

**Standing Order for Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)
(Patient-Delivered Partner Therapy)**

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1. All patients (except men who have sex with men) with a lab-confirmed diagnosis (positive Gram stain, NAAT, or culture) of **GONORRHEA** or **CHLAMYDIA**, should be offered EPT.
2. Partner packs for patients with chlamydia contain a 1 gram azithromycin sachet. Partner packs for patients with gonorrhea *can* contain both azithromycin and 2 - 200 mg cefpodoxime tablets (if the patient is returning to the clinic for treatment for a known +GC result with a –CT result and is offered EPT packs for partners, this EPT GC pack would only contain cefpodoxime). Packs also contain information about the medication and how to take it, as well as general information about gonorrhea and/or chlamydia.
3. Patients may be offered up to 3 partner packs.
4. Patients should be counseled to encourage their partners to come to the clinic or see their doctors to be tested and treated for STDs. However, if partners are not willing or able to be evaluated, they should be encouraged to take the EPT medication.
5. Patients should also be counseled to tell their partners that it is very important to read the information contained in the partner packs before taking the medication.
6. EPT is not recommended for men who have sex with men, for patients with STDs other than gonorrhea or chlamydia, or for patients who have STD-associated syndromes (including PID, MPC, and NGU) who do not have a confirmed diagnosis of gonorrhea or chlamydia
7. The following information regarding EPT must be entered into HealthDoc for all patients who receive treatment for a confirmed diagnosis of gonorrhea or chlamydia:
 - If EPT was offered
 - If EPT was accepted
 - How many and what type of EPT partner packs were dispensed

8. Pyxis and STD Medication Log Charting:

-In the **Pyxis**, choices to select for EPT are as follows:

- For **Chlamydia EPT**:
EPT-CHLYM AZITHROMYCIN...
- For **Gonorrhea EPT** there are two ways to access medication:
 - Select "KITS LIST" (for EPT GC only- will contain both Cefpodoxime and Azith)
 - Select "EPT GC KIT"
 - Select "Remove Selections" (This will open both drawers containing Cefpodoxime and Azith).

Or... if needing to select only Oflox for EPT GC you can...

-Select "EPT-GC Cefpodoxime..." from the main medication list.

-In the **STD Medication Log Book** you will need to document the following:

- Place a demographic label (using the current patient's demo label- the known +). You will need to document **EACH** EPT pack/medication given. For example, the patient is getting two EPT medications, then two demographic labels and information will need to be documented in the medication log book).
- If possible, collect the patient's "partner/s" name and phone number (try to collect both name and number, and if not possible, try for at least the partner/s name).
- You will need to write the "partner/s" name and phone number under the patient's demographic label. If you were unable to collect and partner information, you will need to write "Partner # 1, 2, or 3" under the patient's demographic label.
- Rx # (no changes...next sequential number)
- Prescriber name (no changes...whichever MD is on call at that time)
- Place either a "Chlamydia EPT" or "Gonorrhea EPT" sticker under the drug section. You will also need to place a regular "Azithromycin 1g po..." and/or "Cefpodoxime 400 mg..." sticker underneath the EPT sticker.
- Lot #, Exp. Date, and Dispenser ID... charted as same, no changes.