

# SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE THE HEALTH OF GAY MEN A PRIORITY

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## 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.

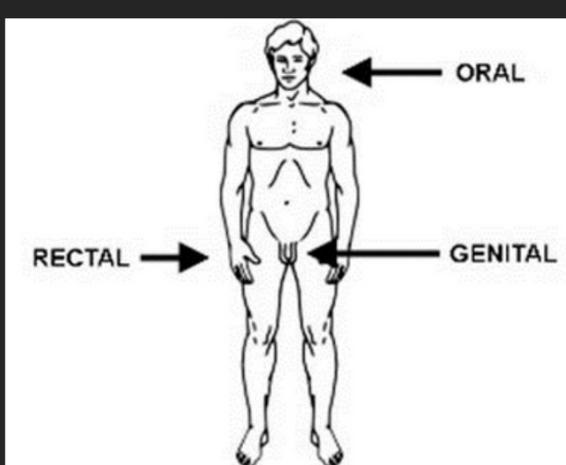


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## TAKE CHARGE: GET SCREENED

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



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## FOR PROVIDERS: DID YOU KNOW?

### Pharyngeal Gonorrhea

73.8%

Missed with genital-only screening

### Rectal Gonorrhea

71.8%

Missed with genital-only screening

### Rectal Chlamydia

88.3%

Missed with genital-only screening

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## 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.



<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2016. Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> STD Surveillance Network, July 2010- June 2012, STD clinic data for 11 SSuN jurisdictions. Patton, et al. Clin Infect Dis. March 2014.