

MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEAKERS NETWORK

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MESN Trending Topic

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

If your medical staff sees patients at risk for or diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease, consider contacting our office to book a speaker on this topic at 877-505-4777 or info@speakersnetwork.com.

What is the problem (C2)?

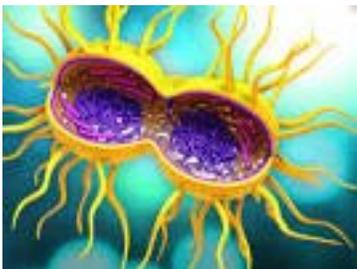
According to recent preliminary data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. is experiencing steep, sustained increases in sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Three specific increases over the five past years include gonorrhea (67% increase), syphilis (76% increase), and chlamydia (45% increase). These three STDs are curable with antibiotics, yet most cases go undiagnosed and untreated, which can lead to severe adverse health effects. There are continued concerns about antibiotic resistant gonorrhea, eventually wearing down the last highly effective antibiotic. People aged 15 to 24 years who injected drugs within the past year are particularly at risk in the STD epidemic. Men who have sex with men (MSM) are experiencing the worst of the rising syphilis rate.

How do we know this is a problem (C2)?

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/newsroom/2018/press-release-2018-std-prevention-conference.html>

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/901298?nlid=124751_4503&src=wnl_dne_180829_mscpedit&uac=143831FT&impID=1724876&faf=1

Learning Objectives (C3)



At the conclusion of this activity, the learners will be able to:

1. Follow current screening and testing recommendations for common sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
2. Employ preventive mechanisms for STDs including HPV vaccine guidelines
3. Utilize the current and most effective treatment protocols available and CDC standards
4. Improve communication efforts between physicians and patients for STD prevention, especially with high-risk groups

Why does this problem exist? (C2)

- X Lack knowledge about the problem(s)
- X Lack strategies to apply knowledge to practice (competence)

What do attendees need? (C2)

Participants need education on identifying and counseling high-risk patients about STDs, as well as implementing the current and most effective treatment protocols available.

Educational Delivery Method (C5):

- Didactic lecture
- Question and answer session
- Case presentations

Rationale for Delivery Method (C5):

- Knowledge conveyed in a short time
- Application of knowledge to potential practice

Professional Competencies (C6):

- Patient Care** - Provide care that is compassionate, appropriate and effective treatment for health problems and to promote health.
- Medical Knowledge** - Demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical and cognate sciences and their application in patient care.
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills** - Demonstrate skills that result in effective information exchange and teaming with patients, their families, and professional associates (e.g. fostering a therapeutic relationship that is ethically sound, uses effective listening skills with non-verbal and verbal communication; working as both a team member and at times as a leader).

SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Our speakers are available for web-based activities as well as in-person activities. Our speakers can also produce pre- and post-test questions if your organization requests for compliance with the AMA's assessment requirement for online activities.