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HCP Advisory: Gonorrhea

There has been an increase in the incidence rate of gonorrhea in Dryden. The increased risk may affect Dryden and the surrounding First Nation communities of the Dryden and Ignace Health Hub. Risk factors for gonorrhea include multiple sexual partners, sex worker, substance misuse, being underhoused or homeless, and other sexually transmitted infections.

Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) continues to do case and contact follow up, and have increased communication and programming to high risk groups and the general public.

Please consider:

- Testing for gonorrhea and other sexually transmitted infections for those who are at risk
- Testing in patients with symptoms that could be a sign of gonorrhea or other STIs
- Treating according to the Public Health Ontario Gonorrhea Guidelines
 - Treatment for sexually transmitted infections can be made available at no charge; please contact NWHU to arrange for free medication through your clinic
- Providing counselling to patients on importance of condoms and dental dams; these are available from NWHU at no charge for distribution through your clinic

Resources:

- [Gonorrhea Treatment Quick Reference For Adolescents and Adults](#)
- [Ontario Gonorrhea Testing and Treatment Guide, 2nd Edition](#)
- [Summary of Recommendations Ontario Gonorrhea Testing and Treatment Guide, 2nd Edition](#)

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