

# U.S. syphilis cases surge

A scarcity of penicillin to treat a surging number of syphilis cases is so dire that U.S. health officials warn the epidemic of sexually transmitted infection will worsen

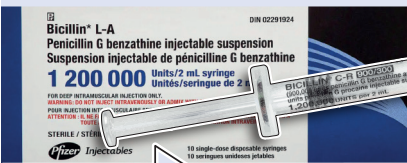
## Primary and secondary syphilis (most infectious stages of disease)

— Men — Women

- 1 Men have sex with men only
- 2 Men have sex with men and women
- 3 Men have sex with women only
- 4 Men with unknown sex partner

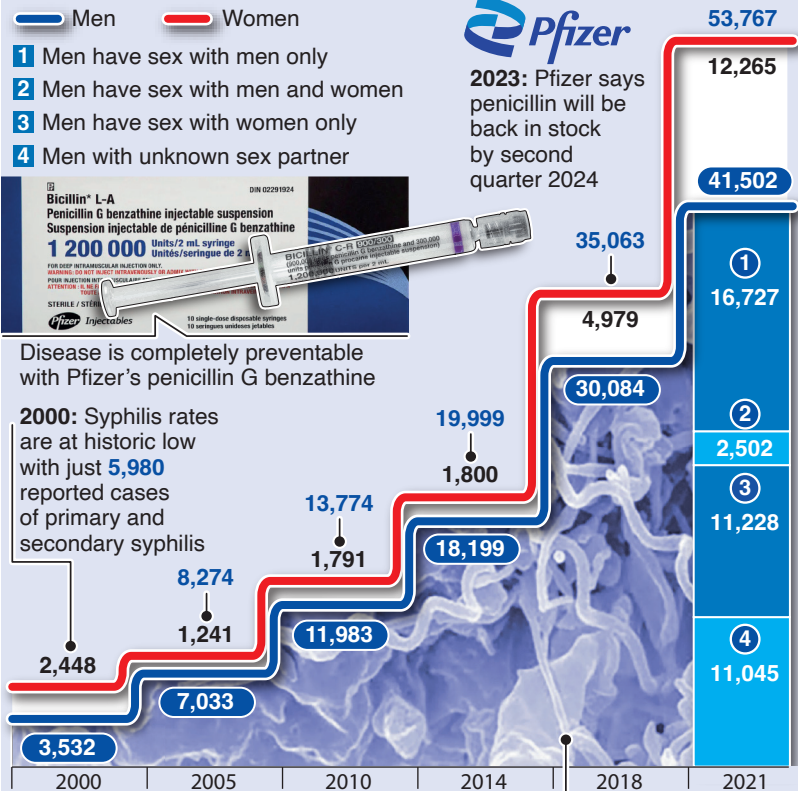


2023: Pfizer says penicillin will be back in stock by second quarter 2024



Disease is completely preventable with Pfizer's penicillin G benzathine

2000: Syphilis rates are at historic low with just **5,980** reported cases of primary and secondary syphilis



*Treponema pallidum*: Bacterium that causes syphilis