

Disclosure Information

Syphilis Staging and Treatment

Virtual Coffee Break

Provided by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies
Jointly Provided by the Clinical Training Center for Sexual Reproductive Health

Description:

This brief learning session provides a practical, evidence-based overview of syphilis staging and treatment. It is intended for Title X program clinical providers (MD/NP/PA/CNM), nurses, and other staff who may stage, counsel, and treat clients for syphilis. Participants will review the clinical features of each stage of syphilis, understand CDC-recommended treatment protocols by stage, and learn how to manage complex cases, including neurosyphilis and penicillin allergies.

Outcome:

After completing this module, learners will report increased confidence in identifying the stages of syphilis, selecting the appropriate CDC-recommended treatment, interpreting serologic test results, and determining follow-up and monitoring protocols based on patient factors such as stage and HIV status.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this module, participants will be able to:

- Correctly identify the clinical and laboratory characteristics of the five primary stages of syphilis (primary, secondary, early latent, late latent/unknown duration, tertiary) and recognize when neurosyphilis evaluation is needed.
- Match each syphilis stage to the CDC-recommended treatment recognition, including alternative options for those with penicillin allergies and required steps for treatment during pregnancy.
- Interpret non-treponemal serologic results (e.g., RPR/VDRL) to monitor treatment success and identify reinfection or treatment failure.
- Describe appropriate follow-up and monitoring timelines based on the syphilis stage and HIV status of the patient

Successful Completion:

To receive contact hours, participants must complete the activity as well as complete the online evaluation and request for credit form. CNE, CME and Certificates of Completion will be emailed 4 – 6 weeks after submission of the online evaluation/request for credit form.

Relevant Financial Relationships:

In accordance with continuing education guidelines, the contributing presenters/trainers/authors and planning committee members have disclosed potential relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies. Ineligible companies are those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

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Accreditation Statements:

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The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This program offers up to .25 for nurses.

Continuing Medical Education:

The AAFP has reviewed Virtual Coffee Break: Syphilis Staging and Treatment and deemed it acceptable for up to 0.25 Enduring Materials, Self-Study AAFP Elective credit(s). Term of Approval is from 07/21/2025 to 07/21/2026. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Enduring Materials – CNE and CME contact hours will be awarded for this e-learning course through July 21, 2026.

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