

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

## GONORRHEA

Reported cases of gonorrhea in New York State excluding New York City (10,883 cases), New York City (18,477 cases) and the nation (439,700 cases) in 1993 have continued to decline since the late 1980s. Ceftriaxone, administered intramuscularly in doses of either 125 mg. or 250 mg., now is considered as the first choice of therapy for patients infected with gonorrhea and is used in all high volume sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics in New York State outside of New York City. A number of single dose oral regimens have also been developed and are readily available for patients in cases where ceftriaxone is contraindicated.

Monroe (2,750), Erie (2,063), Onondaga (1,559) and Suffolk (869) counties reported the highest numbers of gonorrhea cases in 1993; the case rates for Monroe, Erie, and Onondaga were by far highest for any counties outside New York City. Other counties reporting high numbers of cases include Nassau (761 cases), Albany (559), Dutchess (286), Orange (166), Niagara (176), Oneida (260) and Westchester (326).



