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Date: February 24, 2005

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

Re: Revised Scabies Control Guidelines

Following release of the Scabies Control Guideline in November 2004, some concerns were raised regarding portions of the guideline. Based on feedback from Medical Health Officers, Public Health Nursing Leaders, Infection Control Professionals, and Long Term Care Facility personnel, the guideline has been revised. Please replace the November 2004 version in Chapter III of the Communicable Disease Manual with the attached February 2005 version.

Changes have been made to the Epidemiology, Diagnosis, Treatment and Management of Cases sections. As well, the Management of Outbreaks in Institutions section has been expanded.

Thank you to those who gave feedback for the revision of this guideline.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bruce Gamage, at telephone 604-660-6076, fax 604-660-6073 or by e-mail to bruce.gamage@bccdc.ca

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