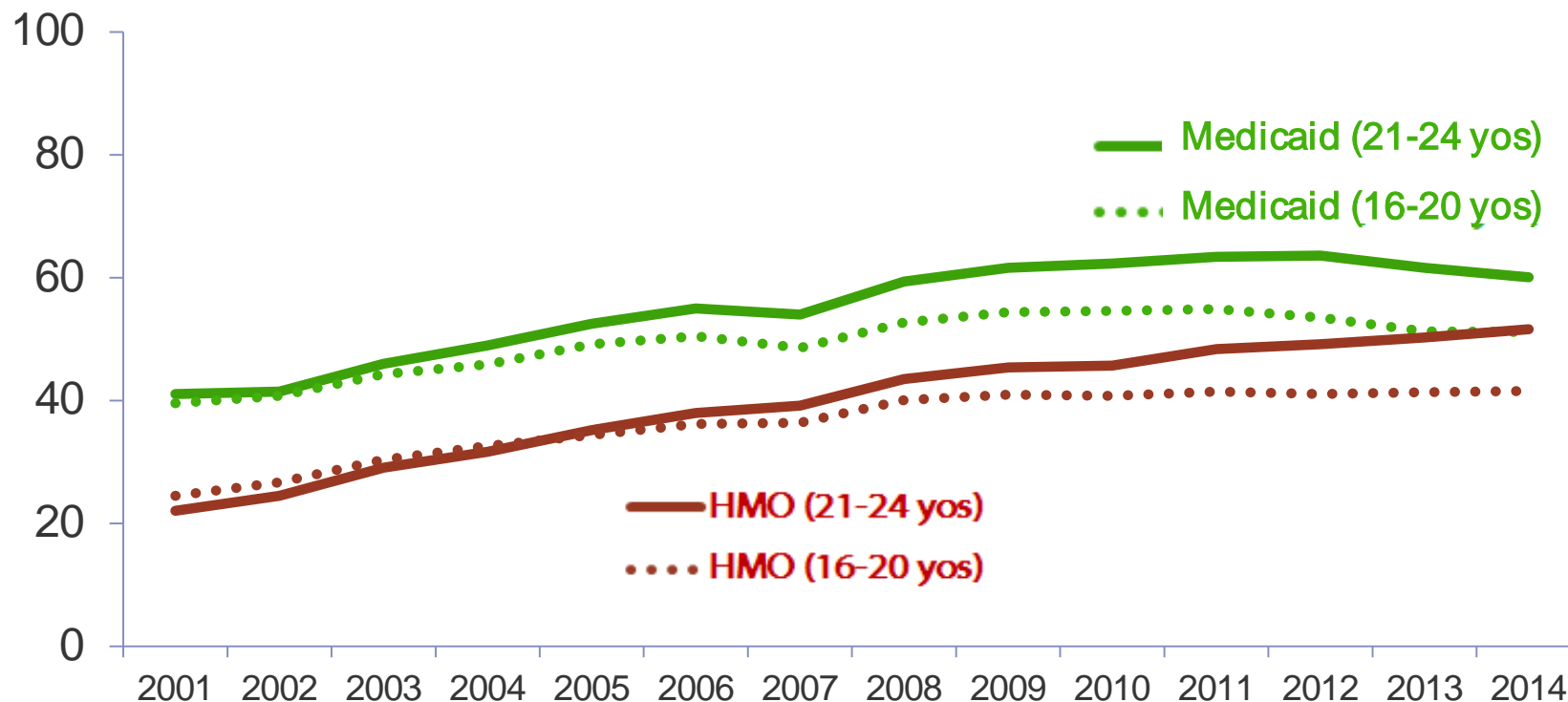
\*2015 data preliminary as of July 18, 2016

# Possible explanations for declining rates of Chlamydia among females 15-19 yrs old

- ❑ Less clinical visits to screen because of:
  - Changes in Pap smear recommendations
  - Increase in LARC use
- ❑ Less access to free screening because of co-pays when females < 26 yrs are on parents health plans
- ❑ Less testing by providers b/c not considered a priority clinical prevention service
- ❑ Reduction in incidence of CT

## Chlamydia — Screening Coverage Trends Among Sexually-Active Women,\* by Age and Plan, HEDIS, 2001–2014

Percentage



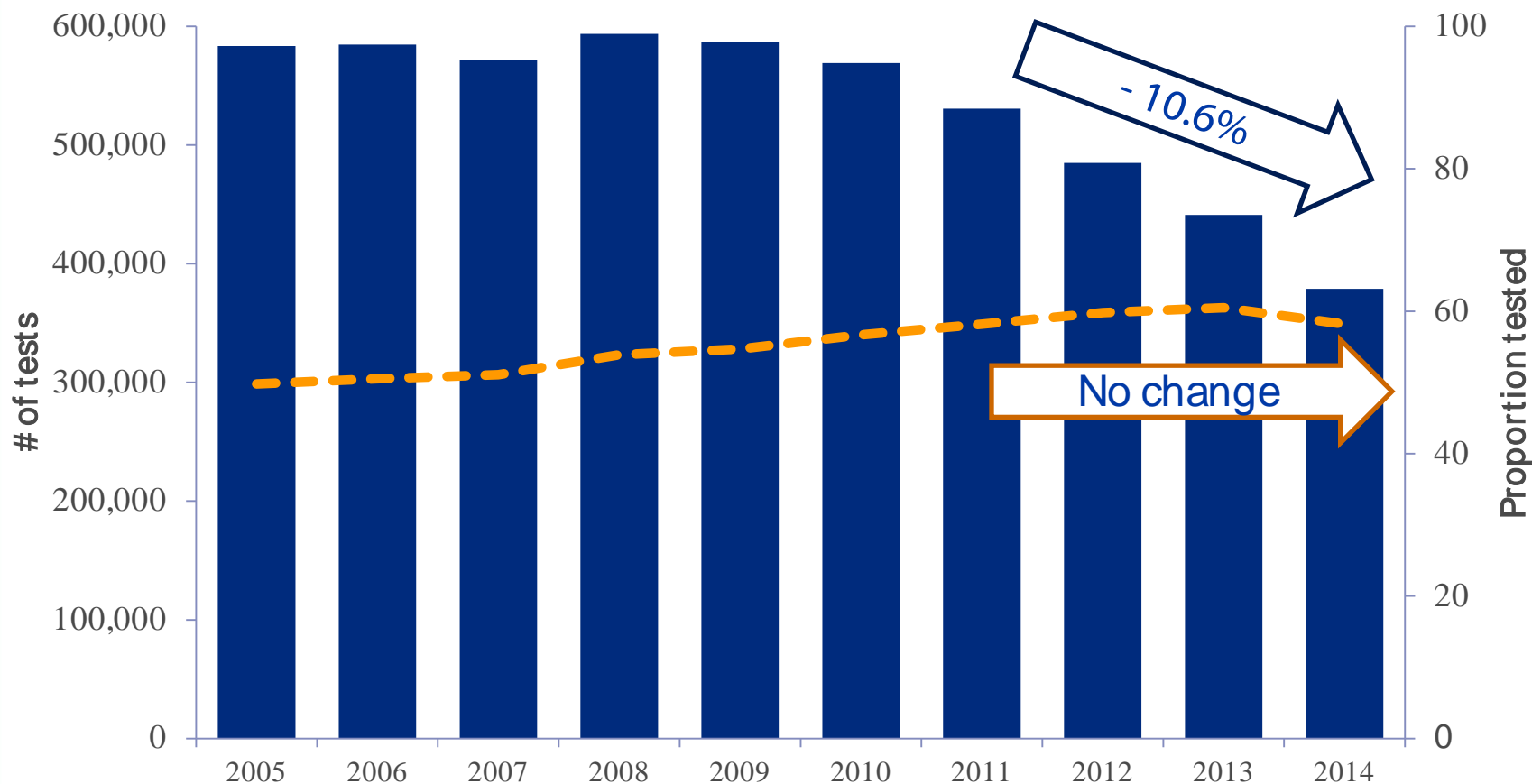
\* Among women enrolled in commercial or Medicaid plans who had a visit where they were determined to be sexually active

