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Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Adolescents  
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LAS VEGAS - Dr. Jay Johnson, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, will be presenting a workshop on "Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Adolescent Clients." The workshop will take place **Tuesday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m. at Nevada Treatment Center** (1721 E. Charleston).

According to Johnson, some 25 percent of all gonorrhea patients are teenagers. Other sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV, chlamydia and human papilloma virus are also reaching epidemic proportions in the adolescent population. There has also been a resurgence in syphilis, Johnson says.

By the time a teenager graduates from high school, statistics show that student would have acquired at least one STD, Johnson says. And that figure doesn't include high school dropouts. Homosexual teenagers are 23 times more likely to acquire a STD than are their heterosexual counterparts, he said.

For additional information on this workshop, contact Lynette Hein at 383-2638.