

Information sheet

Please find enclosed replacement medication for chlamydia, gonorrhoea and trichomoniasis infections treated during the period 1 January to 30 June 2023.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexually transmissible infections (STI) drug replacement program facilitates providing eligible patients with free observed and immediate treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhoea and trichomoniasis at participating health services.

The program is a long-standing commitment coordinated by Communicable Diseases Branch to provide single dose treatment quantities of Azithromycin, Ceftriaxone, and Metronidazole dispatched by Central Pharmacy twice a year. Following a change in recommendations of treatment options for some uncomplicated infections a limited amount of Doxycycline for 7-day treatment of chlamydia is also available through the program. Clinician feedback during consultation in 2022, although mixed, was consistent in emphasizing that 7-day treatment was unlikely to be suitable for most clients.

What treatment is provided to a patient is a clinical decision by the treating practitioner. Diagnosis can be based on symptoms, sexual contact with individuals with an STI, and positive pathology results.

STI drug replacement program webpage update in 2023

The webpage, forms, enrolment, and purchase order processes were updated in April 2023. Positive results for chlamydia, gonorrhoea, and trichomoniasis for Queensland Health services were updated using 2022 test data to ensure new service categories are relevant post-pandemic.

In July 2023, there were 35 services enrolled for the program (18 small, 9 medium, 6 large, and 2 large urban) with 16 using private pathology provider STI testing and 19 Pathology Queensland. Of the enrolled services, 83% submitted a purchase order for this round.

Contact for further information about the drug replacement program

If you would like further information about the drug replacement program after visiting the webpage, please contact Communicable Diseases Branch via e-mail at BBVCDU@health.qld.gov.au.

Scan for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STI drug replacement program webpage

