Evidence-Based Interventions for Increasing CT/GC Retesting Rates

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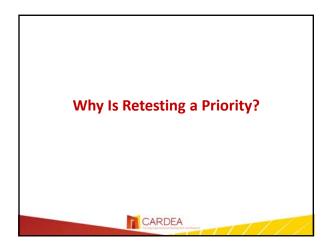
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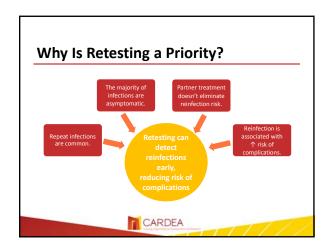
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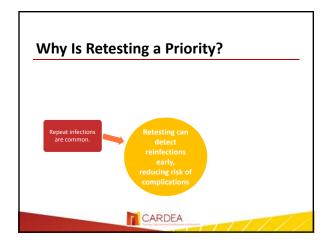
Objectives

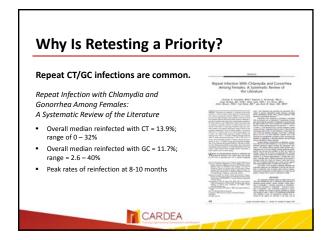
- Identify at least two reasons why proper CT/GC management is a priority for women's health
- Summarize CDC recommendations for CT/GC retesting
- Describe at least two interventions for increasing CT/GC retesting

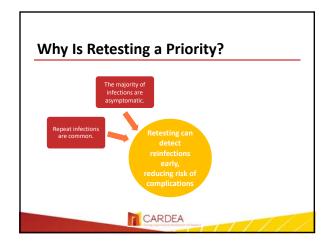


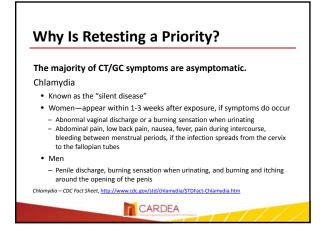


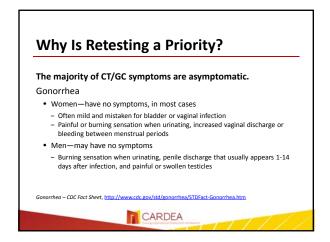


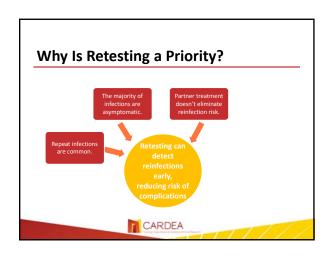




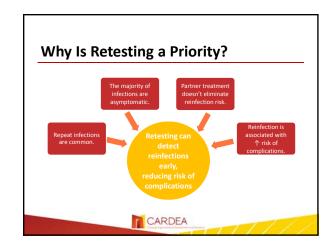


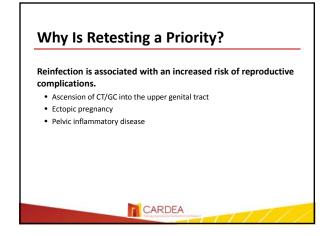


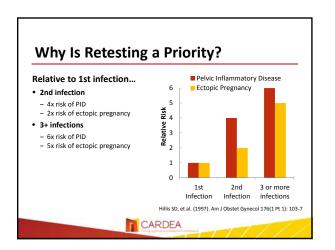


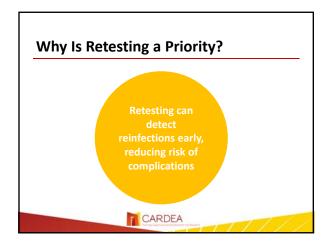


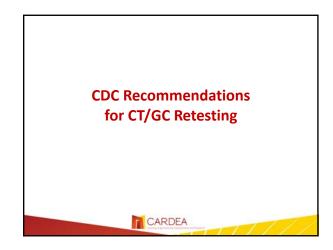
Why Is Retesting a Priority? Partner treatment doesn't eliminate reinfection risk. Patient not waiting 7 days post treatment to have sex Re-exposure to infected sex partners who were not treated after initial infections detected Expedited partner therapy can reduce reinfection with CT/GC. Minority of persistent vs. new infections—antibiotic treatment failure or noncompliance with treatment



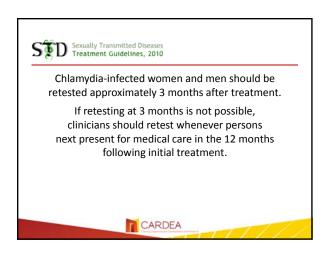




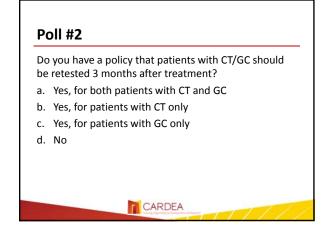




Unlike the test-of-cure, which is not recommended, repeat *C. trachomatis* testing of recently infected women or men should be a priority for providers.



