# Resources for Local STD Programs

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Dear Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Controller,

I am happy to present our new guide, “Resources for Local California Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Programs.” The purpose of this guide is to provide local California STD program directors and your staff with a comprehensive list of resources that will help you design and implement your programs. We developed this guide based on the needs that STD program directors identified in our 2013/2014 Infrastructure Survey.

On the following pages, you will see resources on all programmatic areas, including Disease Intervention, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Laboratory Verification, Clinical Administration, Health Promotion and Health Education, Surveillance and Data, and Policy and Communications. Each section contains the name of the STD Control Branch staff person who can provide additional information and technical assistance about each area. Please feel free to contact them at any time.

New resources come – and go – all the time. For that reason, we intend to update this regularly. A current version will be posted on our website, www.std.ca.gov. Please feel free to email stdcb@cdph.ca.gov if you have any feedback or suggestions, including any other resources that you have found helpful and would like to share with others.

Thank you for your continued work to improving the sexual health of Californians.

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California Department of Public Health
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DISEASE INTERVENTION

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Guidelines

- National Recommendations for Partner Services Programs for HIV Infection, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydial Infection – MMWR 2008 (CDC)\(^1\)
- Congenital Syphilis Resources for Field Investigation (CDPH)\(^2\)
- Partner Services Quick Guide (CDC)\(^3\)

Mentorship (Training)

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The Disease Intervention and Partner Services Mentorship Program is intended to enhance local capacity for disease intervention through standardized hands-on training. Trainees complete a skills inventory checklist and receive tailored mentorship in case management, interview and field investigation techniques. Local participants and supervisors track progress though assessment tools. Note: Training and TA available upon request.

Internet Partner Notification (IPN)

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New technologies (i.e. e-mail addresses, profile IDs, and instant/text messaging) are useful in public health follow-up, especially under circumstances where notification via this approach may be the only option. Protocols and standard messaging templates are available. Notification through private websites (e.g. Manhunt, etc.) can be difficult due to IT permission issues; CDPH-STDCB IPN Liaisons are available to initiate communication with exposed partners via private websites, referring them to local health department staff for specific disease exposure information. Note: Training and TA available upon request.

- National Guidelines for Internet-based STD and HIV Prevention (NCSD)\(^4\)
- Introducing Technology into Partner Services: A Toolkit for Programs (CDC)\(^5\)
- List of STDCB IPN Liaisons available to assist your health jurisdiction (CDPH) \(^6\) [password protected=CalREDIE123]

Field Delivered Therapy (FDT)

- Guidelines for the Treatment of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Cases and Exposed Sexual Partners by Health Department Staff in Non-Clinical Settings (CDPH)\(^7\)

HIV Partner Services (PS)

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The CDPH STDCB collaborates with OA to provide training and technical assistance to support implementation and evaluation of HIV Partner Services (PS) activities in local prevention, care and surveillance programs. To learn more about the HIV PS program, or to request training or technical assistance, please contact the OA Partner Services Coordinator, Manny Rios at manny.rios@cdph.ca.gov or 916-449-5824.
The CDPH STDCB is leading a pilot project to enhance and evaluate integrated partner services and linkage to care outcomes for patients co-infected with syphilis and HIV, or gonorrhea and HIV. To learn more about the use of surveillance data to identify/prioritize STD clients for integrated HIV partner services activities, please contact Jae Egan at jeffrey.egan@cdph.ca.gov at 619-688-3187.

**Syphilis Reactor Grid Evaluator (SRGE)**
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The SRGE tool enables STD programs to evaluate how well current gender, age, and syphilis reactor titer cut-points perform in identifying infectious syphilis cases for investigation versus administrative closure. Local epidemiology and surveillance staff work with DIS staff to set up and implement this user-friendly, flexible tool for optimizing the syphilis reactor grid in the context of local resources and potential changes in local syphilis epidemiology over time.

**Syphilis Reactor Triage**
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The disease intervention section is available to address syphilis reactor processing or reactor triage questions. The lead may assist with the input of regional managers.

**Congenital Syphilis Case Management**
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Submit your request online: www.stdccn.org

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm PST. Calls are returned within 24 hours or the next business day (for Friday calls).
Phone number: 510-620-3400

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California Family Health Council (CFHC)
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**LABORATORY VERIFICATION PROTOCOLS**

**Lead:** Ina Park | ina.park@cdph.ca.gov | 510-620-6287

- Guidance for non-FDA cleared tests – NAAT of Rectal Swabs for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (APHL)
- Guidance for non-FDA cleared tests – NAAT of Pharyngeal (Throat) Swabs for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (APHL)
- List of Laboratories Capable of Performing NAAT for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea on Rectal and Pharyngeal Specimens (APHL) | PDF version
- Verification of Patient Self-Collected Extragenital Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests for Diagnosis of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) and *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) (CDPH). Document is available by request.

**CLINICAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Pharmaceutical Toolkit**

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On-site Dispensing Toolkit - includes information on injectable medications (CDPH/PTC). Document is available by request.

**340B Drug Pricing Program**

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The 340B Drug Pricing Program requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations at significantly reduced prices. STD Clinics are eligible for the 340B program under section 318 of the Public Health Service Act. STD Clinics are clinics that diagnose and treat sexually transmitted diseases and receive funding or in-kind support from the CDPH STDCB. Participating clinics can purchase any 340B covered outpatient drug for patients that meet the eligibility criteria listed on the HRSA website.

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LHJ Purchasing Program

[CDPHSTDProcurement@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHSTDProcurement@cdph.ca.gov)

On an annual basis, this program encourages LHJs to request items from a list of products that include STD medications, lab supplies, condoms, health education brochures and posters, and printed clinical guidelines. All requests will be collected in the spring; multiple shipments can be arranged. There is no fee to participate in this purchasing program. The STDCB will select the vendors, handle the bid process, and make the arrangements to have the items delivered to each LHJ’s location.
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- Community Needs Assessment Toolkit is available by request. Contact Claire Feldman at Claire.Feldman@cdph.ca.gov or 510-620-3938 for more information.

Online Training

- California Prevention Training Center (PTC) STD, HIV, and Hepatitis Online Course List (CA STD PTC)

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- California Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention (OVHP)\textsuperscript{142}
- California Office of AIDS (CDPH OA)\textsuperscript{143}
- Family PACT\textsuperscript{144}
- California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)\textsuperscript{145}
- California Syphilis Elimination Effort\textsuperscript{146}
- Adolescent Sexual Health Work Group (ASHWG)\textsuperscript{147}
- California Department of Education (CDE)\textsuperscript{148}

National
- National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (CDC)\textsuperscript{149}
- National Chlamydia Coalition (NCC)\textsuperscript{150}
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