patients with primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis who are unlikely to adhere to a multi-intramuscular formulations of penicillin (e.g. Bicillin C-doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 14 days is an acceptable alternative for those with primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis, Bicillin L due to delays in reporting from labs and providers.

Clinical providers and public health departments continue to face challenges procuring enough penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L due to manufacturing backlog. The manufacturer anticipates the issue will be resolved by April 2024.

Bicillin L-A is the only acceptable treatment for pregnant people infected with or exposed to syphilis and should be prioritized for babies exposed to syphilis in utero. Additionally, all people capable of pregnancy diagnosed with syphilis should receive Bicillin L-A. Among non-pregnant adults, doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 14 days is an acceptable alternative for those with primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis, and for those who have been exposed to a patient with infectious syphilis. Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 28 days is an acceptable alternative for those with late latent syphilis. Other intramuscular formulations of penicillin (e.g. Bicillin C-R) are not acceptable alternatives for the treatment of syphilis.

**Actions Requested of SF Clinicians**

1. Actively monitor your stocks of penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A) and work with your pharmacy to determine access. **Contact SF City Clinic at (628) 217-7663 if you are having trouble obtaining Bicillin L-A.**

2. **Prioritize Bicillin L-A for pregnant people and people capable of pregnancy with syphilis infection or exposure**, as well as for non-pregnant syphilis patients with primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis who are unlikely to adhere to a multi-day doxycycline regimen or who have a contraindication to doxycycline.

3. **If your stocks of Bicillin L-A are low**, consider doxycycline for non-pregnant adults who are likely to adhere to a multi-day regimen, especially patients with late latent syphilis and those who have been exposed to syphilis.

4. **Conserve Bicillin L-A by using alternative drugs** to treat group A strep pharyngitis and for primary rheumatic fever prophylaxis, e.g. penicillin V, amoxicillin, and azithromycin.

5. **Check for updates** on the **SF City Clinic website**.

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