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Memorandum

Ministry of Health

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Re: Response to Bicillin Shortage - Interim Measures

The supply of Bicillin in Saskatchewan is very limited, therefore EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY the following must be adhered to in order to conserve supplies:

Cases of Infectious Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent) (Clinical Signs or Lab):
Treat with Bicillin

Contacts to Infectious Syphilis:

Use Doxycycline for presumptive treatment or await test results.

Exception – Bicillin is available for use for presumptive treatment of PREGNANT women.

Non-Infectious Syphilis:

Defer treatment until Bicillin supplies have been restored or treat with Doxycycline.

Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory (SDCL) has been instructed to reserve the supply for pregnant women. Regions may be asked to re-allocate Bicillin supplies as a short term solution to address the outbreak. SDCL has also been asked to increase their routine supply of Doxycycline until the Bicillin shortage is addressed.

Please contact Lisa Haubrich at 306-787-3215 or lisa.haubrich@health.gov.sk.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Saqib Shahab

cc: SDCL, Ministry of Health