Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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| **TITLE:** | **Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infection by Registered Nurses**  |

1. **Authority:**

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

1. **Scope:**

This authorises Registered Nurses working at a public health program to administer azithromycin, amoxicillin and probenecid, in an oral formulation, when contained in a single dose pack, for treatment of a sexually transmitted infection.

1. **Criteria:**

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

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| Practitioner: | Registered Nurses who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1 |
| Practice setting: | Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Goldfields WA Health regions |
| Approved activity: | Administration  |
| Approved medicines: | Oral azithromycin, amoxicillin and probenecid as a single treatment  |
| Medical conditions: | Sexually Transmitted Infections – chlamydia and gonorrhoea in adults and mature minors aged 14 years or older |

1. **Conditions:**

The administration or supply of approved medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

* 1. Patient selection, administration and follow up care is in accordance with the *Guidelines for managing sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne viruses* (“The Silver Book”) and the most current version of the *WA STI/HIV Control Supplement for the Goldfields, Kimberley, Midwest and Pilbara Regions* (“the Silver Book Supplement”);
	2. Supply is not repeated for the same instance of the condition, without the direction of a medical practitioner;
	3. The medicines are procured by an authorised person or an appropriate Medicines and Poisons Permit holder;
	4. Procurement and storage of the approved medicines is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
	5. Record keeping of administration is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.
	6. Laboratory confirmed diagnosis of chlamydia and/or gonorrhoea must be notified to the Director, Communicable Disease Control Directorate, Department of Health, by post, telephone or facsimile, preferably within 24 hours.
	7. Notification must comply with the Procedure for Notification of Communicable Diseases (Excluding HIV/AIDS) and be in an approved notification format.
1. **References:**
	1. *WA STI/HIV Control Supplement for the Goldfields, Kimberley, Midwest and Pilbara Regions*. Available at: <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book>
	2. *Guidelines for managing sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne viruses.* Available at*:* <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book>
	3. Communicable Disease Control Directorate. *Notification of Communicable Diseases.* Availableat: <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book/STI-or-HIV-notification>
2. **Issued by:**

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**APPENDIX 1**

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| **Approved Training** |

All Registered Nurses administering a medicine in accordance with this SASA must have successfully completed a course of training approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health or an equivalent course provided by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or a university, and must maintain their competency through updates every two years.

Approved courses must require participants to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge, understanding and minimum competencies in the following areas:

1. Sexual health history taking;
2. Sexual health and STI clinical assessment;
3. Pathology testing, including request and collecting samples;
4. Contraindications and adverse effects of azithromycin, amoxicillin and probenecid;
5. STI health promotion and education;
6. STI contact tracing;
7. Communicable disease notification and referral; and
8. Reporting of suspected child sexual abuse.