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Expedited Partner Therapy: Challenges & Opportunities for Effective Implementation

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Purpose: The CDC has endorsed expedited partner therapy (EPT) as a practical and cost-efficient strategy to increase partner treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea. The goal of this webinar is to discuss practice-based evidence on optimal strategies for use of EPT and other partner services, and to share information on current initiatives to increase EPT uptake with programs considering implementation of EPT in Region IV project areas.

EPT Webinar Outline

- I. Introduction: STD Partner Services – *Sami Gottlieb, CDC Medical Epidemiologist*
 - a. Background
 - b. CDC's objectives
- II. Overview of CDC Recommendations for Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) – *Catherine Lindsey Satterwhite, CDC National IPP Epidemiologist*
 - a. Recommendations
 - b. Tools and resources
 - c. Examples of successful implementation
- III. Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) Expansion Assessment Project Overview – *Kelly Opdyke, Cicatelli Associates Inc.*
- IV. Discussion of Memphis Shelby County EPT Law and Implementation – *Donna Freeman, Clinical Nurse Supervisor, Shelby County STD Program*
 - a. Description of the adoption and current EPT Law
 - b. Implementation in Memphis/Current practices
 - c. Project objectives and anticipated outcomes
- V. Discussion of New York EPT Law and Implementation – *Julie Schillinger, NYC DOHMH*
 - a. Description of adoption and current EPT Law
 - b. Implementation of EPT in New York City
 - c. Project objectives and anticipated outcomes
- VI. Discussion / Q&A
 - a. State efforts to legalize and/or implement EPT
 - b. Special considerations for using EPT for gonorrhea
- VII. Next Steps