Editorial Note: CDC Launches New STD Curriculum Website

On January 25, 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the launch of its new, free, and up-to-date National STD Curriculum website. The National STD Curriculum was funded by a grant from the CDC to the National Network of STD Prevention Training Centers and developed by the University of Washington STD Prevention Training Center. Features of the website include:

- Seven self-study modules with accompanying quick references for chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes simplex virus (HSV), human papilloma virus (HPV), pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), syphilis, and vaginitis;
- Twelve question banks with more than 100 interactive board-review style questions;
- Modular learning in any order with a progress tracker; and
- Opportunity to earn free Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits for these activities.

Please take advantage of this free learning opportunity and share this information with your colleagues!

Brief Update: Bicillin® L-A Supply

This is a status update regarding the national shortage of long-acting benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin® L-A), which was declared on April 29, 2016 (see Volume 8, Issues 5 and 7 and Volume 9, Issue 2 of this publication). According to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of Bicillin® L-A, the supply of the medication has improved, and it is no longer on allocation. Bicillin® L-A is the recommended treatment for all syphilis stages without neurologic and/or ophthalmic involvement and should be the first agent of choice unless there is a contraindication (e.g., allergy) to its use [1]. Providers who encounter issues with supply and/or have an urgent need for this medication may contact the HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch, Division of Public Health Services by paging (877) 217-1816 or call the Pfizer Supply Continuity team at (844) 646-4398. For further updates, please check the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Drug Shortage Website.