



Universal Screening for Syphilis and Other STBIs

Among Patients Presenting for Substance Use Related Care

Suggested Interventions to Improve Care

Offer **universal screening** for HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), hepatitis B (HBV), gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis to all patients presenting for substance use-related care.



Follow the **screening guidelines** our clinic adopted; we screen every six months, or more frequently according to risk.



Use a **standardized order set** including **HCV Ab** and **HCV RNA PCR**, so that infection can be confirmed with one blood draw.



Offer **treatment for syphilis, HCV, gonorrhea, and chlamydia** on site, and refer to the local clinic for **HIV care**.



Facilitate pre-exposure prophylaxis (**PrEP**) for people at high risk of HIV infection.



Offer **onsite, low barrier phlebotomy** with our part-time, in-house phlebotomist.



RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

Syphilis testing and treatment resources

Sexually Transmitted Infection **Drug Order Request Form** to obtain **Bicillin** for Syphilis *free of cost in BC or the Yukon*



Syphilis Treatment Form to report treatment of syphilis cases



Standard Education for Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI)



Non-certified **Decision Support Tool** for Syphilis



Syphilis **Treatment (Bicillin L-A) Quick Tips**



RESOURCES FOR PATIENTS

- [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\): Syphilis](#)
- [HealthLink BC: Syphilis](#)
- [Perinatal Services BC: Syphilis in Pregnancy: Information for Women and their Partners](#)
- [CATIE: Syphilis fact sheet](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada \(PHAC\): Syphilis fact sheet](#)

Syphilis surveillance data:

Syphilis Surveillance Reports

Consultative services:

BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Syphilis Desk: 604-707-5607