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TO: Clinical Laboratory Directors and Managers

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SUBJECT: New Communicable Disease Reporting Poster for Laboratories

The Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention (ACDP) section of the Oregon Public Health Division has created a new reporting poster to replace the black background poster sent to laboratories in October 2002. The following reporting changes are reflected in the poster:

- As of July 15, 2005 all hepatitis C positive results are reportable.
- All positive hepatitis B surface antigen (HbsAg) and HbeAg are reportable as well as any IgM tests for core antibody (IgM anti-Hbc). Positive hepatitis B virus DNA testing is reportable. These serological markers may reflect presumptive chronic cases of hepatitis B.
- All IgM positive hepatitis A virus and IgM core antibody to hepatitis B virus serum must be submitted to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.
- All CD4 counts and HIV viral load testing results, regardless of test value (undetectable, detectable, normal or abnormal) are to be reported by fax to the HIV program.

An updated version of [Laboratory Reporting Rule Guidelines and FAQ's](#) are included for your review. A reminder that the laboratory that reports to the clinician is responsible for reporting to the patient's county of residence or to the State, regardless of who actually performs the test. If you have any questions about the poster changes, please contact the ACPD section at 971-673-0980. Thank you.