

# Epididymitis

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**Table 1. 2021 STI Treatment Guidelines: Epididymitis**  
**Treatment of Epididymitis**

**Recommended for acute epididymitis most likely caused by chlamydia or gonorrhea**

**Ceftriaxone**

500 mg\* IM in a single dose for persons weighing <150 kg

**+ Doxycycline**

100 mg orally 2 times/day for 10 days

Note: \*For persons weighing  $\geq 150$  kg, ceftriaxone 1 g IM should be administered.

**Recommended for acute epididymitis most likely caused by chlamydia, gonorrhea, or enteric organisms (men who practice insertive anal sex)**

**Ceftriaxone**

500 mg\* IM in a single dose for persons weighing <150 kg

**+ Levofloxacin**

500 mg orally once daily for 10 days

Note: \*For persons weighing  $\geq 150$  kg, ceftriaxone 1 g IM should be administered.

**Recommended for acute epididymitis most likely caused by enteric organisms only**

**Levofloxacin**

500 mg orally once daily for 10 days

Source: Workowski KA, Bachmann LH, Chan PA, et al. Sexually transmitted infections treatment guidelines, 2021. Epididymitis. MMWR Recomm Rep. 2021;70(No. RR-4):1-187. [[2021 STI Treatment Guidelines](#)]

