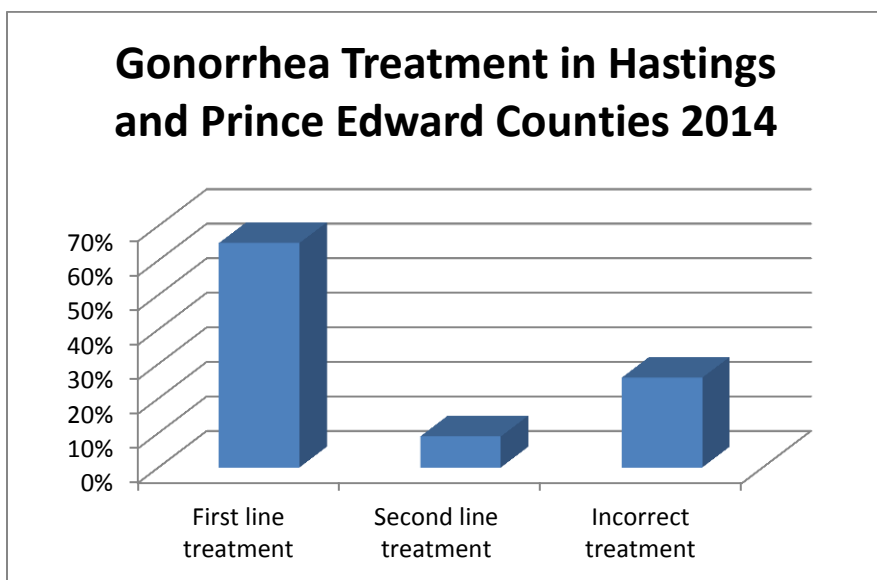


GONORRHEA...A GROWING CONCERN **An Update from Public Health's Sexual Health Clinic**

The incidence of Gonorrhea in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties is on the rise. In 2013 there were 12 confirmed cases in our area. In 2014 that number increased to 26 confirmed cases. As of April 30, 2015 we have had 15 lab confirmed cases of Gonorrhea. If this rate continues we could see roughly 50 cases by the end of the year. Due to the rising number of cases locally and across Ontario, we would like to remind you of Public Health Ontario's Guidelines for Testing and Treatment of Gonorrhea in Ontario, 2013. Please refer to Hastings Prince Edward Public Health's Gonorrhea Testing and Treatment Quick Guide.

HOW DO YOU TREAT GONORRHEA?



In 2014, 65% of Gonorrhea cases in Hastings and Prince Edward were treated with first line therapy initially. 9% were treated with second line therapy and 26% treated incorrectly. Of the 26% treated incorrectly, 9% of these were able to be followed up with first line treatment.

The current recommended First line treatment for Gonorrhea in Ontario is Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM as well as Azithromycin 1g PO administered together.

Antibiotic resistance is threatening treatment efficacy in Ontario therefore Cefixime is no longer a recommended treatment for Gonorrhea.

****DID YOU KNOW?**

*All Publically funded STI medications and condoms are available for you to order (at no cost) through Public Health. We recommend keeping a minimal stock on hand. Please refer to the newly revised **Vaccine/STI Medication Order Form** or call us at (613)966-5500 ext. 243 if you require immediate assistance.*



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