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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
     Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
     Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals
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Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 5 – Sexually Transmitted Infections

Please note the following change to the planned removal of the PHN Pre-determined STI Treatment Schedule:

At present, revisions to the CRNBC Chapter I STI Certified Practice Decision Support Tools remain in process. Once the final updates of the Decision Support Tools are completed, the revisions will be posted on the CRNBC website.

Until the revisions are posted on the CRNBC website, Registered Nurses providing STI services are recommended to continue to use the PHN Pre-determined STI Treatment Schedule.

Any nurse who currently has Certified Practice designation for Reproductive Health STI will be notified by email by CRNBC once the updated documents are posted and ready for use.

If you have any questions or concerns about this document, please contact Melanie Achen at 604-707-5637 melanie.achen@bccdc.ca or Elizabeth Elliot 604-707-5618 elizabeth.elliot@bccdc.ca or fax 604-707-5604.

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