SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE THE HEALTH OF GAY MEN A PRIORITY

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GMHE is a collaboration of members from NCSD and NASTAD with expertise in the sexual health of gay men/men who have sex with men (MSM).

DID YOU KNOW?

2016 was the third consecutive year in which national increases were seen in reported chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis infections. Gay men/MSM are disproportionately impacted by these STDs.

TAKE CHARGE: GET SCREENED

Screening at least annually for sexually active gay men/MSM at sites of exposure regardless of condom use.

- Every 3 to 6 months if at increased risk
- Every 3 months if on PrEP

FOR PROVIDERS: DID YOU KNOW?

Pharyngeal Gonorrhea

- Missed with genital-only screening: 73.8%

Rectal Gonorrhea

- Missed with genital-only screening: 71.8%

Rectal Chlamydia

- Missed with genital-only screening: 88.3%

MAKE EXTRAGENITAL TESTING A PRIORITY

STD screening of gay men/MSM, specifically of the throat and rectum, needs to improve. This is a call to action for health departments and medical providers to normalize 3-site testing.

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2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines, 2015.