

# Laboratory Services Workgroup

Priorities Update & Report



# 2005-2008 Regional Plan Priorities

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

# 2005-2008 Regional Plan Priorities

Goal 2: Promote the use of high quality diagnostic testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea through innovations in lab testing.

- Objective 3: By March 2008, determine the reproducibility of a repeat test performed on the same specimen
- Objective 4: By May 2007, develop Regional Capacity to Test Alternate Site Specimens

# 2009-2011 Regional Plan Priorities

## Region VIII IPP Goal & National IPP Priority

**Area:** Promote the use of high quality diagnostic tests for Chlamydia.

- Objective 1: Collaborate with GenProbe, CDC and APHL to negotiate regional public health pricing for the GC and CT kits.
- Objective 2: Identify new funding sources or maximize current sources.

# 2009-2011 Regional Plan Priorities

**Region VIII IPP Goal & Regional IPP Priority Area:**  
Promote the use of high quality diagnostic testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea through innovations in lab testing.

- Objective 3: Disseminate the results of the study to determine how long RNA is detected after antibiotic treatment for a positive Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) infection when testing with amplified technology using APTIMA Combo 2 Assay.

# 2009-2011 Regional Plan Priorities

- Objective 4: Explore how the use of fast express (mucoytic agent) can facilitate repeat testing.

Other:

- Objective 5: Point of Care Tests
- MT POC Study
- Objective 6: Self-collected specimens & Internet-based collected specimens
  - Education and training needed for clinicians
  - Awareness and capacity building for clinicians and labs