

Alaska State Medical Board
Board Issued Guidelines

Subject:	<i>Expedited Partner Therapy</i>
Implemented:	May 12-13, 2011
<p>The Medical Board discussed practical options for treating partners of patients diagnosed with sexually transmitted diseases, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• whether to prescribe, dispense, or furnish a prescription to each partner• whether to prescribe, dispense, or furnish a prescription to the patient with enough refills for partner use, or• whether to just refer to public health for treatment. <p>They determined that the appropriate option is at the discretion of the treating physician.</p> <p>Under normal circumstances, this type of practice would be considered unprofessional conduct. However, the Board has created an exemption for expedited partner therapy, under Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.967(29)(B).</p> <p>The State Epidemiology section has published a bulletin with expedited partner therapy recommendations for Alaska providers: http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/b2011_01.pdf</p>	