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## STD Treatment Guidelines 2010

The Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment Guidelines published by the CDC provide the premier comprehensive resource for providers seeking information on many aspects of STD-related care, and are one of the most highly accessed set of guidelines on CDC's website ([www.cdc.gov/std/treatment](http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment)). The guidelines are routinely updated every four years (although urgent interim changes—such as the recommendation against using fluoroquinolones for routine treatment of gonorrhea—are made occasionally), and were last published in 2006. On April



28-30, 2009, the CDC convened a consultation of nearly 100 experts in the diagnosis, management, and prevention of STD and HIV. The meeting was held in Atlanta, GA, and was organized by Kim Workowski, M.D., who coordinated the review and is the primary author of the guidelines. The NNPTC was well

represented by numerous PTC faculty including a number of medical directors, with several of them responsible for reviewing and synthesizing new evidence, and presented resultant recommendations to the group. Participating Medical Directors were Ned Hook (Alabama/North Carolina), Anne Rompalo (Baltimore), Gail Bolan (California), Jeanne Marrazzo (Seattle), and Brad Stoner (St. Louis). The new guidelines are expected to be released sometime in early 2010, and will be accompanied by a supplement in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases* that will expand on the reasoning and data that informed the guidelines themselves. Existing NNPTC curriculum will be reviewed with an eye towards incorporating changes that arose as a result of the guideline update process.



## Sample Trainings:

### Clinical:

- STD Intensive
- Laboratory Methods
- HIV/AIDS Update
- Ask, Screen, & Intervene: Incorporating HIV Prevention Into the Medical Care of Persons Living with HIV

### Behavioral:

- Bridging Theory & Practice: Applying Behavioral Theory to STD/HIV Prevention
- Selecting Effective Behavioral Interventions
- Facilitation Skills for Group Level STD/HIV Interventions
- Various DEBI Intervention Trainings

### Partner Services:

- Introduction to Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention (ISTDI)
- Fundamentals of Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention (Fund of ISTDI)
- HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS)

### Using Social Networks: A Recruitment Strategy for Counseling, Testing and Referral

Using Social Networks: A Recruitment Strategy for Counseling, Testing and Referral (SNS) is a classroom training offered by the Prevention Training Centers, Part III (Partner Services and Program Support). The training allows agencies to build on existing relationships of trust to reach persons at increased risk for transmitting HIV, hard-to-reach communities, and HIV infected individuals who are unaware of their status by creating positive responses to HIV testing messages.

SNS provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of how HIV/STD prevention agencies can utilize social networks as a recruitment strategy for Counseling, Testing and Referral (CTR) and increases the knowledge and skills of HIV/STD staff to successfully implement social networking strategies. At the end of the training, participants will be able to differentiate SNS from other activities, explain the four phases of the SNS, describe the benefits of SNS to reach people at high risk for infection, and develop a plan for implementation.

Persons who could benefit from the training include: staff from agencies interested in implementing SNS, specifically the project manager/coordinator and implementation staff member and staff who have responsibilities to monitor contracts and/or provide technical assistance.

### NNPTC Working with the Spanish Language Training Network

Responding to the increasing training and technical assistance demand from agencies serving Latino communities, the Behavioral Intervention Training Program of the NNPTC has coordinated the Spanish Language Training Network (SLTN). This network consists of bi-lingual and bi-cultural trainers representing a diverse mix of Spanish speaking countries, from each of the four Behavioral PTCs. The SLTN works to monitor the fidelity, cultural appropriateness, and quality of developed and translated materials to assist with prevention efforts within the Spanish speaking community. The SLTN communicates regularly with the CDC Latino Diffusion Team and Technical Monitors on emerging issues, the sharing of training curriculum, and strategizing the optimal use of Spanish trainings and technical assistance resources. The SLTN meets via teleconference calls on a quarterly basis or more frequently as needs arise and has been instrumental in developing the protocols for translation, including timelines for review, feedback and revisions. This network functions nationally to meet the demand for the delivery of Spanish language trainings and have 4recently piloted Spanish delivery of three Effective Behavioral Interventions (EBIs): Healthy Relationships, RESPECT and Many Men, Many Voices. In addition to these EBIs, the network maintains a list of all Behavioral PTC translated program support courses and is developing regional/ colloquial glossaries to help with the facilitation of translated curricula. For questions regarding the SLTN, please contact Linda DeSantis at [linda.desantis@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:linda.desantis@cdph.ca.gov).



### What's New?

- NNPTC Staff, representing Behavioral, Clinical and Partner Services presented at the National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta August 23-26
- **Coming Soon** to a training center near you:
  - Using Focus Groups for Adapting DEBIs
  - Interviewing and Observing to Adapt a DEBI