

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.

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Prescribing medical providers are now encouraged to provide medication or a prescription 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*) 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: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/std/index.htm>
- For additional questions please contact Melanie Taylor MD,MPH at the Arizona Department of Health Services, STD Program 602-364-4565 (taylor@m@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.