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TO: County Health Department
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RE: New Gonorrhea Treatment Guidelines for Oregon

The Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, Oregon DHS, is recommending that fluoroquinolone antibiotics, e.g, Ciprofloxacin, no longer be used as first line treatment for gonococcal infections in Oregon.

This action is taken because of the increased number of quinolone resistant gonorrhea isolates identified at a sentinel site in Portland and reports of clinical treatment failures using quinolones outside of the Portland Metro area. If a quinolone drug is used to treat a gonorrhea infection, a test of cure is recommended. Please refer to attached guidelines.

Please call Sean Schafer at (971) 673-0181 with questions regarding treatment of gonococcal infections.

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