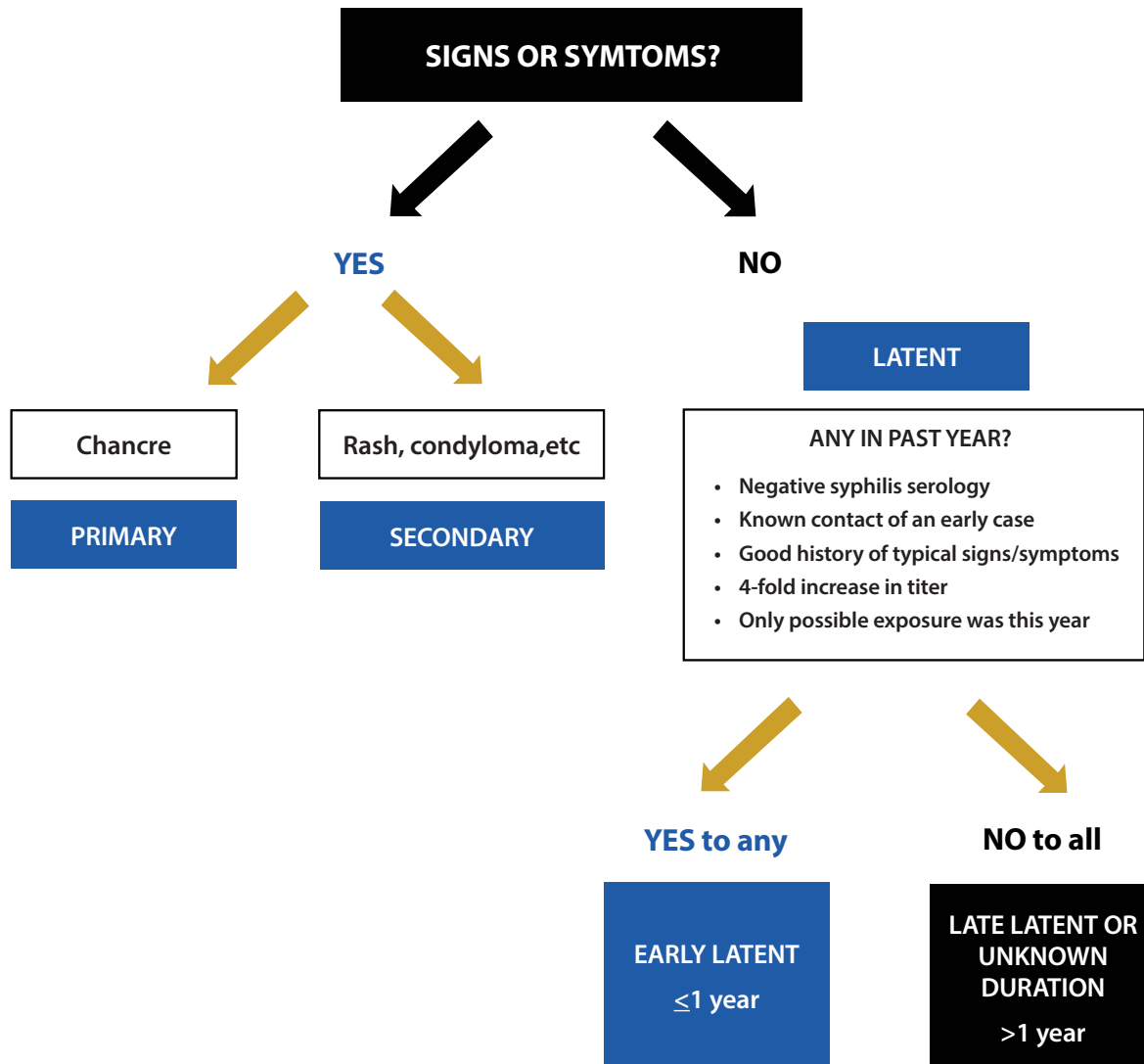


# Syphilis STAGING



\*Neurosyphilis can occur at any stage.  
Don't forget to test for HIV

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# Syphilis Treatment RECOMMENDATIONS

STAGE OF SYPHILIS *		RECOMMENDED REGIMENS	DOSE/ROUTE
Early Syphilis	Primary, Secondary, and Early Latent Less than 12 months	Benzathinepenicillin G	2.4 million units IM in a single dose
	Late latent or unknown duration Greater than 12 months	Benzathinepenicillin G	7.2 million units IM administrated as 3 doses of 2.4 million units IM each, at 1-week intervals

\*For Neurosyphilis and Ocular Syphilis see CA STD Treatment Guidelines

## Additional Treatment Information

- On the day of treatment, order an RPR test for a “day of treatment titer.” This will serve as a benchmark to determine whether patient has adequate treatment response.
- Longer treatment duration is required for persons with syphilis of unknown duration or late latent syphilis (infected greater than 12 months) to ensure adequate treatment.
- **Intramuscular Benzathine penicillin G is the only therapy with documented efficacy for syphilis during pregnancy.** Pregnant women with syphilis in any stage who report penicillin allergy should be desensitized and treated with penicillin.
- Pregnant women diagnosed with late syphilis (3 doses) must be treated exactly **7 days** apart. Pregnant women who miss any doses must repeat full course of therapy.
- If patient is not pregnant and allergic to penicillin, consider alternative regimens; see CA STD Treatment Guidelines.

## Treating Partners

- Persons who are a known sexual contact of a partner diagnosed with early syphilis should be treated presumptively for early syphilis, even if serologic test results are negative.
- If you are unable to locate or treat partner(s), please call the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Communicable Disease Section (CDS) (800)722-4794 for assistance.

## Assistance

For help interpreting test results and guidance on appropriate staging and treatment, call the **Communicable Disease Section at (800) 722-4794** at the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

All cases of syphilis must be reported to the Department of Public Health within **one** working day.  
(California Health and Safety Code 120675-120715) <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/programs/cds/reports-forms/>

