

## Genital Ulcers

### Patient complains of genital blisters/ulcers

- Are the lesions typical of genital herpes?
- Multiple, tender, shallow ulcerations +/- inguinal adenopathy

### No

- **Refer to a Specialist Sexual Health Service for acute assessment**
- Syphilis serology

### Yes

#### Investigations

- Viral swab – MUST rub base of lesion firmly to obtain adequate sample (see First Episode Herpes)

#### Treatment

- **Aciclovir 400mg mg 3 x daily 5 days**
- Information resources [www.herpes.org.nz](http://www.herpes.org.nz)

#### Follow-up

- Check results
- Check resolution
- Offer full sexual health screen if not already done
- Partner notification not necessary
- **If HSV test negative arrange to repeat test with further symptoms or refer to Specialist Sexual Health Service if suspicious of alternative diagnosis**