SOURCE: The State of Healthcare Quality, 2015



# Number of female family planning users aged 15–19 years tested for chlamydia and proportion tested, Title X Family Planning, 2005–2014

Average annual percent change during 2011–2014



# STD Screening for Adolescent and Young Females

- ❑ Sexually active adolescents & women < age 25
  - ✓ Annual chlamydia and gonorrhea screening
  - ✓ HIV serology if no previous test and annual if risk
  - ✓ Syphilis serology if risk (high community prevalence)
  - ✓ Consider HSV type-specific serology if partner with genital herpes
  - ❖ No routine screening for trich, MG, BV, or HPV recommended
- ❑ What about screening older women?
  - If increased risk: New or multiple sex partners, partner with concurrent partners, or partner with an STI
  - If increased clinic or community prevalence

# What About Screening Heterosexual Men?

## ❑ Screening men

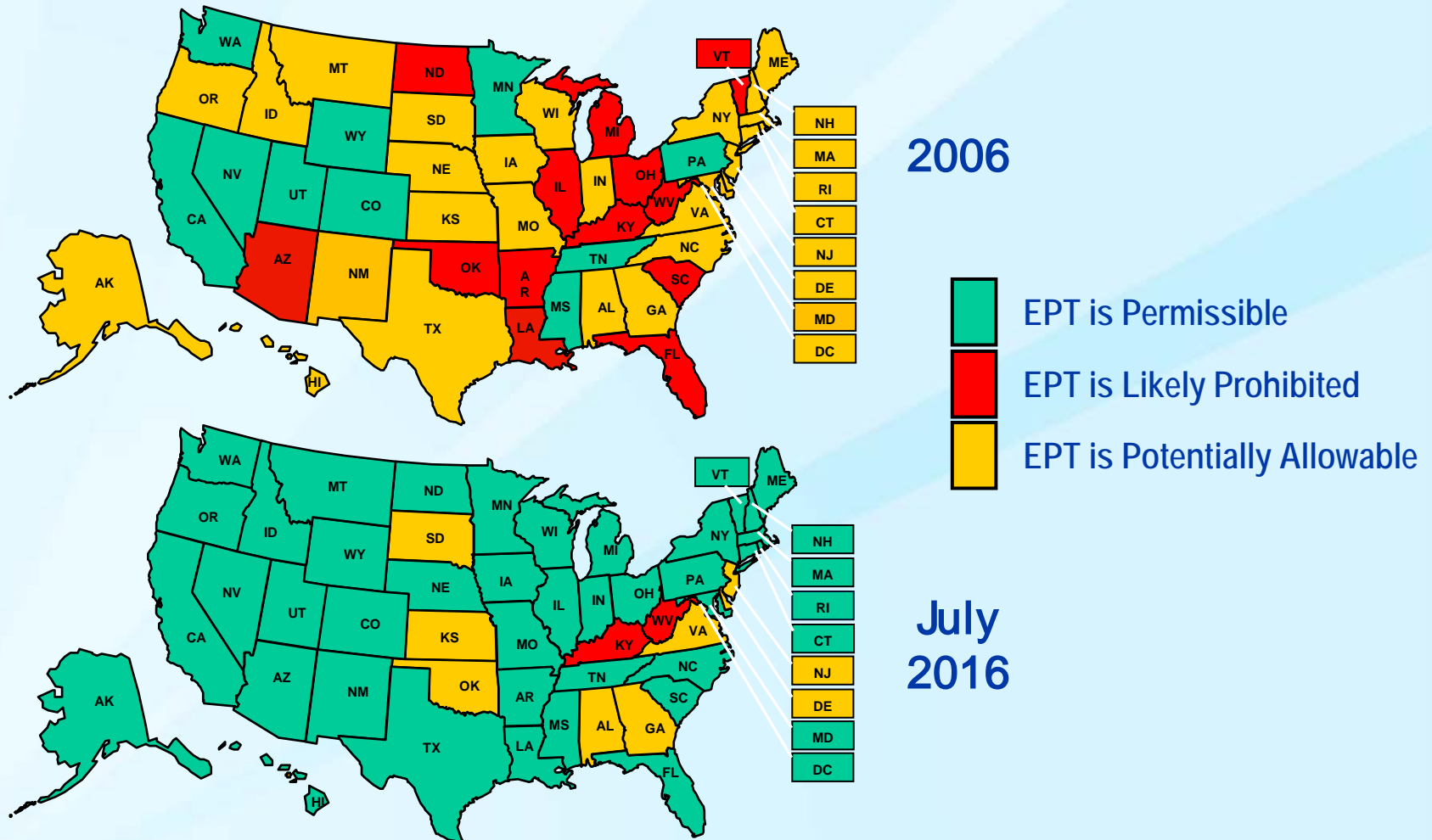
- No documented substantial secondary prevention in women
- Costly
- Consider in certain venues with high prevalence: corrections, STD clinics, teen clinics

