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Dear Colleague:

GENERIC CEFIXIME IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHHLS) confirms that a generic version of Cefixime is now available and can be used as per the Manitoba Gonorrhea protocol.

MMHLS is recommending the following regimen for the treatment of uncomplicated anogenital and pharyngeal gonorrhea infections: one (1) treatment of Cefixime (400mg x2 tablets, PO)

Additional Notes:
- Monotherapy with Azithromycin 2 gm orally as a single dose is not recommended unless there is a severe cephalosporin allergy or documented gonococcal susceptibility to Azithromycin.
- Ceftriaxone remains an additional first line option for uncomplicated anogenital and pharyngeal infections.
- Culture is particularly important for Test of Cure (TOC) if the case was treated with any non first line regimen, including Azithromycin monotherapy.
- MHHLS is currently updating the provincial Gonorrhea protocol. Changes to treatment recommendations are anticipated and will be communicated in a future correspondence.

The current Manitoba Health treatment guidelines can be found at the following links: http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/gonorrhea.pdf

For additional questions, please contact Communicable Disease Control of the Public Health Branch at the contact information provided above.

Please share this communication with all colleagues in your department, facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

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