Laboratory Bulletin

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To: **Edmonton Zone, Central Zone (Camrose and Lloydminster) and North Zone (Former Aspen Region and Northern Lights Region)**
Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: *Dyna**LIFE**Dx* Diagnostic Laboratory Services

Re: **Discontinuation of *Chlamydia trachomatis* Direct Fluorescent Antibody Testing**

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Key Messages:

- Effective January 15, 2013, *Dyna**LIFE**Dx* will be discontinuing direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) testing for *Chlamydia trachomatis*. **The use of antigen tests for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* is no longer state of the art.** *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) on the GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® will still be available at *Dyna**LIFE**Dx*.
- *Dyna**LIFE**Dx* has validated the GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in specimens from genital and non-genital (eyes, throat, rectal) sites.

Action Required:

- GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® collection kits are available to all health care providers through established supply sources (i.e. Alberta Health Services for AHS hospitals and facilities; *Dyna**LIFE**Dx* Materials Management for other locations).
- The GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® unisex swab specimen collection kit may be used for non-urine specimens and the GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® urine specimen collection kit may be used for urine specimens.

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