

# SYPHILIS TREATMENT (Bicillin® L-A) Quick Tips

The first-line agent for treatment of syphilis is **long-acting penicillin G benzathine** 2.4 million units (mu) IM (**Bicillin® L-A**). *Penicillin g sodium and other short-acting or controlled-release penicillins are NOT adequate to cure syphilis.*

**Bicillin® L-A** comes in pre-filled syringes

Reconstitution is **NOT** required

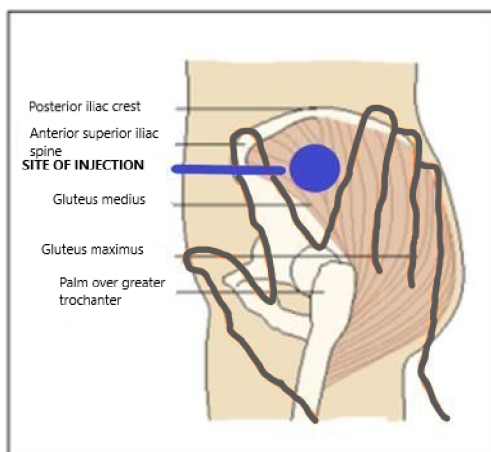
Each pre-filled syringe of **Bicillin® L-A** contains 1.2 million units of medication



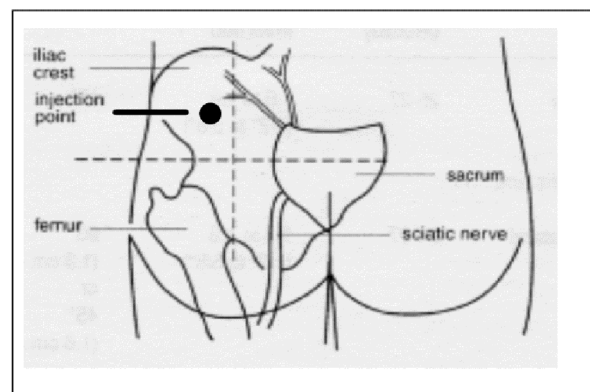
**A complete dose of 2.4 million units IM requires TWO syringes**

**Administer Bicillin® L-A** as a divided dose of 1.2 million units IM bilaterally to the left and right **VENTROGLUTEAL** (preferred) muscle or **DORSOGLUTEAL** muscle only. **DO NOT** administer to the deltoid or quadriceps muscles.

## VENTROGLUTEAL Landmarking (preferred)



## DORSOGLUTEAL Landmarking (alternative)



**Please review side effects and contraindications** with the client prior to administration. All information can be found on the BCCDC penicillin g benzathine (Bicillin® L-A) medication handout:



Depending on the stage of infection, a single dose of 2.4 million units may be adequate or the patient may require three doses given weekly to a total of 7.2 million units. For treatment recommendations or if you have any other questions, call the BCCDC Syphilis desk at 604-707-5607.