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SURGE IN CONGENITAL SYPHILIS CASES IN ILLINOIS

ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported a threefold increase in congenital syphilis cases since 2020. In response, IDPH established a dedicated phone line (800-439-4079) to offer clinical guidance for providers managing syphilis. IDPH strongly recommends that all patients who are pregnant undergo syphilis testing to ensure treatment is initiated at least 30 days before delivery. If untreated, syphilis can result in severe, permanent damage, or even death, in infants. Due to the current shortage of penicillin G benzathine, providers are advised to familiarize themselves with alternative treatment options for adult patients who are not pregnant.

To learn more about sexually transmitted diseases and available treatment options to prevent congenital syphilis, schedule a visit with Illinois ADVANCE today!

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR WITH ILLINOIS ADVANCE

We're thrilled to share a new way our product can benefit you! Serving as a preceptor comes with many perks, including access to invaluable resources. At Illinois ADVANCE, we specialize in delivering evidence-based treatment guidelines tailored to diverse practice settings. Are you responsible for providing educational support across various preceptor sites? Whether you're part of a medical or pharmacy program, Illinois ADVANCE and our academic detailing services can be an excellent fit for you.

For more information on how we can assist your organization, please contact us at illinoisadvance@uic.edu.

DRIVING CHANGE: ILLINOIS ADVANCE PARTNERS WITH FQHCS TO EMPOWER CLINICIANS AND PATIENTS IN HYPERTENSION CARE

Illinois ADVANCE has been actively engaging with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) statewide to offer educational support for hypertension treatment to clinicians. This partnership, aligned with the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) initiative, has been highly valued, providing essential information and tools to support interdisciplinary teams at these facilities. Ultimately, this effort empowers patients in their hypertension management journey. Our team remains committed to innovative outreach, seeking new ways to collaborate with diverse organizations to advance practice and advocate for patient care.