

November 12, 2004

ATTN: **Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices**

Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators

Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

BC Harm Reduction Supply Services Policy and Guidelines Re:

The above policy and guidelines is new and replaces the Needle Exchange Program in the Communicable Disease Control Manual.

Please delete and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease **Control Manual – Chapter III Infection Control:**

Needle Exchange Program Pages 1 to 19

Dated February 2003

Insert the new policy:

BC Harm Reduction Supply Services Policy and Guidelines Pages 1 to 11 Dated November 2004

Administrative Circular # 2004: 18



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