## ❑ Highest risk: Partners of chlamydia-infected females

- Focus is on partner services



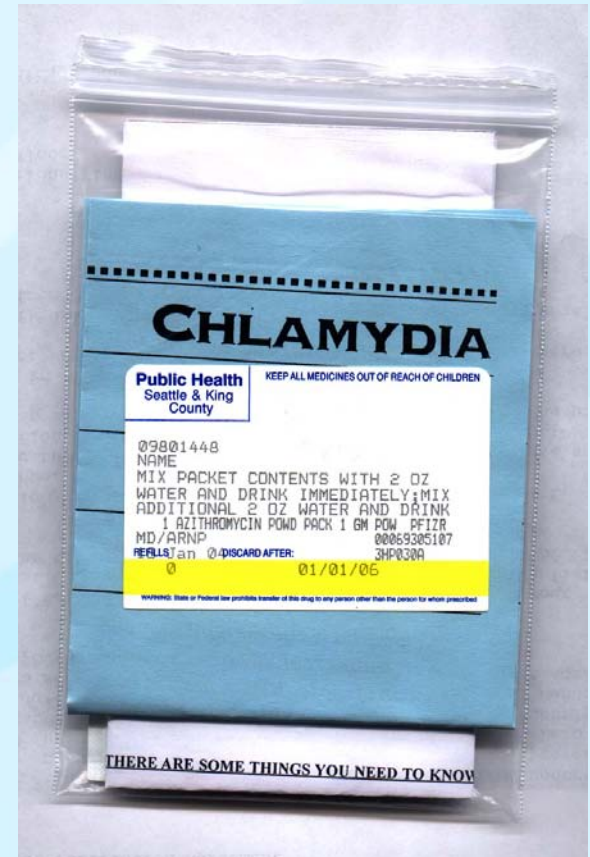
# Evolving Landscape of EPT, 2006 – July 2016: Legal Status Summary



# EPT Packs in WA State

## Information provided with EPT

- ❑ Information about medications, allergies & STD
- ❑ Advice about complications and need for care (e.g. PID)
- ❑ Where to seek care



# Or Send a Love Letter...

## Notification of STD/STI Exposure

A past sexual partner may have exposed you to ...

Genital Warts

Pubic Lice (Crabs)

Time of exposure reported as 1 week ago

[www.inspot.org](http://www.inspot.org)  
[www.dontspreadit.com](http://www.dontspreadit.com)

e-Card from a concerned friend re: your health – via inSPOT

getchecked@inspot.org

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:18 PM

To: hliss@uw.edu

I got screwed while screwing,  
you might have too.



Get checked for Crabs and Scabies if you haven't recently. [www.inspot.org](http://www.inspot.org)

Sorry!



This is from a friend at **inSPOT** the [STD] Internet Notification Service for Partners Or Tricks.



# Chlamydia & Gonorrhea Diagnostic Tests

- ❑ Nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) recommended for men & women
- ❑ Optimal specimen: first-catch urine in men and vaginal swabs in women
- ❑ NAAT optimal for rectal and pharyngeal testing; not FDA approved but commercially available & validation protocols available for local labs
- ❑ Limitations: no antibiotic resistance testing with NAAT (need culture)





# Chlamydia Treatment

- ❑ Effectiveness of azithromycin may be less than doxycycline
  - Systematic review (Kong FY *Clin Infect Dis* 2015):
    - Possible small increased efficacy of up to 3% for doxy compared with azithro for treatment of urogenital chlamydia
    - 7% increased efficacy for doxycycline for treatment of symptomatic urethral infection in men
  - Double-blind, placebo-controlled trials needed
- ❑ Doxycycline delayed release 200 mg tablets
- ❑ Amoxicillin moved to alternative regimen in pregnancy
  - ❑ In vitro studies: Penicillin induces persistent viable noninfectious chlamydia that can revert to a replicative form
  - ❑ Early amoxicillin studies in pregnancy had major limitations
  - ❑ RCT by Kacmar et al showed higher test of cure using azithromycin vs. amoxicillin (95% vs. 80%)



# TREATMENT CONCERNS FOR GONORRHEA

# Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the U.S., 2013



## Seven Threat Assessment Criteria:

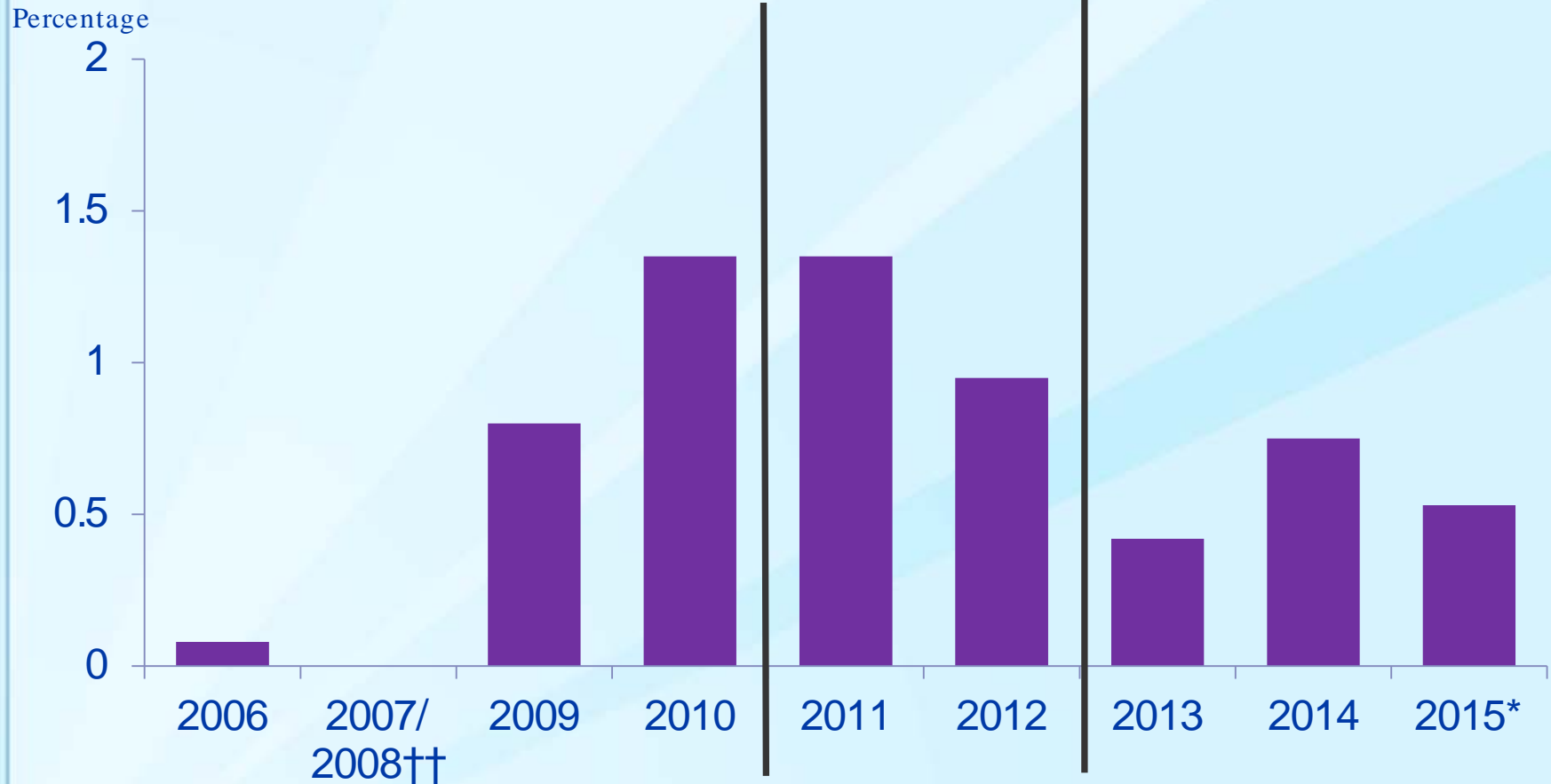
- ❑ Clinical impact
- ❑ Economic impact
- ❑ Incidence
- ❑ 10-year projection of incidence
- ❑ Transmissibility
- ❑ Availability of effective antibiotics
- ❑ Barriers to prevention

