



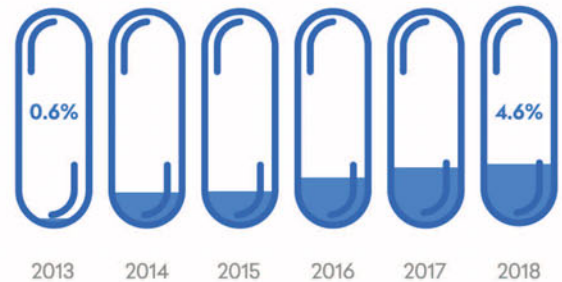
### New Treatment

The CDC\* now recommends monotherapy treatment for uncomplicated\*\* gonococcal infections of the cervix, urethra, or rectum: **Ceftriaxone 500 mg IM** as a single dose for persons weighing <150 kg (300 lb)



### Reason for Change

*N. gonorrhoeae* has become a superbug in the US, with a sevenfold increase in azithromycin resistance over 5 years (from 0.6% in 2013 to 4.6% in 2018)



### Treatment Considerations



If chlamydial coinfection has not been excluded, add **Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID** for 7 days



For patients weighing  $\geq 150$  kg (300 lb), increase **Ceftriaxone** to 1 gram IM



For patients with a cephalosporin allergy, consider **Gentamicin 240 mg IM** as a single dose plus **Azithromycin 2 gram PO** as a single dose



During pregnancy, if chlamydial coinfection has not been excluded, add **Azithromycin 1 gram PO** as a single dose

\*Update to CDC's Treatment Guidelines for Gonococcal Infection, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950a6.htm>

\*\*Complications of gonorrhea, <https://www.cdc.gov/std/gonorrhea/stdfact-gonorrhea-detailed.htm>