

**Gonorrhea, Chlamydia,  
and Hepatitis C in  
Northwestern Ontario**

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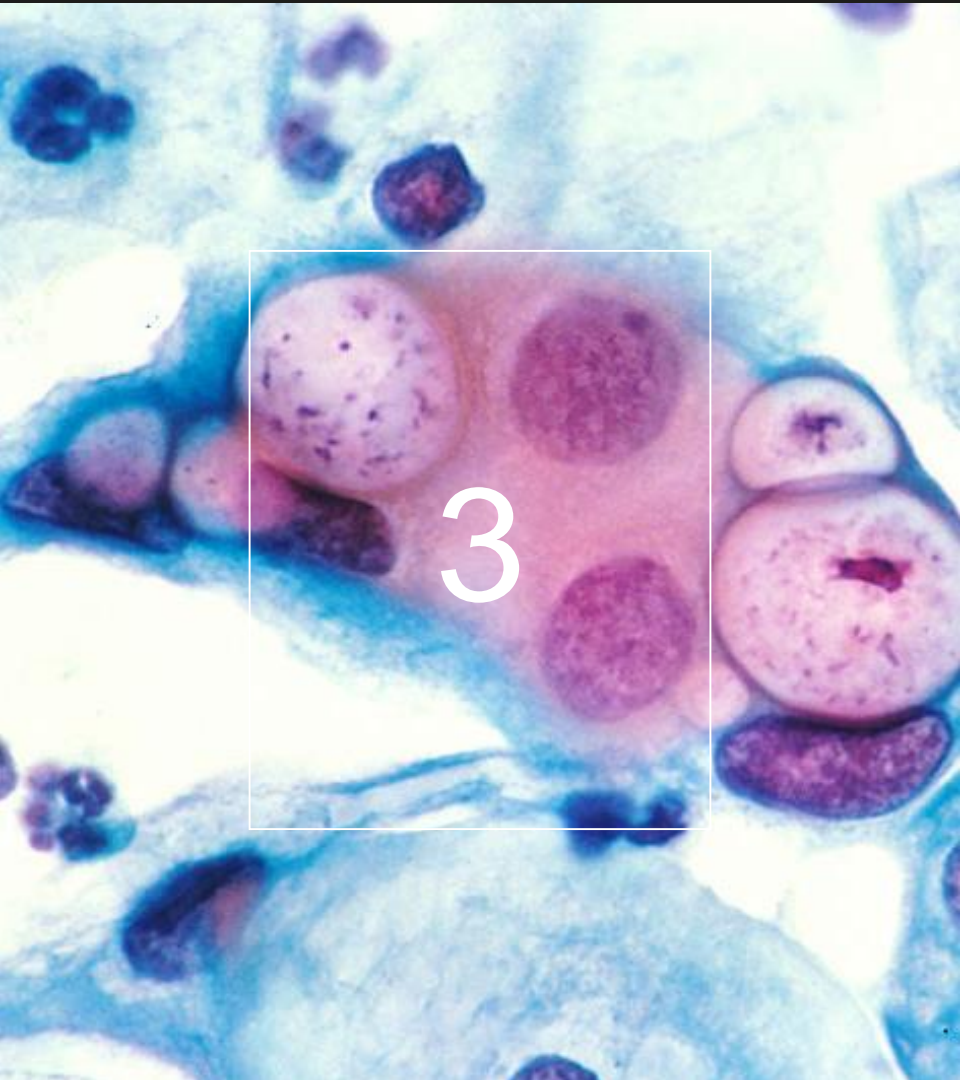


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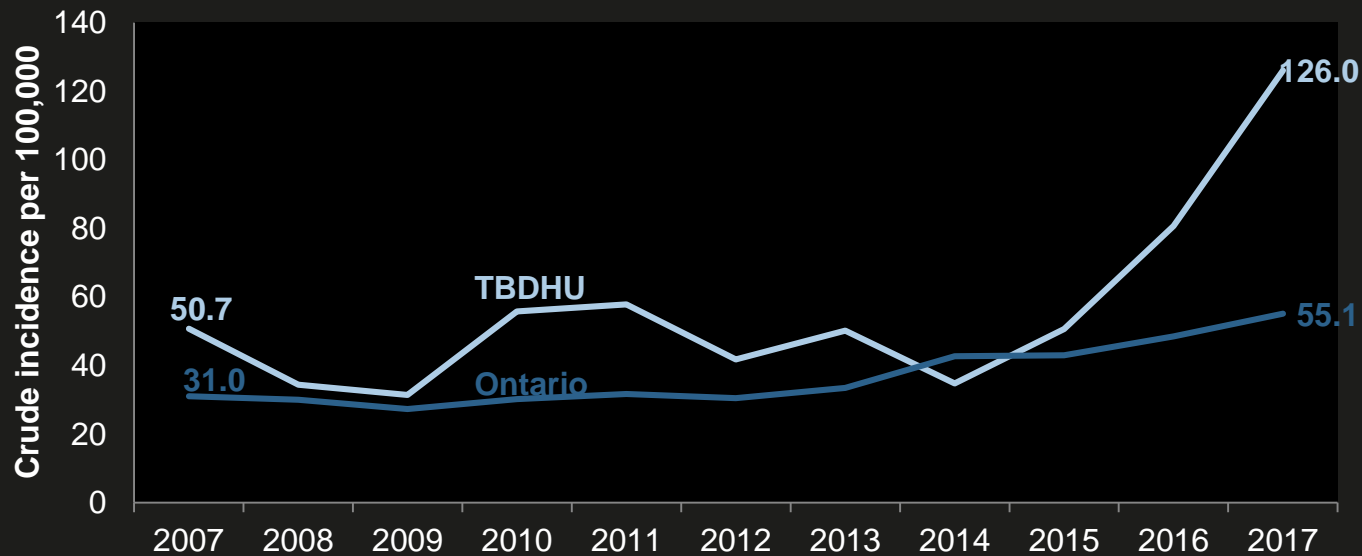
## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the Northwestern Ontario epidemiology for gonorrhea, chlamydia, and hepatitis C.
2. Order appropriate tests for hepatitis C, including a viral load, and interpret the results.
3. Treat gonorrhea and chlamydia according to Public Health Ontario guidelines.
4. Complete the chlamydia and gonorrhea follow-up form from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

