**Sample Letter on Doxycycline as STI PEP to Local Pharmacies**

[DATE]

Dear [pharmacist or pharmacy name],

Thank you for being a valued pharmacy partner in our community. I am writing to inform you that our organization has recently implemented doxycycline as STI PEP, a targeted intervention for bacterial STIs that can potentially reduce STI acquisition and transmission. Doxycycline as STI PEP involves taking 200 mg of doxycycline ideally within 24 hours but no later than 72 hours after condomless oral, anal, or vaginal sex.

An NIH-funded study [published](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2211934) by the New England Journal of Medicine in April 2023 found that doxycycline as STI PEP reduced syphilis by 87%, chlamydia by 88%, and gonorrhea by 55% in individuals taking HIV PrEP. Moreover, doxycycline as STI PEP reduced syphilis by 77%, chlamydia by 74%, and gonorrhea by 57% in people living with HIV (PLWH). More information on the study can be found [here](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2211934). (Source: [N Engl J Med 2023; 388:1296-1306](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2211934)) This current efficacy data only applies to gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) and transgender women; studies among heterosexual cis-gender women are ongoing.

You may begin to see doxycycline as STI PEP prescriptions from providers at our clinic for [insert dosing here; i.e., 30 doses of 200 mg doxycycline with two refills]. Our providers are monitoring these patients closely and will continue to follow-up with them as clinically necessary, including regular STI testing every three months. If you have any questions about doxycycline as STI PEP or the prescription, please see the enclosed “Doxycycline as STI PEP: An Overview for Pharmacists and Providers” or contact me at [insert email address here] or [insert phone number here] or the ordering provider at [clinic phone number] rather than asking the patient about their reason for the prescription.

Thank you in advance for ensuring that our patients continue to have a sex-positive and affirming experience at [name of pharmacy].

Sincerely,

**[medical director/clinic manager**]