
Date: April 27, 2010
To: Alberta Health & Wellness, CDC Nurses, Laboratory Managers and Directors, Medical Officers of Health, MicroNet Members
From: ProvLab
Re: Report Delivery for Streptococcus Serotyping Results

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Key Message:

Effective Tuesday, May 4, 2010 results for Group A *Streptococcus*, Group B *Streptococcus* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotyping will be reported through Cohort (ProvLab LIS).

What is Different?

Result reporting to clients will now be consistent with their current report delivery process for receiving *all* ProvLab results. In addition, all group A *Streptococcus* serotyping results will now be added to the Health Agency report notification process (similar to the way *S. pneumoniae* serotyping results are currently copied to AHW and Zone/Regional Communicable Disease Offices).

Why the Change?:

Due to federal budgeting realignment, National Streptococcus investigation services previously provided by the ProvLab have been relocated to the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

The ProvLab will continue to provide *Streptococcus* investigation services for our Alberta clients under our Bacterial Typing program: Services include:

- Group A Serotyping
- Group B Serotyping
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Identification of invasive *Streptococcus* species will continue to be supported under ProvLab Reference services.

Laboratories should continue to use the Streptococcus Investigation Submission Form to accompany all requests. This form is available on the ProvLab website:

http://www.provlab.ab.ca/requisition_history_form.htm

Questions:

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