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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,

You have been given this letter because it is likely that you have been exposed to *Syphilis*. Syphilis can be cured with antibiotic therapy. If you would like more information about Syphilis, go to <http://www.mshc.org.au> and click on the '**You've been exposed**' link on the right hand side of the home page. Click on 'Syphilis' for more information.

Please take the information below this line to your doctor.

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## CONFIDENTIAL

Date:

File number:

Dear Doctor

A partner of your patient has attended this centre and has been diagnosed with syphilis, either:

Primary syphilis

Secondary syphilis

Early latent syphilis (< 2 years duration)

Late latent syphilis (> 2 years duration)

Syphilis is becoming increasingly common in our community (this is a worldwide phenomenon). We recommend that you test your patient for syphilis by ordering RPR & EIA serology. Note that tests may take at least 3 weeks from contact to become positive.

Please discuss testing for HIV with anyone with positive syphilis serology.

If you would like to discuss the treatment of syphilis, please ring our centre and speak to one of our doctors. Treatment schedules for syphilis are available in the National Management Guidelines for Sexually Transmissible Diseases & Genital Infections (May 2002). This document can be downloaded at <http://www.mshc.org.au>.