

**BCCDC Non-certified Practice Decision Support Tools
Guidelines**

NON-CERTIFIED PRACTICE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS GUIDELINE

Overview:

The non-certified practice decision support tools (DST) support decision-making for activities related to sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis and treatment that fall outside of College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) Reproductive Health Certified Practice and contain the following three categories:

1. The first category covers STI that registered nurses (RNs) may assess, but not independently diagnose or treat. These conditions require a consult and/or referral to a physician or nurse practitioner (NP) for diagnosis and client specific orders for treatment. These STI and syndromes include syphilis, pelvic inflammatory disease, epididymitis, and proctitis.
2. The second category covers STI that RNs may determine a diagnosis through laboratory confirmed tests results, but may not independently treat.
 - a. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which requires a physician referral for treatment and ongoing medical follow-up.
 - b. Genital herpes simplex (HSV), which requires a physician referral for client specific order for prescription for treatment.
3. The third category covers STI or conditions that RNs may diagnose and recommend over the counter (OTC) medications for treatment. (Nurses must meet CRNBC Standards for Acting without an Order)

DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS FOR STI AND CONDITIONS NOT COVERED WITHIN CERTIFIED PRACTICE		
1. REFERRAL AND/OR CLIENT SPECIFIC ORDER REQUIRED	2. PRESCRIPTION OR ONGOING MEDICAL FOLLOW- UP REQUIRED	3. TREATED WITH OTC MEDICATION – NO CONSULT OR REFERRAL REQUIRED
Syphilis	HIV	Candidal balanitis or vulvovaginal candidiasis
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)	Genital Herpes Simplex (HSV) – if medication required	Molluscum contagiosum
Epididymitis		Pediculosis pubis (pubic lice)
Proctitis		Scabies