## Three Urgent Threats:

- *Clostridium difficile*
- Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae*
- Drug-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*



Percentage of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates with reduced cefixime susceptibility†  
Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP), 2006–2015\*



†Minimum inhibitory concentration (MICs)  $\geq 0.25$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$

\*2015 data are preliminary as of March 7, 2016

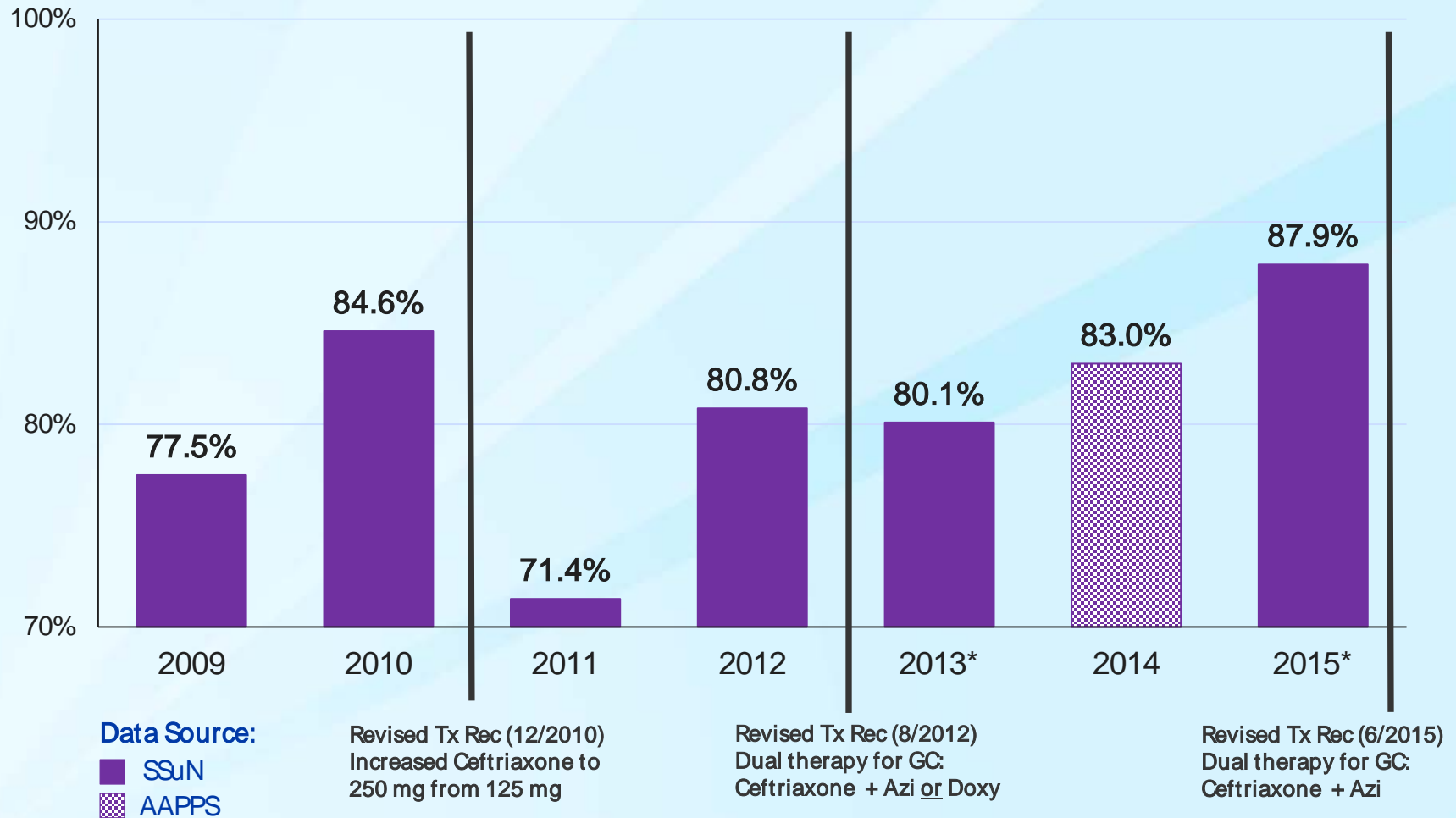
†† Cefixime susceptibility not tested in 2007 and 2008

Revised Tx Recommendations  
12/2010  
Increased Ceftriaxone to  
250 mg from 125 mg

