

Physician and Nurse Practitioner Notification (Island-wide) Re: BCCDC shortage of Bicillin® L-A in Canada

- The shortage of Bicillin® L-A in Canada continues and is expected to persist until the end of May 2026.
- BCCDC has released a memo which is posted on the Island Health [Drug Shortages](#) page and is attached.
- Clinics are asked to place small, incremental orders to preserve existing stock.
- Health Canada has approved the exceptional, temporary importation of Lentocilin S 1200, which is currently being piloted at the BCCDC STI Clinic.
- Oral doxycycline remains an acceptable alternative when treatment and follow-up are expected to be reliable.
- BCCDC will provide communication regarding any measures required to further conserve Bicillin® L-A or to expand the use of Lentocilin S to other sites.

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