**GONORRHEA**

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## Incidence of gonorrhoea





**51% v 34%**

Proportion of gonorrhoea cases in TBDHU v ON who are female

**45% v 37%**

Proportion of gonorrhoea cases in TBDHU v ON who are <25 years old

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Reason for Testing		
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Risk Factors	
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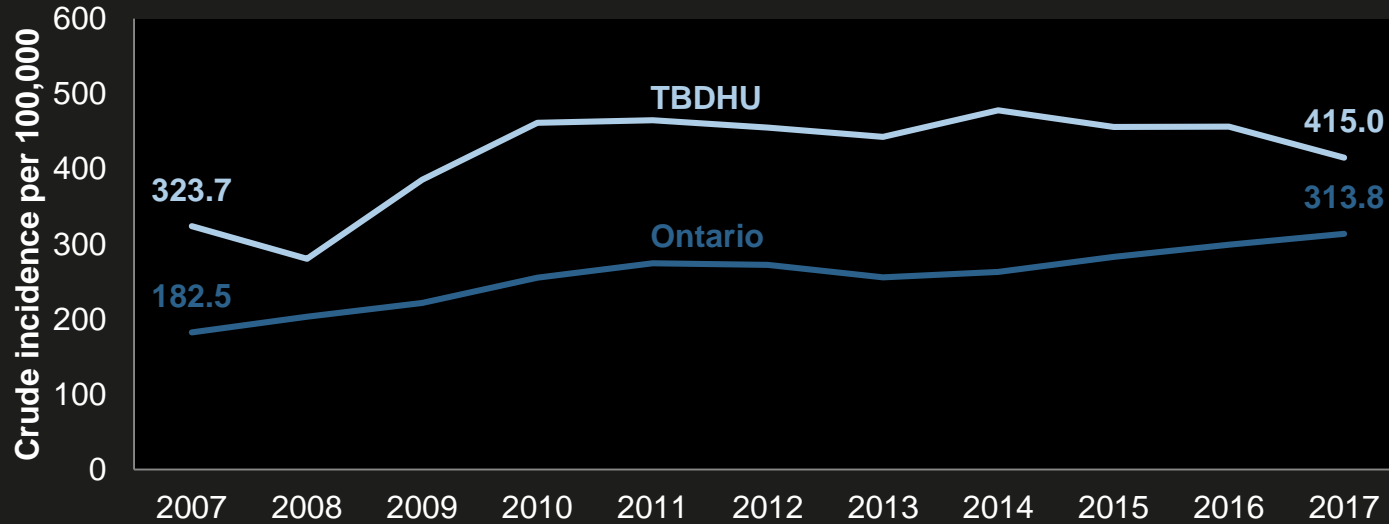
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# Incidence of chlamydia





