

Date: April 15, 2011

To: Central Zone – Former DTHR
Physicians, Pharmacy Services and Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: Central Zone – Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Re: 2009/2010 Antibiogram for Central Zone – Former DTHR Sites

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Key Message:

The 2009/2010 Antibiogram for the former David Thompson Health Region (DTHR) sites is now available.

Why it is important:

The antibiogram is an annual cumulative report of the antimicrobial susceptibility rates of common microbial pathogens to antimicrobials available on the hospital formulary. This report represents the local microbial epidemiology of the former DTHR sites and is intended to be used as a guideline to direct empiric antimicrobial therapy.

Where to find it:

The antibiogram is available in PDF format on the Alberta Health Services website:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3294.asp>

A web 'app' for quick reference is also available at <http://www.antibiogram.ca/>

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