

## Treatment Recommendations

DISEASE	RECOMMENDATION	ALTERNATIVE REGIMEN
Primary and Secondary syphilis Early Latent syphilis (<1 year duration)	Benzathine penicillin 2.4 million units IM in a single injection	1. Doxycycline 100 mg po bid for 14 days <b>OR</b> 2. Tetracycline 500 mg po qid for 14 days
Latent syphilis (>1 year duration or unknown)	Benzathine penicillin 2.4 million units IM for three doses at 1-week intervals	1. Doxycycline 100 mg po bid for 28 days 2. Tetracycline 500 mg qid for 28 days
Neurosyphilis	Aqueous crystalline penicillin G 18-24 million units per day, administered as 3-4 million units IV every 4 hours or continuous infusion, for 10-14 days	Procaine penicillin 2.4 million units IM once daily plus Probenicid 500 mg orally four times a day, both for 10-14 days
Syphilis during pregnancy	Penicillin regimen appropriate for stage of syphilis	Penicillin allergic pregnant patients should be desensitized to penicillin
Gonorrhea	1. Ceftriaxone 125 mg IM in a single dose	1. Ciprofloxacin 500 mg orally in a single dose <b>OR</b> 2. Ofloxacin 400 mg orally in a single dose <b>OR</b> 3. Levofloxacin 250 mg orally in a single dose <b>Plus</b> , treat for Chlamydia infection if it has not been ruled out.
Chlamydia	1. Azithromycin 1 g orally in a single dose <b>OR</b> 2. Doxycycline 100 mg orally twice daily for 7 days	1. Erythromycin base 500 mg orally four times daily for 7 days <b>OR</b> 2. Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 800 mg orally four times daily for seven days <b>OR</b> 3. Ofloxacin 300 mg orally twice daily for 7 days <b>OR</b> 4. Levofloxacin 500 mg orally daily for 7 days
Chlamydia during pregnancy	1. Erythromycin base 500 mg orally four times daily for 7 days <b>OR</b> 2. Amoxicillin 500 mg orally three times daily for 7 days	1. Erythromycin base 500 mg orally four times daily for 14 days <b>OR</b> 2. Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 800 mg orally four times daily for 7 days <b>OR</b> 3. Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 400 mg orally four times daily for 14 days <b>OR</b> 4. Azithromycin 1 g orally in a single dose
HSV, first clinical episode	1. Acyclovir 400 mg three times daily for 7-10 days <b>OR</b> 2. Valacyclovir 1 g orally twice daily for 7-10 days <b>OR</b> 3. Famciclovir 250 mg orally three times daily <b>OR</b> 4. Acyclovir 200 mg orally five times daily	
Genital herpes, recurrence	Episodic therapy: 1. Above regimens for 5 days 2. Valacyclovir 500 mg for 3-5 days	Suppressive therapy: 1. Acyclovir 400 mg orally twice daily, indefinitely <b>OR</b> 2. Famciclovir 250 mg orally twice daily <b>OR</b> 3. Valacyclovir 500 mg orally once daily <b>OR</b> 4. Valacyclovir 1 g orally once daily
Hepatitis A*	-	-
Hepatitis B*	-	-

\*Chronic hepatitis A and B treatment are beyond the scope of this text.