



Health Services
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: PATIENT DELIVERED PARTNER THERAPY FOR CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA

POLICY NO: 213.3

PURPOSE:

To decrease the risk of chlamydia and/or gonorrhea re-infection in patients and to improve the control of chlamydia and gonorrhea within Los Angeles County by offering Patient Delivered Therapy (PDPT) as a partner management option for patients with chlamydia and/or gonorrhea.

POLICY:

PDPT will be routinely offered to patients diagnosed with chlamydia and/or gonorrhea as a partner management strategy when prompt evaluation and treatment of the partner(s) cannot be ensured.

Exception: PDPT is **not** appropriate for the following patients:

- Patients co-infected with STDs not covered by PDPT medication
- Cases of suspected child abuse, sexual assault or abuse
- Any case where patient-partner communication or safety is in doubt

Practitioners will assess appropriateness of PDPT prior to issuing a prescription, and educate patient on allergy precautions for the partner. Practitioners will also provide informational PDPT materials, which must include clear instructions, warnings, and referral information.

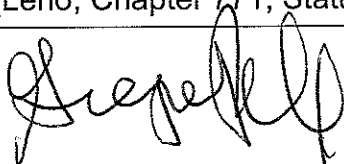
Practitioners will report case and partner management, including number of partners treated with PDPT to the Department of Public Health, STD Program.

DHS pharmacies shall dispense patient-delivered partner therapy antibiotics to patients providing a DHS prescription. All PDPT prescriptions shall be dispensed in accordance with State law.

AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code §§ 120550-120605
Senate Bill 648 (Ortiz, Chapter 835, Statutes of 2000)
Assembly Bill 2280 (Leno, Chapter 771, Statutes of 2006)

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