Revised Tx Recommendations  
8/2012  
Dual therapy for GC

# Proportion of Gonorrhea-Infected Patients treated with a CDC-Recommended Antibiotic Regimen for Gonorrhea

Percentage



\*Based on 6 months of data

# 2015 CDC Treatment Recommendations for Gonococcal Infections

- Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM x 1

PLUS

- Azithromycin 1 g po x 1

## *Alternatives*

If ceftriaxone not available or for EPT:

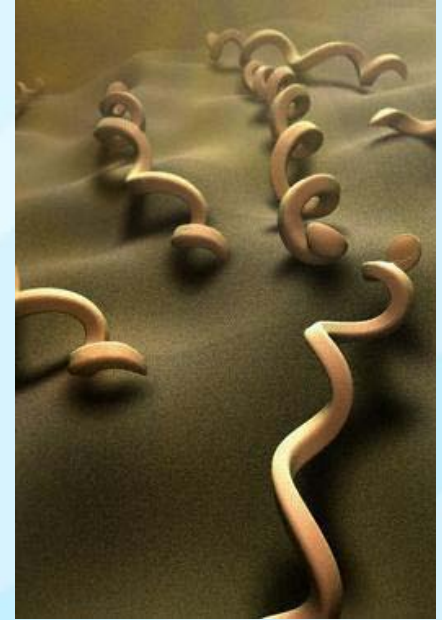
- Cefixime PLUS azithromycin 1 g

If cephalosporin allergy:

- Gentamicin (240mg IM or 5 mg/kg IM) / azithro 2 g PO  
or
- Gemifloxacin 320 mg PO / azithro 2 g PO

2015

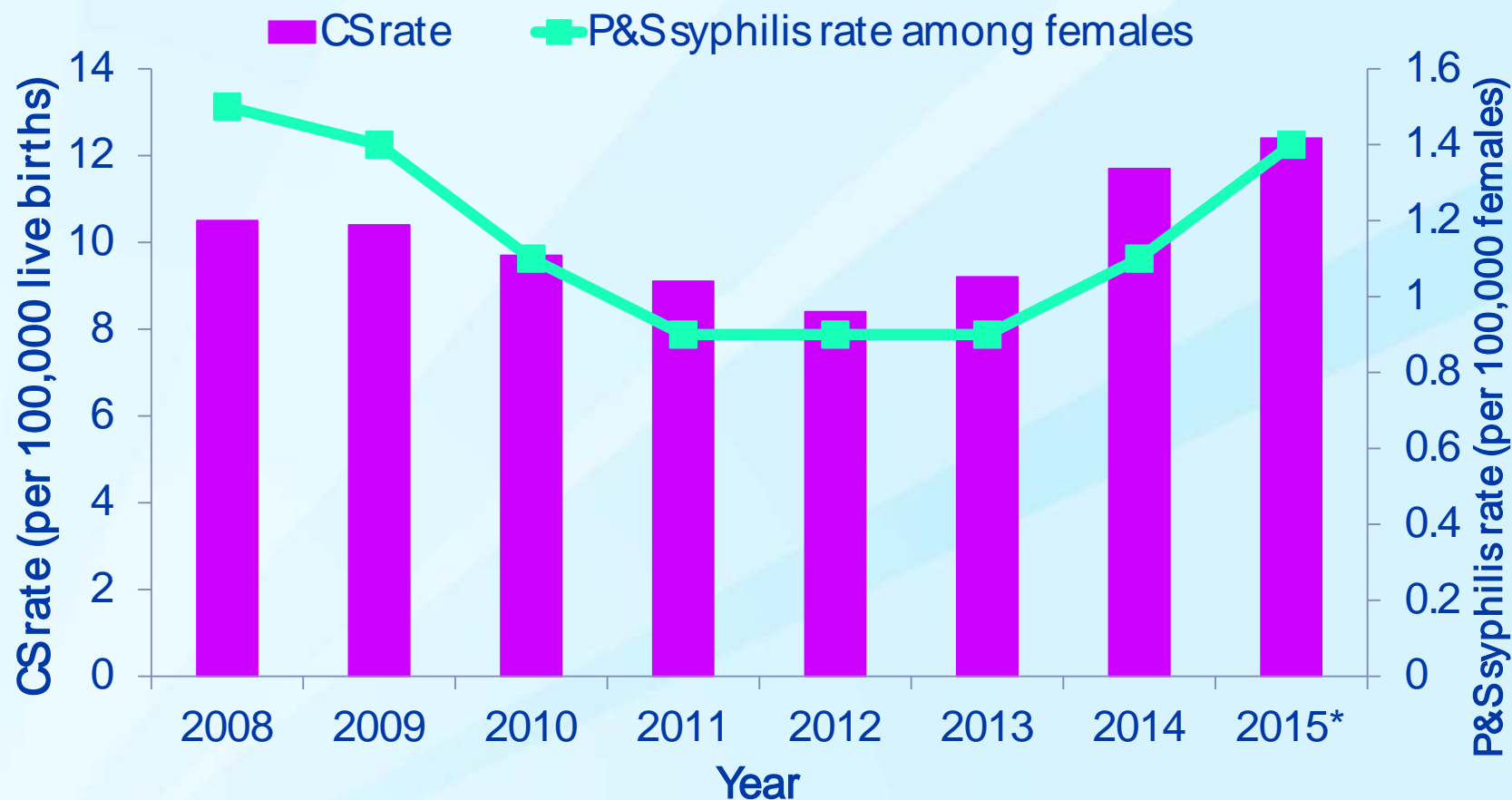
TOC if alternative regimen used for pharyngeal GC at ~14 days  
If treatment failure, perform culture, AST and retreat



# **SYPHILIS IN PREGNANCY**



## Congenital Syphilis (CS) Rate and Rate of Primary and Secondary (P&S) Syphilis Among Females, United States, 2008–2015\*



