

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Clinical Practice Guidelines

POLICY # CP-3

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SUBJECT: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the treatment and care of patients with sexually transmitted diseases.

POLICY

Engaging in any sexual activity with others while incarcerated is in violation of inmate rules of conduct and is subject to disciplinary action. The Division of Prisons shall follow the Commission of Health Services' rules 10A NCAC 41A Section .0204 to manage sexually transmitted diseases. As reference in Rule .0204 the recommendations contained in the U.S. Public Health Service's *STD Treatment Guidelines* will be the required control measures for diagnosis, testing, treatment, and follow-up of sexually transmitted diseases. A copy of this publication will be made available for reference in the medical treatment area of each facility. Additional copies may be requested from the Central Office of Health Services.

PROCEDURE

1. Inmates infected with, exposed to, or reasonably suspected of being infected with gonorrhea, chlamydia, non-gonococcal urethritis, and mucopurulent cervicitis shall be instructed to:
 - a. Refrain from intercourse until examined, diagnosed and treatment is complete, and all lesions are healed.
 - b. Be tested, treated and re-evaluated in accordance with the U.S. Public Health Service's *STD Treatment Guidelines*.
 - c. Notify all sexual partners from 30 days before the on-set of symptoms to completion of therapy that they must be evaluated by a physician or public health department.
2. Inmates infected with, exposed to, or reasonably suspected of being infected with syphilis, lymphogranuloma venereum, granuloma inguinale, and chancroid shall be instructed to:
 - a. Refrain from intercourse until examined, diagnosed, and treatment is completed, and all lesions are healed.
 - b. Be tested, treated and re-evaluated in accordance with the U.S. Public Health Service's *STD Treatment Guidelines*.
 - c. Be interviewed by a disease intervention specialist from the regional office of the HIV/STD Control Branch to identify and complete contact investigation of all sexual partners as appropriate.

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3. Medical staff should call the regional office of the HIV/STD Control Branch to report positive RPR's. When reporting RPR's, medical staff should request a record search for prior treatment of the inmate for syphilis. The disease intervention specialist should complete the record search, interview the inmate, and make recommendations for treatment to the facility health care provider.
4. Inmates suspected of having a sexually transmitted disease that refuse evaluation, testing, and treatment may be medically isolated and compelled to submit to testing and treatment. See HCP AD IV-5.



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Reference: NC Communicable Disease Law 10A NCAC 41A.0204