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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 4 – Tuberculosis**

Revised and Updated Decision Support Tools (DSTs)
(1) Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) for Tuberculosis (TB) Screening
(2) Chest X-ray for Tuberculosis Screening

The Decision Support Tools for Tuberculin Skin Testing for TB Screening and Chest X-ray for TB Screening have been changed substantially. Please disregard and discard all former copies.

The revised DST for TB Screening has been formatted and included in the BCCDC Communicable Disease Manual to align with other non-certified practice DSTs developed by BC Centre for Disease Control as the named agency by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia.

A list of the major changes is included below.

- The amalgamation of the TST and CXR DSTs into one TB Screening DST
- BCCDC TB Control name changed to BCCDC TB Services
- The inclusion of additional definitions
- The addition of a section on immigration
- The addition of a section on screening HIV positive clients for TB
- Expanded section on sputum collection

Please remove and destroy the following pages:

- (1) Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) for Tuberculosis (TB) Screening
- (2) Chest X-ray for Tuberculosis Screening

**Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 4 – Tuberculosis:**

- (1) Tuberculosis Screening Decision Support Tool – July 2014
http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/2E4588BB-74F7-49D2-AB33-65050D517344/0/TB_DST_noncertified_20140715.pdf
- (2) Registered Nursing Competencies for Tuberculosis Screening – July 2014
http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/5A9B01AD-2BD3-46B1-9878-EE7D69A35CA0/0/TB_RN_competencies_20140715.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a TB Nurse Consultant at (604) 707-5678 or by email at TBNurseConsultants@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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