

Date: November 8, 2013

To: South Zone West
Medical Officer of Health, Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic - Physicians and Staff,
Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Change to Physician Ordering of Laboratory Tests/Investigations on Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic Patients

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Key Messages:

- Effective **November 8, 2013**, Dr. Vivien Suttorp (Medical Officer of Health – South Zone) will no longer be the default physician for ordering laboratory tests/investigations at the Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic.
- Each physician providing services will now be the ordering physician for the tests/investigations they order at the Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic.
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) testing is now referred to Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS). These reports are not back entered into the Meditech Information System.

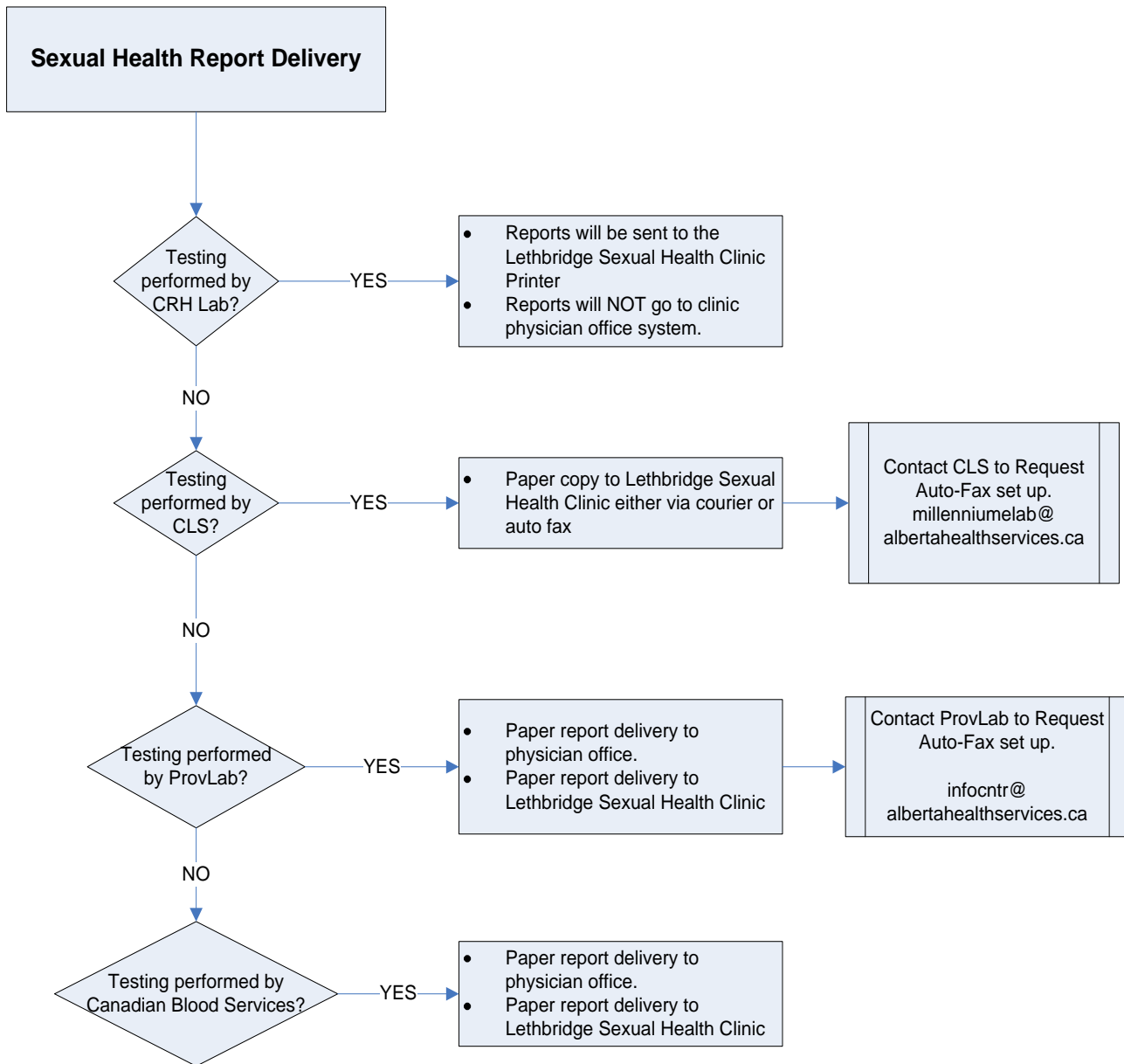
Why this is important:

- All lab reports on sexual health patients are currently reported to Dr. Suttorp at the Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic Site (Train station) with a copy to the sexual health program.
- Lab reports will now be addressed to the ordering physician at their primary clinic as indicated on the Laboratory test request form. Reports will be delivered in either paper or electronic format as per current delivery practices for the physician office/site. Copies of reports will continue to be delivered to the Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic.

Action Required:

Test Request: If...	Then ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request is for CT/GC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a separate South Zone West Laboratory General Lab / Microbiology Request (Form 101940) • Use the doctor location stamp provided by CLS in the “Ordering Physician” Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Gyne Cytology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a CLS Gyne-Cytology Requisition (Form REQ9043CY-GYN) • Use the doctor location stamp provided by CLS in the “Ordering Physician” Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other test requests either where collection is done at the Lethbridge Sexual Health Clinic and/or the patient is sent to a Laboratory Collection site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a separate South Zone West Laboratory General Lab / Microbiology Request (Form 101940)

- See page 2 for report delivery flow diagram



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