conflict with UK guidelines. Their preferred regimen for the treatment of pelvic inflammatory disease is in particular surprising (doxycycline and metronidazole) since it conforms with neither UK nor US guidelines and three studies have now shown it to be inferior to alternative regimens.

Overall Fast facts: sexually transmitted infections is to be recommended with just a few caveats.

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There was an error in the August issue of the journal (Dodds JP, Johnson AM, Parry JV, et al. A tale of three cities: persisting high HIV prevalence, risk behaviour and undiagnosed infection in community samples of men who have sex with men. Sex Transm Infect 2007;83:392–6.) The last sentence on page 2 should read as follows: “All were screened by GACELISA HIV 1 and 2, whose sensitivity and specificity had been determined as 99.5% (95% CI 97.1% to 99.9%) and 99.7% (95% CI 98.9% to 99.9%), respectively.”

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