

A young man and woman are shown in a close embrace outdoors. The woman is leaning her head on the man's shoulder, and both are smiling warmly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a park or natural setting.

EXPEDITED
PARTNER *Therapy*
IN ARIZONA

Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

YOU CAN TREAT THE PARTNERS

As of September 26, 2008, § ARS 32-1401 (27)(ss)(v) allows for expedited treatment of contacts to communicable diseases including chlamydia and gonorrhea in Arizona.

Prescribing medical providers are now encouraged to provide enough medication or prescriptions to the patient to give to their partner(s) for the treatment of chlamydia and/or gonorrhea.

- ✓ *Partners of persons with chlamydia should receive or be prescribed 1 gm azithromycin (Zithromax®) (e.g., four 250 mg tablets) to be taken as one dose.*
- ✓ *Partners of persons with gonorrhea should receive or be prescribed 400 mg of cefixime (Suprax®) AND 1 gm of azithromycin, each medication to be taken as one dose.*
- Prescriptions/or medications for partners should be accompanied by an information sheet. Printable partner (English and Spanish), pharmacist, and medical provider information sheets, as well as a list of frequently asked questions, are available at: www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/std/provider_info.htm
- For additional questions, please contact Melanie Taylor, MD, MPH at 602-372-2544 (mdt7@cdc.gov) or Roxanne Ereth at the Department of Health Services, STD Program at 602-364-3661 (erethr@azdhs.gov).

Arizona continues to battle high rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea. We encourage you to implement this important treatment option that will contribute to decreases in re-infection and increases in partner treatment.

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