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Medical Advisory: Updated Gonorrhea Testing and Treatment Guide

Public Health Ontario has released the [Ontario Gonorrhea Testing and Treatment Guide, 2nd edition](#), an update to the Guidelines for Testing and Treatment of Gonorrhea.

The guide features:

- Laboratory testing recommendations, including when to perform a Gram stain, bacterial culture or NAAT
- Treatment recommendations for uncomplicated anogenital and pharyngeal gonorrhea
- Follow-up of gonorrhea cases, including public health reporting, testing and treatment of contacts, test of cure and follow-up testing

The dual treatment of ceftriaxone and azithromycin remains to be the preferred treatment for gonorrhea to help prevent resistance.

Please Note: Free STI treatment medications for clinics are available through the Northwestern Health Unit. Please contact your local health unit office or Gillian Lunny for more information.

More information on the new testing and treatment guide can be found here:

- PHO presentation available [here](#)
- PHO Summary and Recommendations [here](#)
- PHO Gonorrhea Guidelines [here](#)

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