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SYPHILIS (LUES)
INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

WHAT IS SYPHILIS:

- sexually transmitted bacterial infection
- the risk of transmission exists also for oral sexual activity
- incubation period from the sexual intercourse to the manifestation is usually several weeks
- untreated infection usually has more stages
- first stage manifests as a genital ulcer and regional lymph nodes enlargement (the ulcer could be also located in the oral cavity or at the rectum depending on the type of sexual activity)
- second stage manifests as a non-itching rash over the body
- syphilis frequently has no symptoms, and the diagnosis is made by the detection of specific antibodies from the blood
- the presence of the antibodies in the blood **does not** protect against another infection of syphilis

YOUR DUTIES AFTER SYPHILIS WAS DIAGNOSED:

- to undergo treatment with an effective antibiotic
- according to Czech legislation (Decree No. 306/2012 Coll.), treatment of syphilis is mandatory
- to come to the scheduled follow-up examinations
- to avoid all forms of sexual activities until doctor's withdrawal
- to report your sexual partners, from whom you might be infected by syphilis
- to report your sexual partners, who are in a risk of syphilis transmission

RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM VIOLATION OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED DUTIES:

- health complications resulting from long-lasting untreated syphilis
  (vision impairment, memory impairment, dementia, palsy, aorta rupture, cutaneous ulcers, fetus harm during pregnancy etc.)
- syphilis transmission to your sexual partners and subsequent punishment according to the Czech legal system
- searching out by the Public Health Office
- searching out by the Police of the Czech Republic and bringing to the obligatory treatment being hospitalized

All information regarding your disease is under strict medical confidentiality.

I have read abovementioned information. Hereby I confirm their acknowledge and respect with the signature below.

Date **Patient signature**