**65% v 61%**

Proportion of chlamydia cases in TBDHU v ON who are female

**66% v 56%**

Proportion of chlamydia cases in TBDHU v ON who are <25 years old

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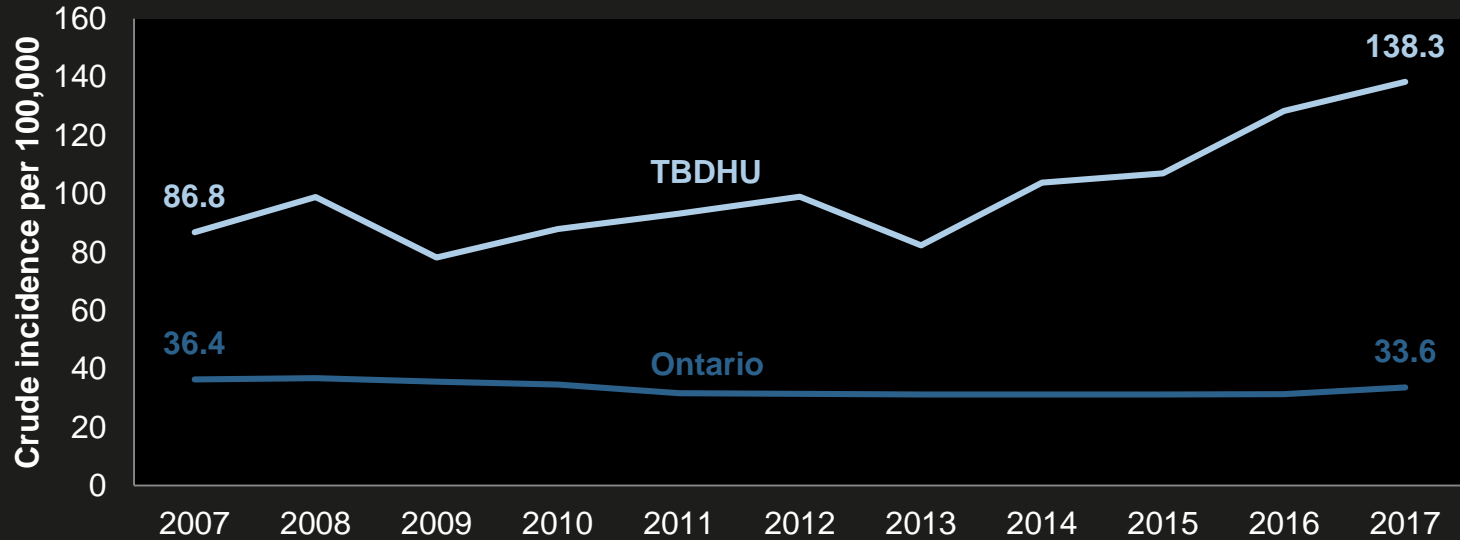
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# HEPATITIS C

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## Incidence of hepatitis C







**45% v 38%**

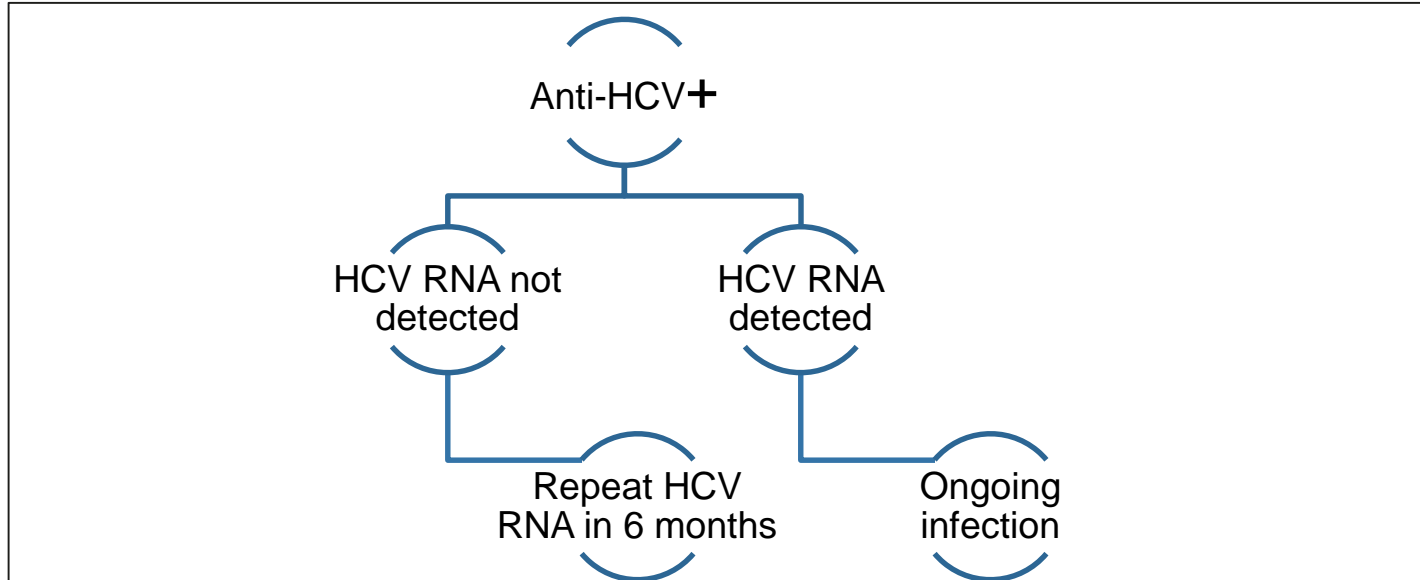
Proportion of hepatitis C cases in TBDHU v ON who are female

**20% v 11%**

Proportion of hepatitis C cases in TBDHU v ON who are <25 years old

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# Interpreting hepatitis C lab results



**THANKS!**

Any questions?

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