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MLS Update: The following is an important update to the August 18 and August 25, 2010 CDC communications concerning GC/CT NAAT testing.

Dear Michigan Laboratory System Partners,

On August 18, 2010, the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) distributed a Dear Colleague Letter via the Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS) Advisory. The letter addressed concerns about the reporting practices used by some laboratories when low positive specimens were routinely retested with chlamydia and gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification assays.

In order to address some of the questions raised as a result of that letter's release, NCHHSTP has developed and released a series of frequently asked Questions and Answers:

[http://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/APHL/attach/NCHHSTP\\_CT\\_GC\\_QandA.pdf](http://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/APHL/attach/NCHHSTP_CT_GC_QandA.pdf)

Questions regarding either the Dear Colleague Letter or the Questions and Answers document should be addressed to Tom Peterman, MD, MSc, Acting Chief, Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch, Division of STD Prevention, CDC via email ([tap1@cdc.gov](mailto:tap1@cdc.gov)) or telephone (404.639.6102).

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