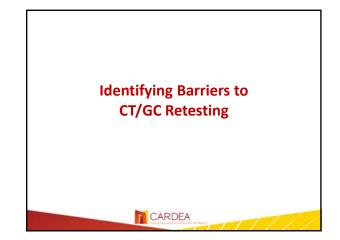




Related Studies

- A Closer Look: Barriers and Opportunities to Improve Chlamydia Retesting Rates by Goldenkranz and Fine
 - 61% of patients did not return
 - 38% of returned patients not retested by clinics = "missed opportunities"
 - Overall, 76% were not retested
- Missed Opportunities for Chlamydia Retesting at Limited Service Visits in California FP Clinics by Howard et al
 - 38% of patients did not return
 - 31% of returned patients not retested by clinics
 - Overall, 57% were not retested





Why are Retesting Rates Low?

How much of the problem is related to:

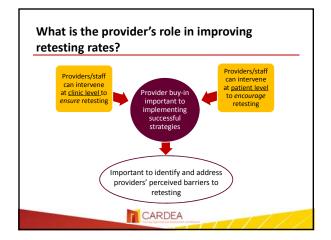
- Organizational Policies
- Patients
- Clinic Protocols/Systems



Assessing Barriers to Retesting

- Provider surveys re: knowledge, attitudes, practices
- Administrative claims data analysis
- Key informant interviews with clinic staff:
 - Review of protocols, policies
 - Review of clinic flow
- Evaluation of paper and electronic medical record and billing systems
- Patient surveys/feedback





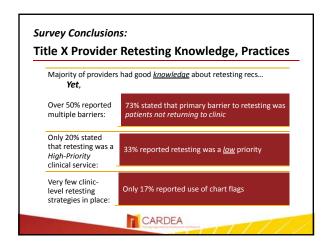
California Title X Provider Survey (2007): Retesting Knowledge, Attitudes & Practices

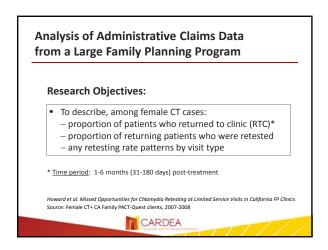
Research Objectives:

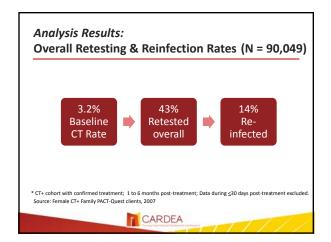
- Describe Title X provider knowledge, attitudes, practices, and perceived barriers related to CT retesting
- Describe interventions currently utilized by Title X clinics to ensure patient retesting

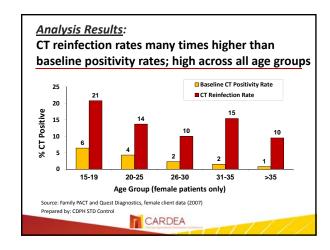
Designed by the Colifornia Family Planning Council, Inc.; Results analyzed by <u>Ina Park MD, MS</u>, CASTD Control Branch Park IU, et al. (2010) I Womens Health (Larchmt); 19(6):1139-44

