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STI/HIV PREVENTION AND CONTROL

ALGORITHM FOR CONSULTING BCCDC FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION PRACTICE

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to outline the various consult and referral pathways available to CRNBC Reproductive Health Certified Practice Registered Nurses (RN) and other health care providers in the province offering STI care.

Overview:

The BCCDC STI clinic provides support and clinical guidance for STI/HIV Prevention and Control to agencies throughout the province. The STI Clinic nurses are available to provide clinical advice and support to RNs providing STI care. The STI clinic physicians are also available for consultation and advice for RNs, physicians or nurse practitioners. In terms of client specific orders, the BCCDC STI clinic physicians can provide these only for cases of syphilis.

Reproductive Health STI Certified Practice Nurses require established consult and referral pathways within their health authorities and agencies that are their primary supports for obtaining client-specific orders and providing safe and timely STI care. BCCDC Clinic physicians and RNs are additionally available to offer support, advice and guidance in the provision of STI clinical practice.

The BCCDC STI Clinic staff and the STI Clinic Leader, Melanie Achen, are available to answer questions that RNs may have in relation to STI clinical practice. The Education Leader, Elizabeth Elliot, is available to discuss any questions related to the STI decision support tools. The STI Clinic physician, Dr. Richard Lester, is available to consult or offer practice support in relation to STI testing, diagnosis or treatment recommendations.

The following algorithm outlines the recommended support, consult, and referral pathways for Reproductive Health STI Certified Practice RNs providing STI care.

If you have questions or require further support related to STI clinical practice, please call us at 604-707-5603.



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BCCDC Reproductive Health STI Clinical Practice Registered Nurse Consult and Referral Algorithm

