

# SYPHILIS MANAGEMENT FOR CLINICIANS

## Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

9:30-11:30 a.m. (Eastern) • 7:30-9:30 a.m. (Mountain) • 6:30-8:30 a.m. (Pacific)

Syphilis, also known as the “great imitator” is a highly contagious disease during its primary and secondary stages.

It is known as the “great imitator” because clinical manifestations of syphilis continue to confound and elude most clinicians. Additionally, infected persons are often unaware of the disease and unknowingly pass it on to their sexual partners. Detection of syphilis during the asymptomatic or latent stage is only by syphilis screening test results. Recent recommended enzyme immunoassays (EIA) for syphilis screening is easy and can detect very early syphilis, however, discordant results can be difficult to interpret and manage by most clinicians in the county health department. Program faculty will discuss the signs and symptoms of syphilis, screening and interpretation of discordant enzyme immunoassays (EIA) and treatment for syphilis.

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### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. List the stages of syphilis.
2. Describe the signs and symptoms of syphilis.
3. Discuss the impression criteria for determining treatment and follow-up.
4. Describe clinical staging vs. surveillance DIS staging.
5. Explain the lab interpretation for reactive and non-reactive treponemal and non-treponemal test results.
6. Describe the treatment for primary, secondary, early latent, late latent syphilis and contacts.
7. Explain required follow-up for symptomatic, asymptomatic, contacts and discordant lab results.

### CONFERENCE DETAILS:

**Target Audience:** Nurses, Social Workers, Physicians and Disease Intervention Specialists

**Continuing Education:** Nurses 2 hours, Social Workers 1.75 hours, Nurse Practitioner Pharmacology 1 hour

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