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MLS Update: Clarification on Previous advisory from CDC on GC/CT Testing

Dear Michigan Laboratory System Partners,

On August 19, MDCH notified you that CDC had expressed concerns about how a few STD (sexually-transmitted disease) testing laboratories are **reporting** chlamydia and gonorrhea NAAT (nucleic acid amplification test) results.

CDC has released a statement clarifying that CDC's message should not be construed to mean that a problem exists with the diagnostic tests themselves. CDC's concern is **NOT** with the laboratory practice of repeating low positive results; rather, CDC has an issue with how the repeat laboratory test results are reported to the provider.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Katie Macomber, MDCH STD epidemiologist at tel. 517-335-8165 or by email at MacomberK@michigan.gov

If you would like a copy of the original advisory, please contact Marty Boehme, MDCH Bureau of Laboratories at tel. 517-335-9654 or by email at BoehmeM@michigan.gov