

# Chancroid

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## Treatment

Successful treatment for chancroid cures the infection, resolves the clinical symptoms, and prevents transmission to others. In advanced cases, scarring can result despite successful therapy.

([Table 1](#))

## References

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[[2015 STD Treatment Guidelines](#)] -

**Table 1. 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines: Diseases Characterized by Genital, Anal, or Perianal Ulcers**  
**Treatment of Chancroid**

<p><b>Recommended for Treatment of Chancroid</b></p> <p><b>Azithromycin</b>  <i>1g orally in a single dose</i></p>
<p><b>Recommended for Treatment of Chancroid</b></p> <p><b>Ceftriaxone</b>  <i>250 mg IM in a single dose</i></p>
<p><b>Recommended for Treatment of Chancroid</b></p> <p><b>Ciprofloxacin</b>  <i>500 mg orally twice a day for 3 days</i></p>
<p><b>Recommended for Treatment of Chancroid</b></p> <p><b>Erythromycin base</b>  <i>500 mg orally three times a day for 7 days</i></p>

Azithromycin and ceftriaxone offer the advantage of single-dose therapy. Worldwide, several isolates with intermediate resistance to either ciprofloxacin or erythromycin have been reported. However, because cultures are not routinely performed, data are limited regarding the current prevalence of antimicrobial resistance.

Source: Workowski KA, Bolan GA; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sexually transmitted diseases treatment guidelines, 2015. Diseases Characterized by genital, anal, or perianal ulcers: Chancroid. MMWR Recomm Rep. 2015;64(No. RR-3):1-137. [[2015 STD Treatment Guidelines](#)]

