

Information on Swedish Guidelines for Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections Approved by the Division of Venereology

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Carin Anagrius informs on the work with guidelines within the STI field and also gives you a complete list on all guidelines that already are or will be published in Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology.

Uniform and updated Swedish guidelines for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have been lacking and are needed. In 2007 the Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology (SSDV) gave the mandate to the Board of the Division of Venereology to prepare guidelines. A working group of venereologists with a special interest in, and good knowledge of, the respective infections was appointed. The goal was compliance with the Center for Disease Control (CDCs) and European guidelines, adaptation to Swedish conditions and practices, as well as compliance with Swedish Medical Product Agency's (*Läkemedelsverkets*) treatment recommendations and microbiologists' reference methodology, the "Yellow Book", for diagnosis of STIs.

The guidelines will be helpful for those dealing with STIs and should contribute to consensus and good quality. Each chapter starts with a short description of the clinical picture and diagnostics.

The working group decided initially to work with guidelines on the following STI:

- **Gonorrhoea** (Ann-Kerstin Rudén, Södersjukhuset, Stockholm), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Chlamydia trachomatis and lymphogranuloma venereum** (LGV) (Lars Falk, Universitetssjukhuset, Linköping), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Mycoplasma genitalium infection** (Carin Anagrius, Falu

Lasarett), Forum for Nord Derm Ven 2010; 15: 3–4.

- **Non-specific urethritis, cervicitis** (Peter Lidbrink, Karolinska sjukhuset, Stockholm), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Syphilis, ulcus molle** (Gun-Britt Löwhagen, Sahlgrenska sjukhuset, Göteborg), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Trichomoniasis** (Anders Hallén, Akademiska sjukhuset, Uppsala), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Genital papillomavirus infection** (Arne Wikström, Karolinska sjukhuset, Stockholm), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.
- **Genital herpes** (Petra Tunbäck Sahlgrenska sjukhuset, Göteborg and Anders Strand, Akademiska sjukhuset, Uppsala), to be published in Forum for Nord Derm Ven.

The guidelines will also be available on the website "Dermato-venereologists in private practice" (www.pdf.nu, Guidelines, STI). All Swedish doctors can obtain access to this website. The responsible venereologist in each county will also make the guidelines available on accessible websites.

Guidelines for Chlamydia trachomatis and LGV were presented in Forum no. 4, vol. 14, 2009. Guidelines for each of the other infections will be presented in forthcoming issues of Forum. Guidelines for HIV treatment can be found at www.infektion.net, RAV.