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ATTN:

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

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 5: Sexually Transmitted Infections:
Section I: STIs**

British Columbia Treatment Guidelines: Sexually Transmitted Infections in Adolescents and Adults

Updates to Reproductive Health: STI Certified Decision Support Tools (DSTs)

The [Health Professions and Occupations Act](#) (HPOA) came into effect on April 1, 2026, replacing the [Health Professions Act](#). There are language changes relevant to certified RNs and RPNs:

- The title “Certified Practice Nurse” is now known as “Certified RN” or “Certified RPN”
- The term “designation” is no longer used to describe the certification
- The term “certified practice area” is now described as certification, followed by the name of the specific certification program

Reproductive Health: STI DSTs document title and scope sections have been revised. There is no change to scope of practice or certification. These updates are editorial to align with language in the HPOA. Updates to the website, and STI Certification Course will occur over the coming months.

While completing these editorial updates, the following have also been revised based on provider feedback:

- **Urethritis DST:** Updated language for clarity in the assessment and treatment algorithm and clarified the definition for recurrent urethritis for referral.
- **Syphilis DST:** Updated to include information on Lentocilin® S 1200 within the treatment section, as the Bicillin® L-A shortage in Canada continues.
- **Treatment of Contacts DST:** Updated to include information on Lentocilin® S 1200 within the treatment section, as the Bicillin® L-A shortage in Canada continues.

Please remove all pages of the following DSTs and print all pages of the updated Certified DSTs dated June 2026:

Assessment and Diagnostic Guideline: STI; Bacterial Vaginosis;
Chlamydia Trachomatis; Genital Warts; Gonorrhoea; Mucopurulent Cervicitis;
Syphilis; Treatment of STI Contacts; Trichomoniasis; Uncomplicated Lower UTI

Dispensing Prophylactic Medications Post-Sexual Assault DST

Following feedback from providers, three separate documents have been amalgamated into one:

- BC Women's Hospital *DST for RN SANEs Dispensing Prophylaxis for STI after Sexual Assault*
- BCCDC *Core Nursing Practice Competencies for Dispensing Prophylactic Medications Post Sexual Assault*
- The previous *BCCDC Dispensing Prophylactic Medications Post-Sexual Assault DST*

Updates to this DST include:

- Updated format to align with other BCCDC DSTs.
- Clarified scope to reflect the different providers who may consult this resource including RN(C)s, RNs, RPNs, and SANEs.
- Additional information around window periods in relation to timelines post-assault and baseline testing.
- Updated treatment section to align with current treatment guidelines and evidence including treatments for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and addition of emergency contraception Ella®.
- Consolidated competencies into Appendix A.

Please remove all pages of the Dispensing Prophylactic Medications DSTs dated June 2018 along with associated competencies document and print all pages of the updated DST dated June 2026

Non-Certified Decision Support Tools for Sexually Transmitted Infections

Revisions to the non-certified DSTs have also been completed to align with treatment recommendations:

- **Epididymitis, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease and Proctitis:** Updated treatment sections to reflect current treatment recommendations.

Please remove all pages of the non-certified DSTs Epididymitis, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease and Proctitis dated May 2025 and print all pages of the updated DSTs dated June 2026

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Julie Holt, Senior Practice Leader, Clinical Prevention Services at Julie.Holt@bccdc.ca.

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