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MLS Update: Important advisory from CDC on GC/CT Testing

Dear Michigan Laboratory System Partners,

The following is an important notice for laboratory directors from CDC. If you are a member of ASM (American Society for Microbiology) or ASCLS (American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science), you may have seen this already.

August 18, 2010 - CT/GC testing of "low positives" using NAATs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sent a message to laboratorians via the Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS) listserv regarding CT/GC testing of "low positives" using NAATs.

The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis (NCHHSTP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises laboratory directors that supervise the performance and reporting of Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) to review and ensure manufacturer's instructions are being followed on interpretation and reporting of "low-positive" results. A MMWR article is in preparation and will be published in the coming weeks, providing additional information on this topic.

Please click on the following link for a letter from Dr. Kevin Fenton, Director of NCHHSTP, CDC:

http://wwwn.cdc.gov:80/dls/locs/ViewUploadedDocument.aspx?DLS_Upload_File_s_id=542