



Certified Practice STI Decision Support Tools

To obtain BCCNM-certified practice designation of RN(C), a RN must complete BCCNM approved training. Following the certified practice DSTs, RN(C)s may independently diagnose and treat certain STI infections and syndromes that would normally require an order from a MD/NP.

All RNs may use the DSTs, but must consult and/or refer to a MD/NP for the diagnosis, treatment, and treatment of contacts, for those STI infections and syndromes listed under certified practice.

Certified Practice DST's	Activity	RN(C)	RN
Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) Chlamydia Trachomatis Genital Warts Gonorrhea Mucopurulent Cervicitis Recurrent Urethritis Trichomoniasis Uncomplicated Lower UTI Urethritis Treatment of STI contacts	Assessment	✓	✓
	Testing	✓	✓*
	Diagnosis	✓	Requires a consult with and/or referral to a MD/NP
	Treatment	✓	
	Treatment of Contacts	✓	

Non-certified Practice STI Decision Support Tools

A RN does not have to be certified to follow Non-Certified Practice DSTs; however, the treatment of contacts to STI infections and syndromes noted below are restricted to RN(C)s (see above), as is the use of the *Non-Certified Practice Prophylaxis Post-Sexual Assault* DST.

Non-certified Practice DST	Activity	RN(C) and RN
Syphilis Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) Epididymitis Proctitis Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)	Assessment	✓
	Testing	✓
	Diagnosis	Requires a consult with and/or referral to a MD/NP
	Treatment	
	Genital Herpes Simplex (HSV)	Assessment
Testing		✓
Diagnosis		✓**
Treatment		Requires a consult with and/or referral to a MD/NP
Candidal Balanitis Vulvovaginal Candidiasis Molluscum Contagiosum Pediculosis Pubis (pubic lice) Scabies	Assessment	✓
	Testing	✓
	Diagnosis	✓
	OTC Treatment	✓

* RNs (without certified practice) order tests using NP/MD billing number as per agency protocol

** RNs may diagnosis uncomplicated HSV based on health history, clinical findings and/or positive test results. Consultation with and/or referral to a MD/NP is required for clients with complex presentations and those requiring treatment, as per the HSV DST.