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ATTN:

Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices

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Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 5: Sexually Transmitted Infections:
Section 1: STIs, Certified Practice Decision Support Tools for STI**

DST 900 Assessment and Diagnostic Guideline

The following updates have been made:

- **New Format**

Subheadings where applicable have been formatted to align with non-certified practice DSTs for STI.

Sections include:

- Scope
- Background
- Consultation and Referral
- STI Assessment
- Physical Assessment
- Diagnostic and Screening Tests

As updates to documents are released, formatting including headings and subheadings will be aligned for consistency across non-certified and certified documents within Chapter 5: Sexually Transmitted Infections. Footer dates will reflect the most recent date of revision.

- **Physical Assessment Section**

The *PHSA Non-Certified Practice Decision Support Tool: Pelvic Examination* has been recently updated. Language was revised within the *Assessment and Diagnostic Guideline* to ensure alignment between the two documents and clarify differing scope between RN and RN(C)s performing pelvic exams.

- **Site-Specific Testing Language**

Revision to site-specific testing language has been reflected through the document to strive for safer conversations within STI assessment and care and reflect the diversity of individual's bodies.

- **Hepatitis A, B, & C Serology**

Hepatitis serology has been removed as stand-alone appendix. This is now reflected within the Diagnostic and Screening Tests section.

- **New Appendix B - Commonly Used Acronyms**

A new appendix has been created for commonly used acronyms used with the document.

Please remove the entire DST 900 Assessment and Diagnostic Guideline dated 2024, pages 1-31.

Please add the DST 900 Assessment and Diagnostic Guideline dated November 2024, pages 1-32.

DST 902 Care and Treatment Plan: Urethritis

The dosing acronym has been revised:

- **Treatment Choices Table – First Choice**

Cefixime 800mg PO in a single dose, and Azithromycin 1gm PO in a single dose OR Ceftriaxone 250mg IM in a single dose, and Azithromycin ~~1mg~~ **1gm** PO in a single dose.

Please remove the entire DST 902 Care and Treatment Plan: Urethritis dated 2024, pages 1-10.

Please add the DST 902 Care and Treatment Plan: Urethritis dated November 2024, pages 1-10.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Julie Holt, Senior Practice Leader, Clinical Prevention Services at Julie.Holt@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,



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