



IMPORTANT COUNSELING MESSAGES FOR THOSE TREATED BY EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY (EPT)

- 1) **Partners** who have allergies to antibiotics or who have serious health problems should not take the medications and should see a healthcare provider.
- 2) **Partners** who have symptoms of a more serious infection (e.g., pelvic pain in women, testicular pain in men, and fever in women or men) should not take the EPT medications and should seek care as soon as possible.
- 3) **Patients and partners** should abstain from sex for at least seven days after treatment and until seven days after all partners have been treated, in order to decrease the risk of recurrent infection.
- 4) **Partners** should seek a complete STD evaluation as soon as possible, regardless of whether they take the medication.
- 5) **Partners** should read the informational material very carefully before taking the medication.
- 6) **Partners** who are or could be pregnant should seek care for their pregnancy as soon as possible.
- 7) **Partners** should be advised to seek clinical services for retesting three months after treatment.
- 8) **Partners** who are at risk for gonorrhea infection in the pharynx (throat) (history of performing oral sex on a man) should be informed that the EPT medicines given to them may not cure pharyngeal gonorrhea in all patients. These partners should seek care regardless of whether they take the medication.