\*2015 data are preliminary as of July 18, 2016

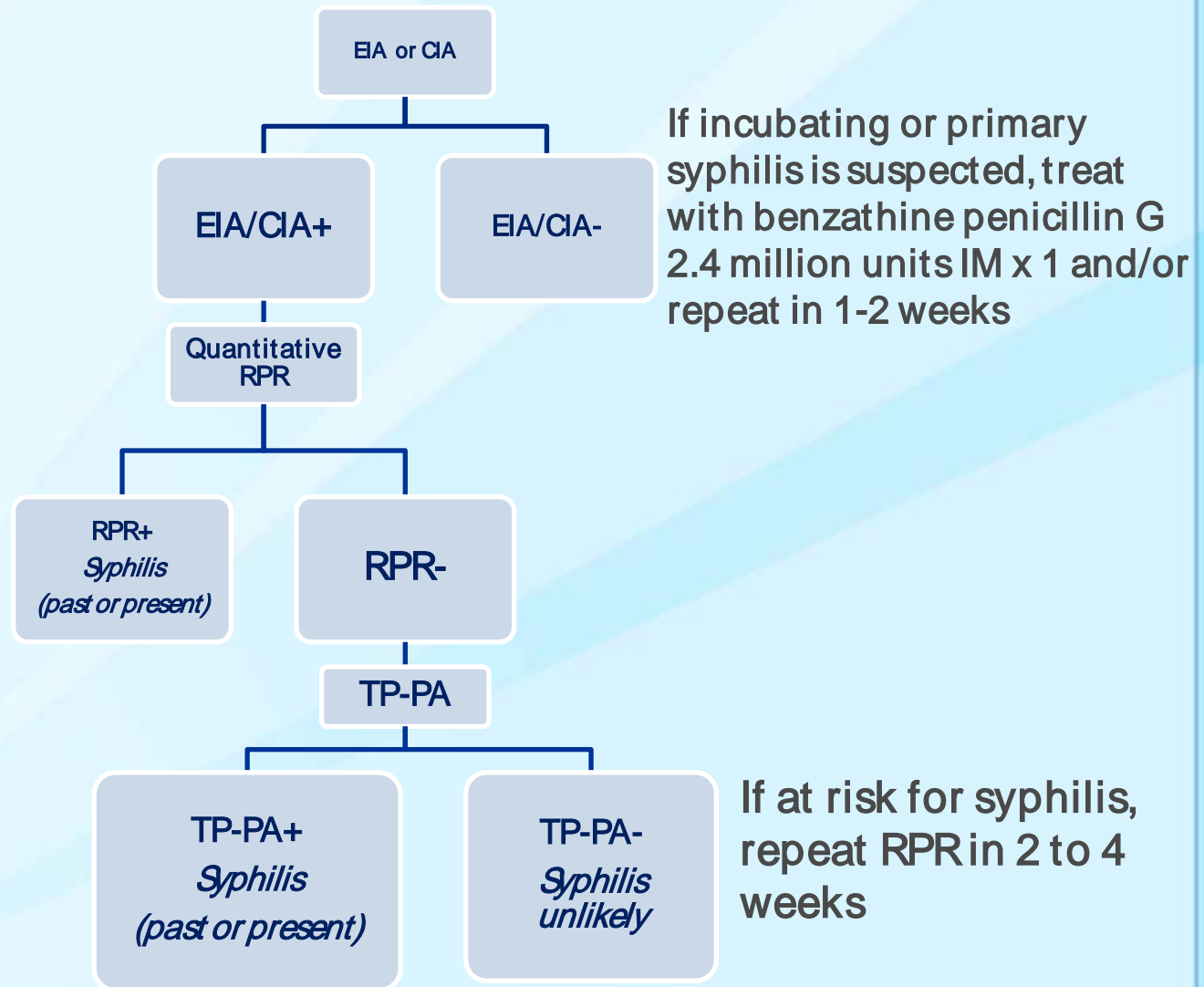
# Characteristics of Mothers Who Gave Birth to Infants with Congenital Syphilis, United States, 2014

	Number (N=458)	Percent
Did not receive prenatal care	100	21.8%
Received prenatal care (N=314, 68.6%)		
No treatment	135	29.5%
Treated <30 days prior to delivery	78	17.0%
Non-penicillin therapy	3	0.7%
Inadequate regimen for stage	13	2.8%
Adequate treatment	43	9.4%
Unknown treatment status	42	9.2%
Unknown prenatal care status	44	9.6%

# Characteristics of Mothers Who Gave Birth to Infants with Congenital Syphilis and Did Not Receive Treatment, United States, 2014

Mothers with prenatal care but no treatment	Number (N=135)	Percent
Never tested during pregnancy	21	15.6%
1 <sup>st</sup> test negative, later test positive	52	38.5%
Positive test, but not treated	62	45.9%

# Algorithm for reverse sequence syphilis screening



Evaluate clinically, determine if treated for syphilis in the past, assess risk of infection, and administer therapy according to CDC's STD Treatment Guidelines if not previously treated

# Syphilis Treatment

## Primary, Secondary, Early Latent

- ❑ Penicillin treatment of choice +/- HIV
  - Benz PCN 2.4 mu IM x 1
- ❑ Penicillin is the only recommended treatment in pregnancy
- ❑ PCN alternatives in non-pregnant patients
  - Doxycycline, ceftriaxone
  - Azithromycin 2 gm (A2058G mutation/tx failure)
    - MSM > MSW
    - Do not use azithromycin in MSM or pregnancy
- ❑ PCN shortages

# EMERGING ISSUES:

GENITAL HERPES

*TRICHOMONAS VAGINALIS*

*MYCOPLASMA GENITALIUM*

# Genital Herpes

- ❑ Increasing proportion of anogenital infections HSV-1 ( young females, MSM)
- ❑ IgM testing not useful
- ❑ Type specific serologic tests
  - ❑ HerpeSelect HSV-2 ELISA may be false + at low index values (1.2-3.5)- confirmed with Biokit or WB
  - ❑ HerpeSelect HSV-1 ELISA insensitive for HSV-1 (80%)
- ❑ No change in recommended therapy
  - ❑ Famiclovir is out of alphabetical



# Genital Herpes

- ❑ Increasing proportion of anogenital infections are HSV-1
  - Young females and MSM
- ❑ Type specific PCR is the preferred GUD diagnostic test
- ❑ IgM testing not useful
- ❑ Type specific serologic tests indicated for:
  - Recurrent or atypical genital symptoms with negative HSV PCR
  - Clinical diagnosis of genital herpes without lab confirmation
  - Partner with genital herpes
  - HerpeSelect HSV-2 ELISA may be false + at low index values (1.2-3.5)- confirm with Biokit or Western Blot
  - HerpeSelect HSV-1 ELISA insensitive for HSV-1 (80%)
- ❑ No change in recommended therapy
  - Famiclovir is out of alphabetical

