



BC Centre for Disease Control
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

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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: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 5 – Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Please note the following additions to Section I:

For Use by Physicians and Nursing Practitioners:

British Columbia Treatment Guidelines: STIs in Adolescents and Adults 2007
[Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections](#)

For Use by Registered Nurses:

Sexually Transmitted Infections Decision Support Tools (DSTs)

Chapter I – CRNBC Certified Practice Infections for STI

<http://www.crnbc.ca/NursingPractice/Requirements/ScopeofPractice/ReproductiveHealthI.aspx>

Chapter II – Non-Certified Practice Infections for STI

<http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/comm-manual/CDManualChap5.htm>

On November 1, 2009 Please remove from Section 1:

The Provincial Health Nurses Pre-Determined STI Treatment Schedule (February 2007)

The Pre-determined STI Treatment Schedule is in effect until October 31, 2009. Commencing November 1, 2009, Registered Nurses require CRNBC Certification and will use the Sexually Transmitted Infection Decision Support Tools to guide clinical assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of STI.

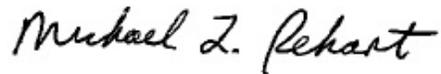
Please follow the links above to access the full version of the Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections and the CRNBC Certified Practice Infections. PDFs for the BC Treatment Guidelines and Non-Certified Practices Infections for STIs are attached to this circular.

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