



Dear Doctor

A partner of your patient has had a positive test for *Mycoplasma genitalium*, a sexually transmitted infection for which testing is not widely available. We recommend that your patient is treated without delay.

In Victoria testing can be conducted currently through Melbourne Sexual Health Centre or the Royal Women's Hospital, Department of Molecular Microbiology. You can contact a sexual health physician to discuss this Infection with you or to arrange for your patient to be tested or visit www.mshc.org.au Testing for other STIs such as chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis and HIV may also be indicated.

In NSW testing can be accessed through most sexual health services.

The current recommendation for treatment of uncomplicated *Mycoplasma genitalium* is

- Azithromycin 1g as a single oral dose ^{1,2}

Mycoplasma genitalium infection may be asymptomatic, like chlamydia and there may be no abnormality found on examination. It appears that azithromycin may not be as effective for *Mycoplasma genitalium* as it is for Chlamydia so a repeat test to is recommended 1 month after treatment. If a patient has persistent infection or persistent symptoms please discuss this with a sexual health physician.

For more information please visit www.mshc.org.au or if you live in NSW visit [Sexually Transmissible Infections \(STIs\) and Blood Borne Viruses \(BBVs\) Factsheets - NSW Department of Health](#) or ring the [NSW Sexual Health Infoline](#) on 1800 451 624.'

¹. State of Victoria: Therapeutic Guidelines Antibiotic. Version eTG Complete April 2006 available from the Therapeutic Guidelines Limited web site - www.tg.com.au.

². Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines 2006; Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 4 2006, Vol. 55 available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site - www.cdc.gov