# *Trichomonas vaginalis*

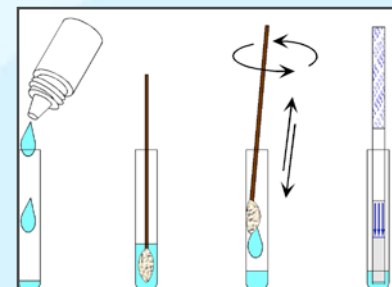
- ❑ Test in women with vaginal discharge
- ❑ Consider screening in high prevalence settings
  - STD clinics, corrections
  - No data if screening/treatment reduces adverse health events or reduces community burden of infection
- ❑ Retesting 3 months after treatment
- ❑ Treatment: Metronidazole or Tinidazole 2 gm
- ❑ Management of persistent infection
  - Up to 17% at 3 months
  - Reinfection from untreated partner is common
  - Infection with MTZ-resistant strain: ~4-10%
    - Tinidazole-resistant ~1%
    - No clear relationship to clinical treatment failure
  - Susceptibility testing if resistance suspected (404-718-4141)

# “New” Testing Options for Trich

## ❑ Rapid antigen test (Genzyme)

- Significantly better than wet mount
- Results in 10 minutes

Test	Sensitivity	Specificity
OSOM	83.3%	98.8%
Wet prep	71.4%	100%



## ❑ Nucleic Acid Amplification Test\* (Gen-Probe)

- May use same specimen type as used with CT/GC NAAT for females
- Not FDA cleared for use in men

Specimen	Sensitivity	Specificity
Urine	95.2%	98.9%
Vaginal/cervical swab	100%	99.0% to 99.6%

## ❑ Consider a molecular test-resolved algorithm (negative wet prep followed by NAAT)

\* Schwebke, J Clin Micro 2011

# Trichomonas and HIV

- ❑ TV increases genital shedding of HIV
  - Increased risk of preterm birth, PID, vertical HIV transmission
  - Treatment of TV decreases HIV genital shedding
- ❑ Routine screening of HIV infected women
  - At entry to care
  - Annually if sexually active
  - At first prenatal visit if pregnant
  - Rescreen 3 months after therapy
- ❑ Treatment issues
  - Single dose MTZ 2 g PO not as effective as 500 mg PO BID x 7 days
  - Preferred regimen is 7 day course

## Role of *Mycoplasma genitalium*

- Good evidence for role in urethritis (20%)
- May play role in cervicitis, PID, infertility, preterm delivery
- No commercially-available test for *M. genitalium* (in house NAATs)
- Treatment implications
  - Azithromycin is better than doxycycline because of resistance to doxycycline but new concerns of emerging resistance to Az
  - Conflicting data on single dose vs extended dosing
  - Moxifloxacin 400 mg po for 7-14 days has been studied as an alternative (cure rates 85-100%)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**MMWR**

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Recommendations and Reports / Vol. 63 / No. 4

April 25, 2014

**Providing Quality Family Planning Services**  
Recommendations of CDC and the U.S. Office of Population Affairs



Continuing Education Examination available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/cme/conted.html>.

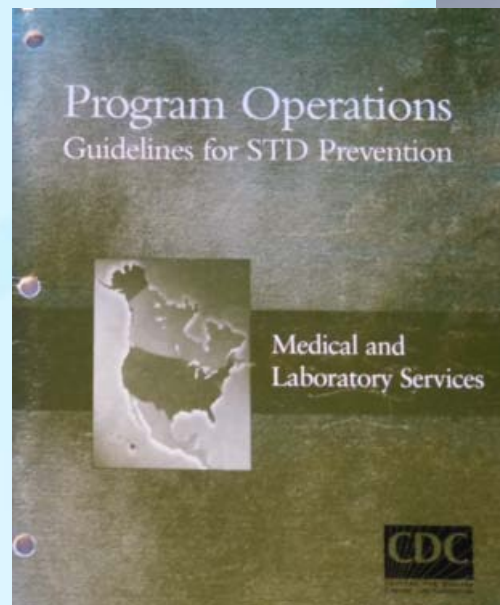
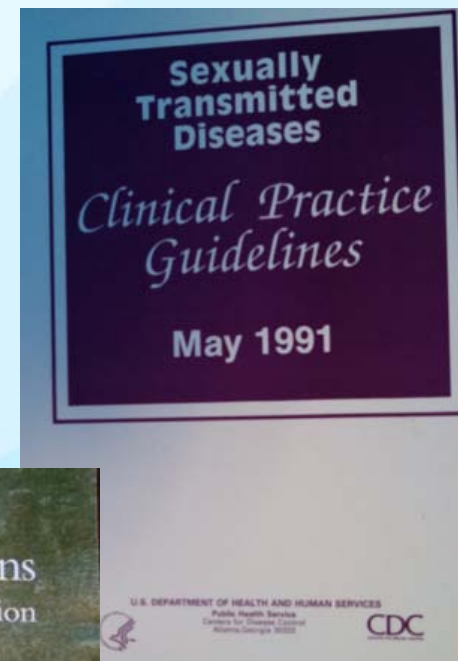


U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Guidelines for the Provision of Quality STD Clinical Services

# History of STD Clinical Practice Guidelines

- ❑ 1991 STD Clinical Practices Guidelines
- ❑ 2005 Program Operation Guidelines: Medical and Laboratory Services
- ❑ Focus was on STD clinics and programs





