

# Healthcare Provider Memo

## Sexual Health Testing, Treatment, and Clinical Services

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**As part of the ongoing and important collaboration between Grey Bruce Public Health and Healthcare Providers in Grey-Bruce, we would like to remind you about the services and products available through GBPH's Sexual Health program.**

### **FREE STBBI TREATMENT THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH**

Grey Bruce Public Health can supply healthcare providers with free medications for your patients for the treatment of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. Azithromycin, Doxycycline, Ceftriaxone, and Benzathine penicillin G can be ordered from Public Health by contacting the Sexual Health program at 519-376-9420 ext. 1256, or by emailing [theclinic@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:theclinic@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

Public Health can also provide low-cost contraceptives, including select oral contraceptives, Nuvaring, Evra Patch, Depo-Provera, and Emergency Contraceptives, which range in price from approx. \$10-\$35, to clinics interested in participating. Free condoms are also available. Please contact our Sexual Health program to learn more.

### **SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICAL SERVICES THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH**

Public Health has, on a trial basis, expanded its Sexual Health clinical offerings to more communities in Grey-Bruce and added services in collaboration with a local physician.

Public Health's sexual health services target detached clients without access to primary care. Clients are encouraged to seek these services from their primary care provider first. However, all clients are welcome. Patients do not require OHIP coverage to seek Public Health's sexual health services.

Services offered at ***all clinics*** include:

- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections;
- Contraceptive counselling, prescriptions, and access to low-cost options, including low-cost emergency contraceptives; and
- Pregnancy testing, counselling, and referrals for follow-up care.

Additional family physician-supported services offered at our ***Hanover clinic*** include:

- Assessment and care for lumps and bumps;
- IUD insertions and removals;

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- Early prenatal care for detached clients; and
- Assessment and counselling on other sexual and reproductive health needs.

**Cervical cancer screening is offered at the Hanover and Owen Sound clinic locations.**

Providers are encouraged to share this information with clients who may require these services. Clients should be directed to visit the Grey Bruce Public Health website to confirm dates and times for clinics, as well as information on how to book an appointment.

<https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Health/Sexual-Health>

Our current schedule (which may be subject to change) is as follows:

Location	Date	Time	Appointment or Walk-in?
<b>Owen Sound - Grey Bruce Public Health Main Office</b> 101 17 <sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound (Door #2)	Every Monday	9:00am to 3:30pm	Appointments preferred*
<b>Warton – The Green House</b> 527 Berford Street, Warton	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	9:30am to 2:00pm	Appointments preferred*
<b>Hanover – Hanover Medical Associates Building</b> 118 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Hanover	Every Wednesday	9:30am to 3:30pm	Appointments preferred*
<b>Kincardine – CMHA Building (rear door)</b> 865 Queen Street, Kincardine	First Tuesday	4:00pm to 8:00pm	Appointments preferred*
<b>Southampton – CMHA Building</b> 353 High Street, Southampton	Third Tuesday	4:00pm to 8:00pm	Appointments preferred*
*same day appointments can often be accommodated			
<b>Contact Information for ALL CLINICS:</b> 519-376-9420 ext. 1256 or <a href="mailto:theclinic@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca">theclinic@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca</a>			

**TESTING AND TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**

Grey Bruce Public Health wishes to remind providers of the importance of testing for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) for those who are sexually active.

Guidelines for appropriate testing and treatment for STBBIs are available on the Public Health Agency of Canada’s Website ([Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections - Canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/sexual-health/canadian-guidelines-on-sexually-transmitted-infections)).

Please do not hesitate to contact GBPH’s Sexual Health team with inquiries.

**Sexual Health Team**

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