

**Division of HIV & STD Program  
(DHSP)  
Sexually Transmitted Disease  
2014 Student Orientations**

**Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of the presentation, students will be able to:

1. State (2) examples of safer and responsible sexual behaviors.
2. Identify at least (1) reason why the reporting of STDs is important.
3. List (2) roles of the Program PHNs in STD nursing intervention.
4. List (2) roles of the District PHNs in STD nursing intervention.

**About The DHSP-STD Program**

- Prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases in the communities of Los Angeles County
- Safer and responsible sexual behavior

**What is safer and responsible  
sexual behavior?**



**STD Core Program Activities**

**Surveillance:** The epidemiological surveillance of sexually transmitted diseases in Los Angeles County.

**Research:** The Implementation of research projects to inform the design of programs and policies and evaluate their effectiveness in the community.

**Programs:** The development and implementation of programs to promote safer sexual behaviors in populations at risk, in collaboration with community partners.

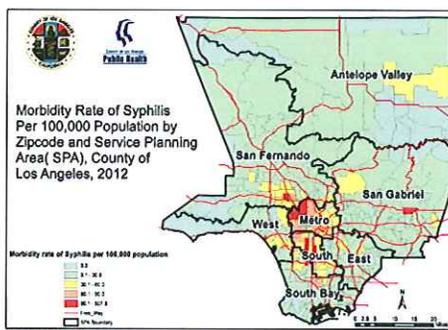
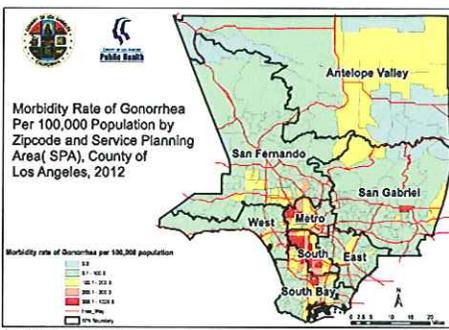
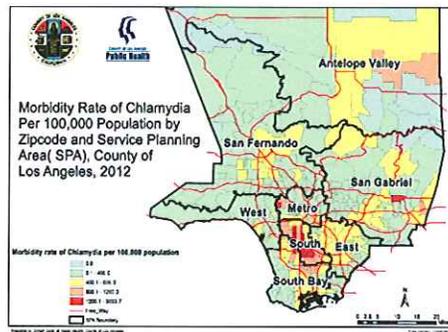
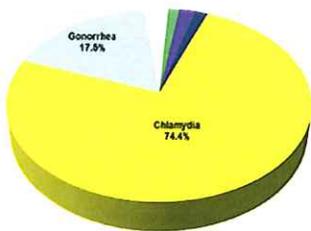
**Geographic Distribution of STDs in  
LAC**

***Service Planning Areas (SPA)***

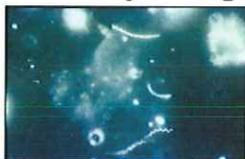


**2012**

**Reported STD and HIV/AIDS Cases  
Los Angeles County, 2012**



**STD Reporting**



**Reportable Diseases as Mandated by California State Law**

- Chlamydia (includes LGV)
- Chancroid
- Gonorrhea
- Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- Syphilis

## State Mandate On Persons Required to Report STDs

Medical Doctors (MDs) and Osteopaths (Dos)  
Coroners  
Veterinarians  
Podiatrists  
Dentists  
Nurse Practitioners  
Infection Control Practitioners  
Health Facility/School Administrators  
Anyone else knowing of or suspecting a case of a communicable disease.

## STD Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR)

- Tool used by providers to report STD lab & treatment
- STD Purpose
  - To determine the extent of STD morbidity in L.A. County
  - To evaluate disease transmission risk
  - Provides a mechanism to target intervention activities

## DHSP/STD Nursing Unit

## Nursing Unit Highlights

- Laboratory Surveillance
- Delinquent Provider Surveillance
- Don't Think Know Project
- Field Delivered Therapy (FDT)
- Patient-Delivered Partner Therapy (PDPT)
- In SPOT LA- Internet Based Notification System
- Monthly CME/CEU program for physicians & nurses
- Nursing orientation to public health

## DHSP/STD Nursing Priorities

### Priority I- On Day of Report

1. Child under 12 years with syphilis/ gonorrhea/Chlamydia (Suspected child abuse)
2. Newborn with gonorrhea/Chlamydia conjunctivitis

### Priority IV-Within 3 days of Report

1. Pregnant/postpartum women with syphilis, Chlamydia or gonorrhea
2. Pregnant women with pelvic inflammatory disease or HIV
3. Infants whose mother were diagnosed with Chlamydia or gonorrhea at delivery
4. Mother whose infants were diagnosed with Chlamydia or gonorrhea.

### Priority V- Within 7 Days of Report

1. Interview record for investigation/referral of partners for syphilis, gonorrhea, or Chlamydia

## Role of the STD Program Public Health Nurses

- Surveillance on laboratory reports (all positive STDs) and confidential morbidity reports from public and private providers
- Provide consultation and education to clinicians and other health care providers in the public and private sectors on the diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and referral of patients with STDs
- Provide record case searches and recommendations based on California State Regulations and CDC guidelines

### **Role of the STD Program PHNs....cont.**

- Educate laboratories and providers of their mandated disease reporting through provider and laboratories' field visits
- Refer nursing priority cases to the district public health nurses (DPHNs) for case management
- Educate and train DPHNs regarding case management on all reportable STDs during new nurses' orientations and workshops

### **Role of the STD Program PHNs....cont.**

- Provide quality assurance and review of all referrals completed by the district PHN for appropriateness of care & accuracy of STD Casewatch® database entries
- Coordinate STD interventions with other SPA staff i.e. MDs and Public Health Investigators (PHI)
- Other roles
  - participate in research/surveys
  - mobilize community partnerships
  - provide data to local, state & federal orgs

### **Public Health Nurses Surveillance at County Hospitals**

- Harbor/UCLA Medical Center
- LAC+USC Medical Center
- MLK/Drew Medical Center
- Olive View/UCLA Medical Center

### **Role of the District Public Health Nurses (DPHNs)**

- Initiate the investigation of STD cases
  - *telephone call or make home visit depending on nursing priorities*
- Conduct interviews to elicit partners/contacts and provide referral as needed
- Educate and counsel re: disease process, transmission, risk factors & behaviors, treatment, follow up, consequences if STD is not treated early

### **Role of the DPHNs...cont.**

- Distribute STD-specific literatures to reinforce learning
- Coordinate treatment for STD cases and their partners
- Collaborate with STD clinicians for appropriate case management
- Link patient to health services

### **Role of the DPHNs...cont.**

- Make appropriate referrals to district PHIs for assistance as needed
- Ensure complete and accurate documentation
- District Public Health Nurses Supervisors review and determine case closure
- Completed cases are forwarded to the STD PHN for Level 2 review

## DHSP/STD

- General Number: (213)744-3070
- Fax: (213)749-9606
- Nursing Line: (213)744-3106
- Hotline: (800)758-0880
- Internet [www.lapublichealth.org/std](http://www.lapublichealth.org/std)
- Intranet (from PHD) Organization, Alphabetical listing, Public Health, STD Program



It takes teamwork to exterminate the "love bugs" in Los Angeles County...