# Levels of STD Clinical Care Definitions

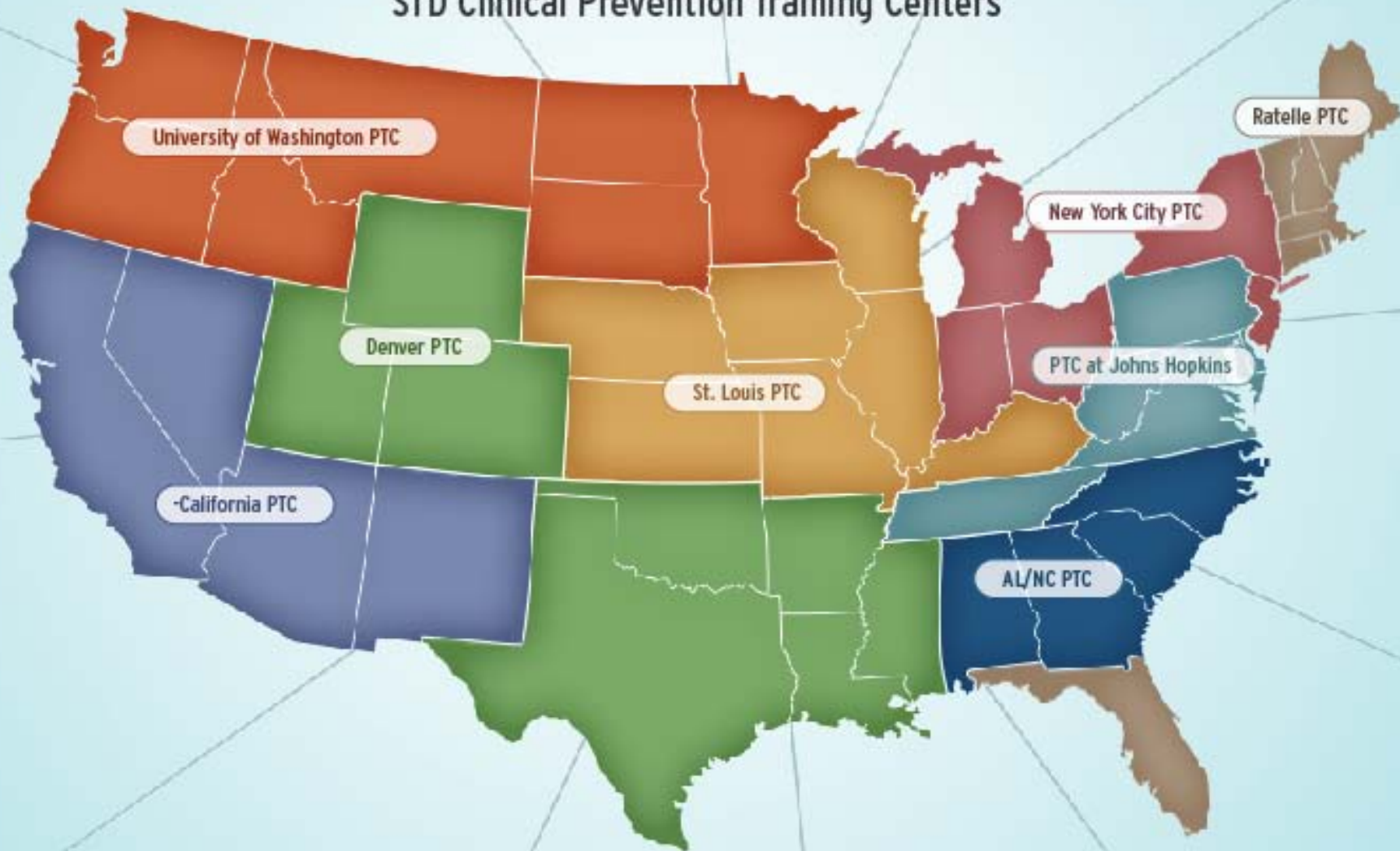
- ❑ **Basic STD Care:** Delivery of basic recommended STD clinical preventive services:
  - RA, screening and treatment of those with asymptomatic infection
  - Basic partner services (BYOP, EPT) and counseling, as needed
  - Treatment of patients with non-complex symptomatic infection
- ❑ **Specialized STD Care:** Delivery of more confidential, comprehensive and complex STD clinical services- including basic care plus:
  - On-site stat diagnosis (e.g. Gram stain, RPR)
  - Advanced diagnostics (e.g. gonorrhea culture, extra genital GC/CT NAATS)
  - On site injectable antibiotics to treat syphilis and gonorrhea
  - Offers same day service for those likely to be infected (those with symptoms suggestive of an acute STD and those who report a partner with an acute STD)
  - Offers culturally expert care to those at highest risk of STD (youth and LGBT)
  - Ensures protection of confidentiality

# More to Come...Stay Tuned!

- ❑ **HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)**
  - Ipergay study showed promise with peri-coital dosing
  - Long acting depo formulations
  - Vaginal microbicides & vaginal rings
- ❑ **GC**
  - Molecular tests with resistance markers
- ❑ **Syphilis**
  - Rapid testing
- ❑ **HPV testing instead of Pap?**
- ❑ **Extra-genital screening in women?**
- ❑ **Rectal Chlamydia resistance to Azithromycin?**
- ❑ **HSV and CT vaccines?**
- ❑ **Living STD Treatment Guidelines document?**

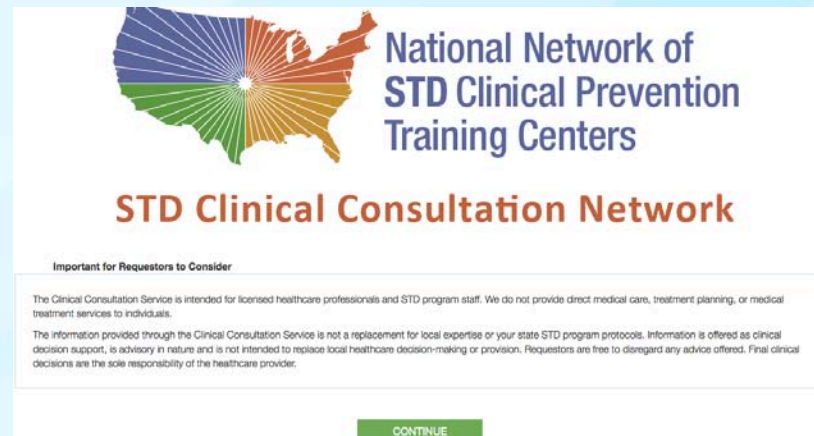
# Know your STD Clinical PTC

## STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers



# STD Clinical Consultation Network (STDCCCN)

- Provides STD clinical consultation services within 1-3 business days, depending on urgency, to healthcare providers nationally
- Your consultation request is linked to your regional PTC's expert faculty
- Just a click away! [www.STDCCCN.org](http://www.STDCCCN.org)



# Take-Home Messages

- ❑ **Screen, appropriately!**
- ❑ **Rescreen for chlamydial and gonococcal infections 3 months after treatment**
- ❑ **Be aware of antibiotic-resistant GC**
- ❑ **Syphilis: it's not going away and know about the EIA syphilis test**
- ❑ **Sexual health**
  - **Vaccinate for HPV (but continue Pap test screening) and HBV**
  - **Prevention messages including condoms**
  - **PrEP**



# Save the Date!

## 2016 STD Prevention Conference

**Atlanta, GA**

**September 20-23, 2016**

[www.cdc.gov/stdconference/](http://www.cdc.gov/stdconference/)

**A collaborative conference between**

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association
- National Coalition of STD Directors
- American Sexual Health Association
- Pan American Health Organization
- Public Health Agency of Canada





Thank you!  
**gyb2@cdc.gov**

For more information please contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30333

Telephone, 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)/TTY: 1-888-232-6348

E-mail: [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov) Web: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.