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**Notice: Bicillin L-A (Benzathine Penicillin G) Shortage – Interim Alberta Infectious Syphilis Guidance**

There is a national shortage of **Bicillin L-A**. Until supply stabilizes, the following interim clinical direction (aligned with PHAC guidance) applies across the province:

**Bicillin L-A will be prioritized for:**

- Pregnant cases and pregnant contacts of cases, and
- Cases and contacts likely to be lost to follow up

**Recommended treatment of all other adult cases of infectious syphilis:**

- Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 14 days

**Recommended treatment of all other adult cases of late latent syphilis:**

- Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 28 days

Due to limited supply:

- Peripheral and community clinics will receive smaller allocations of Bicillin L-A, and
- Clinics are asked to place small, incremental orders to avoid stock-outs.

For patient treatment history, case consultation, or to order Bicillin L-A, contact STI Centralized Services at 1-855-945-6700 (option 4).

Alberta is collaborating with Health Canada to explore procurement of imported benzathine penicillin until regular supply resumes.

Thank you for your continued collaboration in ensuring safe and effective syphilis treatment during this national shortage.

Sincerely,

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