

Syphilis Treatment Recommendations

	STAGE OF SYPHILIS	RECOMMENDED REGIMEN	DOSE/ROUTE
EARLY SYPHILIS	Primary, Secondary, and Early Latent Less than 12 months	Benzathinepenicillin G (long-acting)	2.4 million units IM in a single dose
LATE SYPHILIS	Late latent or unknown duration Greater than 12 months	Benzathinepenicillin G (long-acting)	7.2 million units IM administered as 3 doses of 2.4 million units IM each, at 1-week intervals

*For Neurosyphilis and Ocular Syphilis see CDC STD Treatment Guidelines

Additional Treatment Information

- On the day of treatment, order an RPR test for a “day of treatment titer.” This will serve as a benchmark to determine whether patient has adequate treatment response.
- Longer treatment duration is required for persons with syphilis of unknown duration or late latent syphilis (infected greater than 12 months) to ensure adequate treatment.
- **Intramuscular long-acting Benzathine penicillin G is the only therapy with documented efficacy for syphilis during pregnancy.** Pregnant people with syphilis in any stage who report penicillin allergy should be desensitized and treated with penicillin.
- Pregnant people diagnosed with late syphilis (3 doses) should be treated 7 days apart (within 6-8 days). Pregnant people who miss any doses, or go more than 8 days between doses, must repeat full course of therapy.
- If patient is not pregnant and allergic to penicillin, consider alternative regimens; see CDC STD Treatment Guidelines.

Treating Partners

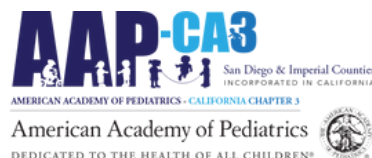
- Persons who are a known sexual contact of a partner diagnosed with early syphilis should be treated presumptively for early syphilis, even if serologic test results are negative.
- If you are unable to locate or treat partner(s), please call the County of San Diego Community Health Services Unit at 619-692-8501, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All cases of syphilis must be reported within one working day to the Department of Public Health. (California Health and Safety Code 120675-120715)

 For syphilis history, staging or reporting:
County of San Diego Community Health Services Unit: 619-692-8501

 For STD clinical management consultation:
County of San Diego STD Clinical Consultation Line: 619-609-3245

*Adapted from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health



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