

State Fact Sheet

Utah

Infertility Prevention Project

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Special points of interest:

- Preliminary data for 2006 shows 5,135 cases of Chlamydia infection reported.
- During 2006, over 42,000 Chlamydia tests were performed on Utah residents by labs servicing Utah.

Background

The majority of STD infections in Utah occur among persons 15 to 24 years of age. For 2006, this group accounted for 67% of all Chlamydia cases reported. Females accounted for 68% of all cases reported in 2006. To target this population group, UDOH is working to gain access to high schools throughout the state to conduct educational presentations. Through expansion efforts, Planned Parenthood Association of Utah (PPAU) and the STD Control Program are conducting screen-

ing in high-risk sites such as detention centers, homeless youth centers, and community based organizations.

There are high morbidity rates in Utah's racial and ethnic populations. This may be explained in part by a low number of persons making up the non-white and ethnic populations, and a paucity of culturally appropriate strategic interventions that reach these populations.

Interesting Initiatives

Reduce Morbidity in Males

In 2006, Utah state public health labs tested 7,070 males with a positivity rate of 12.9%. Collaboration between PPAU and the STD Control Program has resulted in male testing at youth correctional facilities and youth centers.

Alternate Site Testing

Utah is leading Region 8 in alternate site testing. Utah has received CLIA approval at both the state and national level and is conducting their own tests. By the end of December 2006, Utah had collected 168 alternate site tests. The Utah

lab had collected 82 rectal samples. Of these, there were 20 GC positives (24.4%), 17 CT positives (20.7%), and 8 co-positives (9.8%). There had also been 86 pharyngeal samples collected. Of these, 13 were positive (15.1%) for GC and there were no CT positives.

Lab Facts:

*Test Type: GenProbe Aptima Combo2 Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT).

Screening Criteria:

- 1) All sexually active women under age 25
- 2) Women age 25 and older with one or more of the following:
 - *New sex partner in the last 60 days
 - *Multiple sex partners in the last 60 days
 - *MPC
 - *Cervical Friability
 - *PID
 - *Positive for Chlamydia in the last 12 months