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April is STD Awareness Month

The CDC theme for STD Awareness Month, the core messages of which the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) have long promoted, is Talk.Test.Treat.

*Talk.* Providers are encouraged to talk regularly with their patients about their sexual health, in part to identify patients who require STD/HIV screening and prevention interventions such as HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). A concise guide to taking a sexual history can be found in the CDC Treatment Guidelines: [http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm).

*Test.* Annual Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screening is recommended for sexually active women <25 years. More frequent screening every 3 months is recommended for men who sex with men and transgender persons. Full SF STD screening guidelines are available here: [http://www.sfcityclinic.org/providers/SFDPH_STDScreeningRecs2009v2.pdf](http://www.sfcityclinic.org/providers/SFDPH_STDScreeningRecs2009v2.pdf)

*Treat.* In addition to the full CDC STD Treatment Guidelines [http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm), there is also a helpful free CDC STD app for Android or iOS. SFDPH provides assistance in ensuring that patients receive appropriate, timely treatment; providers who need any assistance in treating their patients for gonorrhea or chlamydia can call 415-487-5530; for assistance with treating syphilis patients, please call 415-487-5531.

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