November 12, 2004

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: BC Harm Reduction Supply Services Policy and Guidelines

The above policy and guidelines is new and replaces the Needle Exchange Program in the Communicable Disease Control Manual.

Please delete and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter III Infection Control:

Needle Exchange Program
Pages 1 to 19                       Dated February 2003

Insert the new policy:

BC Harm Reduction Supply Services Policy and Guidelines
Pages 1 to 11                       Dated November 2004

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