

# SYPHILIS

## HEALTH CARE PROVIDER INVESTIGATION & REPORTING FORM

Completion of this form is required and faxed by the next working day from the initial patient visit, to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit – Clinical Services (fax: 519-254-0134). **Refer to the Health Unit or *Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections* for diagnosis and management of STIs, including complex cases.**

DATE REPORTED (YY/MM/DD)		REPORTING PROVIDER NAME		PHONE NUMBER ( ) - ext.	
<b>SECTION A: PATIENT INFORMATION</b>					
PATIENT NAME (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)			SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (YY/MM/DD)	AGE
ADDRESS (STREET) (CITY) (POSTAL CODE)					
HOME PHONE: ( ) -			ALTERNATE PHONE: ( ) -		
<b>SECTION B: INFECTION MANAGEMENT</b>					
Reason for Testing	<input type="checkbox"/> Asymptomatic with risk factors, other than contact <input type="checkbox"/> Symptomatic <input type="checkbox"/> Contact tracing <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Routine – Prenatal Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Routine – Medical Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Was the client tested for HIV? Date (YY/MM/DD): _____ Results: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the client pregnant? If yes, gestational age: ___ weeks				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Has the client been notified of the laboratory result, indicating infection?				
Working diagnosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Early Latent <input type="checkbox"/> Late Latent <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary <input type="checkbox"/> Neurosyphilis <input type="checkbox"/> Client was previously diagnosed, appropriately treated, and there is <b>no chance of re-infection</b> (i.e., new exposure). No additional follow up is required. <b>Do not complete the rest of the form.</b>				
How are you treating the client?	<b>STAGE OF SYPHILLIS</b>	<b>MEDICATION, DOSE, FREQUENCY</b>		<b>EFFECTIVE DATE (YY/MM/DD)</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Early latent (<1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin-LA) 2.4 million units IM once ( <b>NOTE: Not to be confused with short-acting benzylpenicillin (penicillin G)</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Late latent	<input type="checkbox"/> Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin-LA) 2.4 million units IM weekly x 3 doses <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurosyphilis	<input type="checkbox"/> Penicillin G ___ million units IV q4h x ___ days			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Infectious Diseases Specialist.		N/A		
<b>SECTION C: PATIENT EDUCATION</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counsel client regarding how syphilis is transmitted and prevention methods, including safer sex. Advise clients and contacts to abstain from unprotected intercourse during infectious stages until treatment of both partners complete and an adequate serologic response is determined.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	If not referring, inform client that follow-up serology tests need to be performed to monitor infection. Refer to <i>Canadian Guidelines</i> for follow-up serology test schedule for various stages of syphilis.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advise client to inform sexual partners to follow up with a health care provider to get testing and treatment. The Health Unit can assist with contact tracing and anonymous partner notification. Free testing is also offered at the sexual health clinic. Call 519-258-2146 ext 1200 to make an appointment.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inform client/parent that a nurse from the Health Unit will be contacting them. They may also call the Health Unit directly at 519-258-2146 ext 1420.				

<b>PRESENTING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PRIMARY, SECONDARY, OR LATENT:</b> Varies, depending on stage of syphilis			
√ <b>SIGNS &amp; SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>Onset Date (YY/MM/DD)</b>	√ <b>SIGNS &amp; SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>Onset Date (YY/MM/DD)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Asymptomatic		<input type="checkbox"/> Malaise	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patchy or diffuse alopecia		<input type="checkbox"/> Meningitis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chancre		<input type="checkbox"/> Mucus lesions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Condyloma lata		<input type="checkbox"/> Rash	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever		<input type="checkbox"/> Retinitis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches		<input type="checkbox"/> Uveitis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lymphadenopathy		<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify:	

<b>RISK FACTORS:</b> Routinely screen individuals who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy. It is recommended that a diagnosis of syphilis should be considered in anyone with compatible signs or symptoms and also for those with risk factors.	
√ <b>Risks</b>	√ <b>Risks</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual contact with a known case of syphilis	<input type="checkbox"/> Originated from or had sex with individual from endemic country
<input type="checkbox"/> For men, a history of sex with other men	<input type="checkbox"/> Those with street involvement/homeless
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple and/or anonymous sexual partnering.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injection drug use
<input type="checkbox"/> Sex workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual partners of individuals with any risk factors
<input type="checkbox"/> History of syphilis, HIV, and other STIs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify:

**REPORTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Health Protection and Promotion Act 1990 (HPPA), R.S.O., 1990, and Ontario Reg. 135/18, outlines the requirements for physicians, practitioners, and institutions to report any **disease of public health significance** to the Medical Officer of Health.