

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS & DISEASE CONTROL
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE SECTION**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), including gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, and hepatitis B result in excessive morbidity, mortality, and health care costs, particularly among women, adolescents, and newborns. The goals of the STD Program are: 1) prompt reporting of cases, 2) the provision of screening and treatment services for Michigan's citizens, and 3) the application of interviewing and case finding activities to reduce complications and intervene in the spread of disease.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Surveillance

In accordance with the Public Health Code, cases of STDs are reported by laboratories and clinicians to local health departments. Action is taken to ensure appropriate care and provide rapid follow-up for priority cases. These reports are then forwarded to the Michigan Department of Community Health via the Michigan Disease Surveillance System. Based on these reports, resources are targeted to the areas of greatest need.

Screening

Routine testing for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia are offered to many high-risk patients seen by local health departments, private medical facilities, or other venues. The early treatment afforded to infected patients and their sex partners avoids the higher costs associated with the management of complications and prevents the spread of infection. The STD Program supports syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia screening services with state or federal funds.

Treatment

All local health departments are mandated to provide STD services to persons presenting for care, either within the health department or by referral to a private provider. Much of the approximately \$5.5 million per year, that the STD Program awards to local health departments, is used to enhance clinical services. Training courses for clinicians are periodically offered through MDCH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Clinical Training Center in Cincinnati, to update skills. Accreditation review and minimum program requirements assure that local health department clinics operate according to generally accepted standards.

Interviewing and Case finding

MDCH Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS), CDC staff, and other administrative personnel, supplement local public health employees in case management activities. Persons found infected with priority STDs and HIV are provided pertinent medical information regarding their infection, interviewed regarding sex partners, and assisted with referral of their partners for appropriate examination and treatment; the end result being reduced transmission of infection.

Prevention and Education

The STD Program's prevention efforts compliment those activities conducted by local public health departments, hospitals, and other health care providers. For example, condoms, statistical summaries, program and treatment guidelines, and other requested technical assistance are regularly provided by the STD Section. A number of training courses and satellite conferences, as well as the MDCH STD/HIV Conference, are held each year for local public health staff, community-based organizations, and other public/private agencies. The Section coordinates with the Michigan Department of Education to encourage comprehensive sex education in schools.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Reductions in syphilis, gonorrhea, and Chlamydia, focusing on health disparities.
- Continue to implement a comprehensive approach to partner management for STD and HIV.
- Increased hepatitis A & B immunization in STD clinics.
- Increased screening for chlamydia, targeting adolescent females in high-risk settings.
- Enhancement of private/public partnerships to control STDs, including the use of provider and partner packets for those diagnosed with gonorrhea and chlamydia.
- Increased surveillance activity for priority infections.
- Increased education and training opportunities.

WHO TO CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Local Health Departments: locations available at www.malph.org
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/std
- Michigan Statistics: www.michigan.gov/hivstd
- MDCH STD Section, Karen Krzanowski, Section Manager, (517) 241-0870
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