



## Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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**Dear Colleague:**

### **GENERIC CEFIXIME IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors (MHLS) confirms that a generic version of Cefixime is now available and can be used as per the Manitoba Gonorrhea protocol.

MMHLS is recommending the following regimen for the treatment of **uncomplicated anogenital and pharyngeal gonorrhea infections**: one (1) treatment of Cefixime (400mg x2 tablets, PO)

#### **Additional Notes:**

- Monotherapy with **Azithromycin 2 gm orally as a single dose is not recommended** unless there is a severe cephalosporin allergy or documented gonococcal susceptibility to Azithromycin.
- Ceftriaxone remains an additional first line option for uncomplicated anogenital and pharyngeal infections.
- Culture is particularly important for Test of Cure (TOC) if the case was treated with any non first line regimen, including Azithromycin monotherapy.
- MHLS is currently updating the provincial Gonorrhea protocol. Changes to treatment recommendations are anticipated and will be communicated in a future correspondence.

**The current Manitoba Health treatment guidelines can be found at the following links:** <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/gonorrhea.pdf>

For additional questions, please contact Communicable Disease Control of the Public Health Branch at the contact information provided above.

***Please share this communication with all colleagues in your department, facility or clinic.***

Sincerely,

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