April 8, 2010

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 and removal of the
PHN Pre-determined STI Treatment Schedule.

Please note the following changes to Section 1:

1. As of March 31, 2010, the CRNBC Reproductive Health STI Certified Practice
Decision Support Tools replaced the PHN Pre-determined STI Treatment
Schedule as the practice guidelines for Registered Nurses - STI Certified
Practice.

Please remove from Section 1:

The PHN Pre-determined STI Treatment Schedule
2. Updates to BCCDC Non-certified STI Practice Decision Support Tools for vulvovaginal candidiasis, genital herpes simplex virus, pelvic inflammatory disease, syphilis, and candidal balanitis have been posted on the BCCDC website. Please remove all previous versions of these five DSTs and replace with these updates.

The remaining BCCDC Non-certified STI Practice Decision Support Tools for epididymitis, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, proctitis, scabies, molluscum contagiosum, and pediculosis pubis will be updated shortly and an admin circular will be sent. Please continue to use the current posted versions of these DSTs.

Chapter II – STI Non-certified Practice Decision Support Tools

3. Currently, the CRNBC is reviewing completed updates to the Reproductive Health Certified Practice DSTs and plans to post these updates to replace the currently posted DSTs in late April. 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.

The STI Certified Practice DSTs may be accessed at:

Chapter I – CRNBC STI Certified Practice Decision Support Tools
https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/CertifiedPractice/Pages/ReproductiveHealth.aspx

If you have any questions about the Certified Practice DSTs please contact the CRNBC Practice Support at 604-736-7331 ext 332.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Non-certified Practice DSTs or 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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