

LAB SERVICES WORKGROUP GOALS

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GOAL 1: Assure availability of lower cost and quality lab technologies.

OBJECTIVE 1: By Nov 05, the Regional Labs will have explored better regional lab pricing with GenProbe.

STATUS: Complete.

OBJECTIVE 2: By May 2006, an ad hoc workgroup will consider implications of pooling NAAT specimens (limitations and benefits).

STATUS: Currently, pooling is being done in the Colorado lab and a report will be given to the IPP RAC members as soon as data is available.

GOAL 2: Develop regional capacity to test pharyngeal and rectal specimens.

OBJECTIVE 1: By May 2006, develop a mechanism to conduct a survey of sexual practices (rectal, pharyngeal, vaginal) among teens.

STATUS: Efforts were directed to other workgroup objectives.

OBJECTIVE 2: Determine potential alternate sites testing need: By Oct 2005 survey clinics about how many rectal, pharyngeal, and vaginal CT/GC tests they would order each month.

STATUS: Complete.

OBJECTIVE 3: By March 06, explore feasibility and begin plans to implement a regional lab to perform alternate source NAAT testing for CT/GC.

STATUS: Complete. Currently labs are collecting alternate site specimens and sending them to a lab in San Francisco. Utah is able to test the samples in their labs.