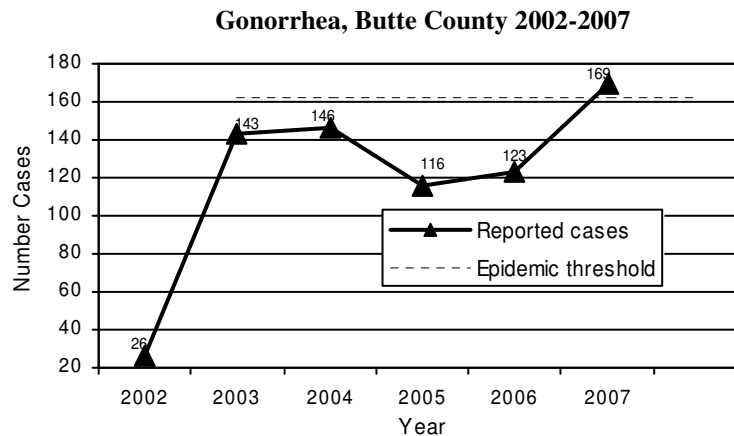


# Health Advisory



To: Butte County Clinicians and Health Care Providers  
From: Mark A. Lundberg, M.D., M.P.H. (signed original on file)  
Date: March 26, 2008  
Re: **Gonorrhea Reaches Epidemic Levels in Butte County**

In 2007, the number of reported cases of Gonorrhea in Butte County increased for the third consecutive year, reaching epidemic levels. (*The epidemic threshold is calculated based upon the number of cases in the previous 4 years*).



The Health Department would like to work in cooperation with all health care providers to reduce the burden of STD infection in our community. We ask for your assistance in the following ways:

**Report Communicable Diseases to the Butte County Public Health Department**, using the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR):

**Chico:** Fax (530) 879-3309, phone (530) 891-2732 or send to 695 Oleander Ave., Chico, CA 95926  
**Oroville:** Fax (530) 538-5387, phone (530) 538-7553 or send to 202 Mira Loma Dr., Oroville, CA 95965

**Mandated Disease Reporting for STDs includes, but is not limited to, the following:** Chlamydia (CT), Gonococcal (GC) infections, Non-Gonococcal Urethritis (NGU) and Pelvic Inflammatory Diseases (PID). For more information about mandated reporting of diseases, refer to Title 17 California Code of Regulations.

**Follow the California STD Treatment Guidelines for Adults & Adolescents 2007** For the full document of updated recommended treatment regimens for GC infections and associated conditions, April 2007, go to:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/STD/treatment/2006/updated-regimens.htm>

**Re-test for GC Infections:** All male and female patients with GC should be re-tested at three months following treatment for infection, as the rate of re-infection is elevated in this group of previously infected persons. If a patient fails to return for evaluation at three months, he or she should be re-tested at the next clinical visit.

For public health consultation, contact Mark Lundberg, M.D., M.P.H. at (530) 538-7581.

**Categories of urgency levels:**

**Health Alert:** conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

**Health Advisory:** provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

**Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action