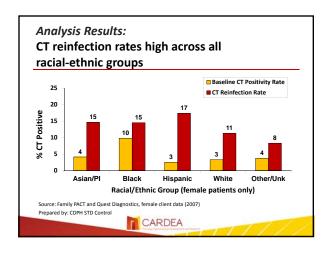


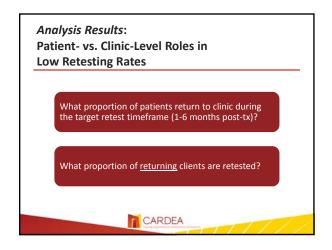


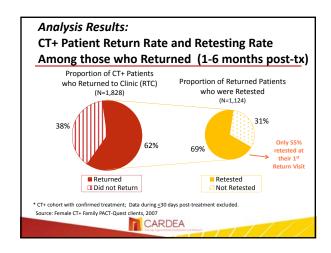


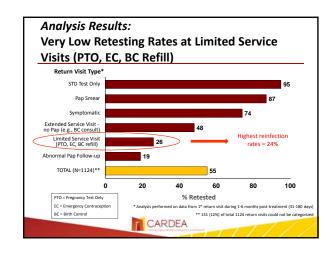


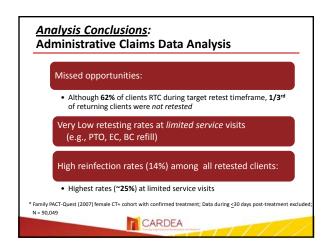


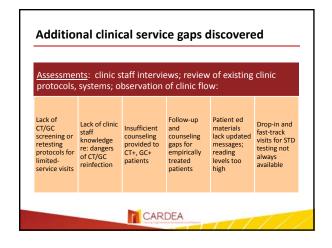




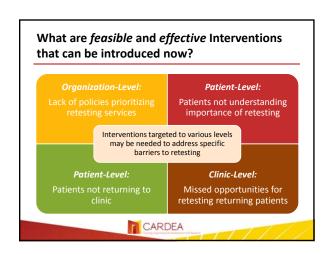


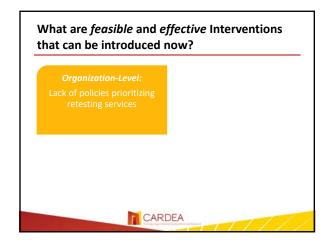






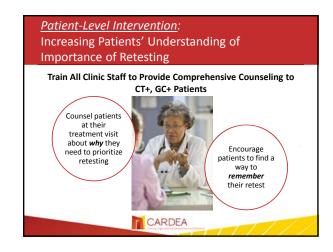
Interventions for Increasing CT/GC Retesting



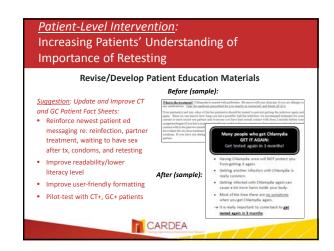


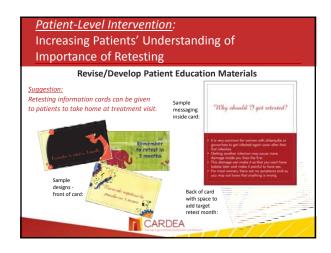




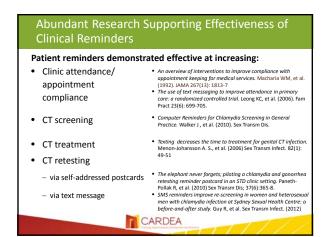


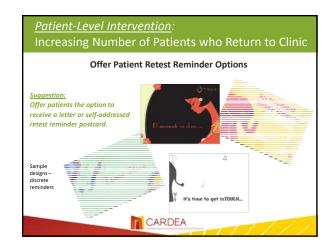


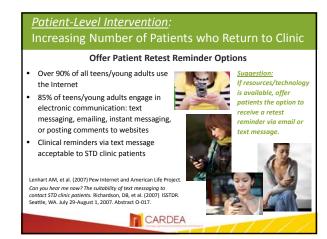


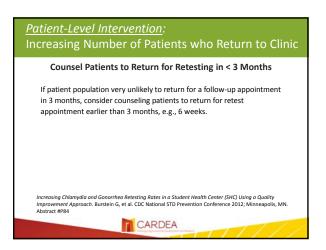


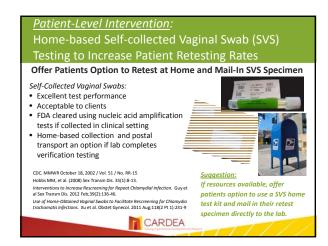














What are feasible and effective Interventions that can be introduced now?

Clinic-Level:

Missed opportunities for retesting returning patients

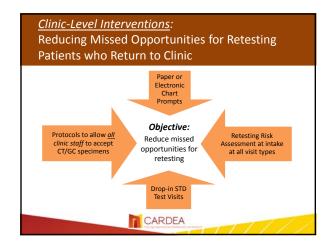
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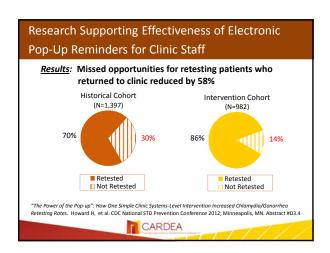
Reducing Missed Opportunities for Retesting Patients who Return to Clinic

To maximize likelihood of patient getting retested, 2 approaches in the clinic should be used:

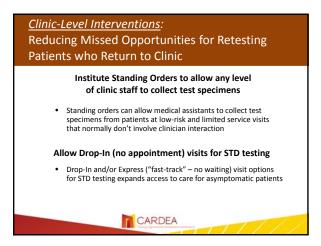
1. Counsel patient to return in ~3 months for a retest

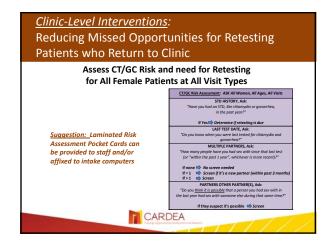
2. Create systems-level protocols to ensure that clinic staff test "opportunistically" whenever patient next returns to clinic for any reason > 4 weeks post-treatment

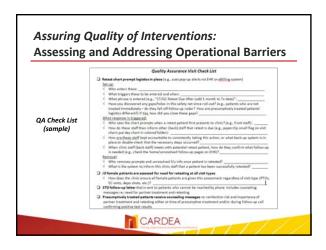












Poll #3 Do you currently have any of the following in place to assist with retesting patients? (choose all that apply) a. Paper chart flags or electronic pop-ups b. Standing orders for non-clinicians c. CT/GC testing integrated into non-routine visits d. Drop-in visit option e. Fast-track (or "express") STD testing option f. Retesting reminders

