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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 5 – Sexually Transmitted Infections, Section II- HIV/AIDS

(1) Point of Care HIV Test Guidelines for Health Care Settings

The Point of Care HIV Test Guidelines for Health Care Settings have been changed substantially. Please disregard and discard all former copies.

Minor formatting changes and additional definitions have been made to this document, but they do not affect client care or processes.

A list of the major changes are included below.

- **Section IV: Non-regulated and Allied Health Care Providers (NRACP) Framework, pg 39 to 45**, a new addition to the Guidelines to provide guidance to organizations wishing to expand the HIV Point of Care tester pool beyond nurses, physicians and nurse-practitioners.
- **Appendix XII: Practice Guidance for Allied Health-Regulated Health Care Providers, pg 70**, provides guidance to regulated health care providers seeking permission from their college to add HIV Point of Care Test to their scope of practice.
- **Appendix XIII: Sample letter for Colleges, pg 71**, a form letter for regulated health care providers to customize as part of a request for permission to include HIV Point of Care Test as part of their practice.
- **Appendix XIV: Recommended Base-line Qualification for NRACP HIV POC Testers, pg 73**, provides a list of qualifications that can be used to develop job descriptions to engage qualified NRACP HIV Point of Care testers.
- **Appendix XV: Competencies for NRACP, pg 74 to 76**, are provided to frame and inform the design of training sessions and ongoing competency assessment of NRACP HIV Point of Care Testers.

- **Appendix XVI: HIV Testing Education for NRACP Testers, pg 77 to 79**, provides guidance in developing training program for NRACP HIV Point of Care Testers.
- **Appendix XVII: Checklist for New Site with NRACP Testers, pg 80 to 81**, a tool to assist implementation of a NRACP HIV testing site.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 5 – Sexually Transmitted Infections, Section II: HIV/AIDS:

Point of Care HIV Test Guidelines for Health Care Settings (May 2012)

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 5 – Sexually Transmitted Infections, Section II: HIV/AIDS:

Point of Care HIV Test Guidelines for Health Care Settings (May 2014)

This document can be found online at:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/SexualHealth/Programs/ProvincialPointofCareHIVTestingProgram/default.htm>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Provincial Point of Care HIV Testing Program, at telephone (604) 707-5635, fax (604) 707-2603 or by email cmcaloney2@phsa.ca.

Sincerely,



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