



## **Update: Chlamydia and Gonorrhea (CT/GC) Screening & STD Program**

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Dear STD Prevention Partners,

The STD Prevention Program is pleased to announce that effective for dates of service January 1, 2016 on, the STD Program through the Oregon State Public Health Lab (OSPHL) will expand to cover Chlamydia and gonorrhea lab screening costs for both females and males under 25 who are uninsured or underinsured at safety net STD sites in Oregon.

As you are aware, the Infertility Prevention Project (IPP) which provided free gonorrhea and Chlamydia screening for certain men and women through OSPHL for several years was discontinued in 2013. Since the end of IPP, the Oregon STD Prevention Program, as part of the requirements of our federal STD prevention grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has covered Chlamydia and gonorrhea lab screening costs at safety net STD sites for females under 25 who are uninsured or underinsured.

Safety net STD sites which are currently participating in the program only need to follow the specimen ordering instructions on the second page of this letter in order to begin sending male specimens to OSPHL as of January 1. Sites that are not currently participating in the program and wish to be considered for addition should contact Josh Ferrer with the STD Prevention Program at [joshua.s.ferrer@state.or.us](mailto:joshua.s.ferrer@state.or.us) or 971-673-0149.

The STD Program uses the following definition of “health care safety net” from the Institute of Medicine (IOM): “Those providers that organize and deliver a significant level of health care and other related services to uninsured, Medicaid, and other vulnerable patients.”

The STD Program will only cover gonorrhea/Chlamydia lab screening through OSPHL for men and women under 25 who are uninsured or underinsured. For our purposes, examples of underinsured include:

- An insured individual with prohibitively high co-pays or cost-sharing for lab services
- An insured individual on their parent or guardian’s insurance who has privacy and confidentiality concerns over an insurance explanation of benefits being sent to their parent or guardian

If you have additional questions on eligibility or participation in the program, please contact Josh Ferrer at [joshua.s.ferrer@state.or.us](mailto:joshua.s.ferrer@state.or.us) or 971-673-0149.

## Ordering STD Program gonorrhea/Chlamydia Tests from the OSPHL\*

In order to receive gonorrhea/Chlamydia testing at no cost to your facility through the STD Program, inform the OSPHL using the Test Request Form. You have two choices which are shown to the right:

1. Write "STD Program" in the "Insurance/Health plan name" box.
2. Check the "STD Program" box in the "Public Health Program eligible patient" section.

PATIENT INSURANCE INFORMATION	
Insurance/Health plan name: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STD Program	
Policy no./Member ID:	Group ID:
Diagnosis/ICD-10 code for test:	
Public Health Program eligible patient: (for participating locations only)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STD Program <input type="checkbox"/> CCare <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

If this information is not provided, your location may receive an invoice for the laboratory testing. Complete information about ordering, collecting, storing, and transporting gonorrhea/Chlamydia specimens can be found on the OSPHL lab test menu at: [www.healthoregon.org/labtests](http://www.healthoregon.org/labtests). The information provided also details each of the acceptable specimen sources with the OSPHL.

For questions regarding specimen collection and completion of Chlamydia/gonorrhea test request forms please contact Sarah Humphrey at [sarah.m.humphrey@state.or.us](mailto:sarah.m.humphrey@state.or.us) or 503-693-4124.

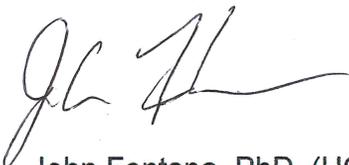
\*If your facility does not use paper test request forms to order tests, continue to follow the instructions provided for submitting orders electronically to the OSPHL.

Thank you for your continued commitment to STD prevention and care in Oregon.

Sincerely,



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