AVAILABILITY OF DRUGS RECOMMENDED FOR THE TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS

Drug manufacturers and wholesalers identify drugs by their National Drug Code (NDC) directory number. Use of these codes may facilitate precision in communicating with these groups. Syphilis treatment recommendations, along with drug ordering information including NDC numbers, are listed in the first table below. The second table lists contact information for wholesalers that distribute syphilis drugs within the United States.

TREATMENT RECOMMENDATION		DRUG ORDERING INFORMATION			
Syphilis Stage	**Treatment**	**Drug**	**Unit size**	**Manufacturer**	**National Drug Code**
Primary, Secondary, Early Latent (<1 year)	Benzathine Penicillin G 2.4 million units IM, single dose	**Benzathine Penicillin G‡ (for IM injection)**	1.2 million units per 2 ml	King	60793-701-10
Late Latent* (>1 year)	If CSF negative, Benzathine Penicillin G 2.4 million units IM x 3 doses (1 week apart, 7.2 MU total)		2.4 million units per 4 ml	King	60793-702-10
Neurosyphilis (Recommended Treatment)	Aqueous crystalline penicillin G 18-24 million units per day, administered as 3-4 million units IV every 4 hours or continuous infusion, for 10-14 days	**Aqueous Crystalline Penicillin G (for IV administration)**	5 million units	Sandoz	0781-6153-9
			5 million units	Pfizer	0049-0520-83
			20 million units	Pfizer	0049-0530-28
Neurosyphilis (Alternative Treatment, if first-line therapy unavailable)	Procaine penicillin 2.4 million units IM once daily plus probenecid 500 mg orally 4 times a day, both for 10-14 days	**Procaine Penicillin (for IM injection)**	600,000 units per 1 ml	King	61570-085-10

*In HIV co-infected individuals, CSF should be evaluated in late latent syphilis.

WHOLESALERS OF SYPHILIS DRUGS WITHIN THE US MARKET			
Wholesaler	**Division**	**Contact information**	**Hours of operation**
Amerisource Bergen	West	888-711-5469	M-F 7AM-6:30PM PT Sat-Sun staff on call 6:30PM–10PM
Cardinal Health	General Customer Service	800-964-5227	M-F 4:30AM-2PM PT
	Physician Products and Services	888-444-5440	M-F 4:30AM-2PM PT
Dubin Medical	Customer Service	800-929-4364	5:30AM – 3:30PM PT
Henry Schein	Customer Service	800-472-4346	5AM-6PM PT
		custserv@henryschein.com	24 hours
	Institutions and Special Markets	phone: 800-972-2611	5 AM-6PM PT
		fax: 877-393-8151	24 hours
		medsm@henryschein.com	
McKesson	Pharmaceutical Distribution (Health Systems)	800-571-2889	5AM PT – 6PM PT
	Pharmaceutical Distribution (Retail)	800-482-3784	5AM PT – 6PM PT
	Valu-Rite Pharmacy Network	800-884-8258	7AM PT – 3:30PM PT
	Health Mart Pharmacy Network	800-369-5467	5AM PT – 6PM PT
Sanofi Aventis	Drug Distribution	800-372-6634	M-Th 5:30AM-2PM PT F 5:30AM-10AM PT

‡A note from the CDC: If running low on supply of Benzathine Penicillin (i.e. depletion within a week), ask your local wholesaler to contact Randy Noonchester at King Pharmaceuticals at 423-990-8313 so King can work with the wholesaler to have the supplies sent out immediately. Again, the wholesaler will take responsibility for handling and delivering the drug to you. For legitimate, medical emergency situations where efforts to obtain product from your wholesaler have been unsuccessful, please contact Randy Noonchester at King directly. He will work to facilitate delivery of the drug directly to the practice/institution.