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Dear *Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2008 Update* and *Quick Reference 2006 Edition* User:

The **Syphilis Chapter** (found in the "Management and Treatment of Specific Infections" section) has recently been revised by the Expert Working Group for the *Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections* and is now available on-line along with the revised references. The Syphilis chapter now provides more extensive information on the interpretation of serologic tests for syphilis as well as the management of pregnant women found to have reactive syphilis serology during pregnancy. Please replace any previous versions of the syphilis chapter with the revised version posted on the Public Health Agency of Canada website at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/sti-its/guide-lignesdir-eng.php> (Scroll down the Table of Contents to the Syphilis Chapter).

In conjunction with the changes to the Syphilis chapter, multiple minor changes have been made to other chapters and indices. Additionally, reporting and partner notification content has been elaborated in multiple chapters. There has also been a footnote added to Table 1 in the "Sexual Abuse in Peripubertal and Prepubertal Children" chapter. For a comprehensive chart of these updates, please visit our website at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/sti_2006/updates-eng.php. Please print or make the necessary changes in your copy of the Guidelines. In the coming months, the updated versions of implicated chapters will be posted on-line. Another e-mail notification will be sent to alert Guidelines users when these updated versions are available.

The ***Quick Reference: Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2006 Edition***, a summary document to the *Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2006 Edition*, provides information on specific syndromes and infections.

Please refer to the "Quick Reference Changes" chart on-line for the changes which should be made in the ***Quick Reference: Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections 2006 Edition*** to ensure the information is consistent with the most recent updates of the *Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections* (as noted above). The chart can be found at the following website: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/sti_2006/qr-eng.php

Please note that neither the current PDF version posted on-line nor the print version of the *Quick Reference* has been updated to reflect these changes, so please make sure when using the Quick Reference that you are aware of the changes listed.

Print copies of the ***Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections*** and ***Quick Reference 2006 Edition*** can be obtained through the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) Ordering Centre at www.catie.ca or by calling 1-800-263-1638.

Regards,
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