NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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The following clinical practice has been approved for use in the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services system, and has been distributed to:

X	Hospitals	X	Community Health Centres	X	Homecare	X	LTC	X	Pharmacists
X	Doctor's Offices		Social Services Offices	X	Public Health Units		Please list other(s):		

The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

	Policy	X	Clinical Standard		Protocol		Procedure		Clinical Practice Guideline

Title: **LOST TO FOLLOW-UP OF STI CASES AND CONTACTS FLOW CHART – AMENDED**
Guidelines for the Follow-up of STIs Cases and Contacts in the NWT

Effective Date: January 2020

CPI #157 supersedes CPI #135. All previous versions of the Guidelines for the Epidemiological Follow-up of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea in the NWT must be discarded immediately and replaced with the referenced document.

Statement of Approved Clinical Practice:

The referenced guidelines for Routine Follow-up of STI Cases and Contacts Lost to Follow-up Flow Chart are based on the Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections , published by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as the approved standard reference for sexually transmitted infections in the NWT.

Updates to the previous version of the Guidelines include:

- Adding alerts to EMR/Medipatient as per Health and Social Services Authority (HSSA) standard operating procedures
- Assessing the need for home visits
- Addition of syphilis and HIV contact tracing
- Follow-up with OCPHO for recalcitrant contacts of syphilis and HIV or when whereabouts remain unknown

Healthcare providers have the flexibility to follow-up according to their professional judgment and may close chlamydia or gonorrhea investigations after 2 months but must forward syphilis and HIV investigations to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) for further actions after one month. Information received after the "lost to follow-up" designation should be reviewed and dealt with on a case by case basis.

Reference:

- Routine Follow-up of STI Cases and Contacts Lost to Follow-up Flow Chart
  https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/sites/default/files/routine-follow-up-sti-cases-contacts.pdf

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services public website at: https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/en/cpi

This clinical practice is approved. L Kandola January 14, 2020.

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