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New Treatment Guidelines for Gonorrhea

As of April 13, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) no longer recommends the use of fluoroquinolones for the treatment of gonococcal infections and associated conditions such as pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). This is due to widespread fluoroquinolone resistance in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in the United States. CDC now recommends only one class of antibiotics, cephalosporins, for the treatment of gonorrhea. All providers in Maine are strongly encouraged to follow the updated guidelines.

For further information or questions please call the HIV, STD & Viral Hepatitis Program at 207-287-2046. The new treatment guidelines for gonorrhea are available at: http://www.cdc.gov/std/gonorrhea/arg