

# Section VI: Project Management Issues

## **QUALITY INDICATORS**

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), funder of the Infertility Prevention Project, established quality indicators to guide the states in five specific components of the project. From the five component areas, ten performance measures are currently being pilot-tested. Next year an additional ten will be assessed, all to determine the feasibility of expecting all project areas of diverse size and funding to meet the performance measures as they have been developed. Listed below are the quality indicators which each state in our project is expected to address in its program development for this project.

### ➤ **Laboratory Quality Indicators**

- Use of tests which meet regional standard for sensitivity & specificity
- Compliance with CDC guidelines, Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Chlamydia trachomatis Infections, 1993, for confirmatory testing
- Systems to monitor performance of laboratories
- Compliance with regional turnaround time (TAT) standards
- Systems to monitor specimen adequacy
- Methods to increase test sensitivity

### ➤ **Surveillance and Data Management**

- Collection of all elements in regional core data set
- Transmits data to region within prescribed time lines
- Meets regional standard for data completeness
- Use of data report in project area
- Mechanism to verify adherence to the screening criteria

### ➤ **Program Management**

- Involvement with regional advisory committee
- Collaboration with other project area partners
- Efforts to expand reimbursement for services
- Efforts to optimize program resources

➤ **Clinical**

- Implementation of regional service protocols
- Use of regional guidelines for partner referral and treatment
- Implementation of QA activities with project area sites
- Efforts to monitor partner referral and treatment protocols

➤ **Training**

- Training for specimen collection and adequacy
- Training for service protocols (screening criteria, data collection, lab, specimen collection)
- Evaluation of ongoing training needs
- Training and orientation of new staff

## Training Resources

This section contains training resources and opportunities related to the Infertility Prevention Project. Questions should be directed to the agency or contact person indicated. Also, you state CT coordinator may be contacted for more information.

➤ **Center For Health Training: Infrastructure Support for the Infertility Prevention Project** (<http://www.jba-cht.com>)

Center for Health Training (CHT) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in training, staff development, research and technical support to health care agencies. Our Seattle office works throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. Other CHT offices are located in San Francisco, California and Austin, Texas. CHT has sponsored regional continuing education conferences since 1975 in addition to providing an annual calendar of events on clinical and administrative issues for family planning and primary care programs.

As part of CHT's annual Reproductive Health Conference, the IPP provides an update for clinicians. This updates generally covers new service and treatment protocols, new diagnostic options, as well as issues relating to partner management, new venues for testing and treatment and related STD concerns.

The Family Planning Training Project provides other related training opportunities throughout the year. Such topics include: CPT (and Advanced CPT) Coding, Client-Centered Counseling, Male Contraceptive Exams Within the FP Clinic, Clinic Efficiency, and Cultural Competency.

Also available is a video, [Taking a Sexual History](#) featuring Sharon Myoji Schare.

➤ **Seattle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center** (<http://depts.washington.edu/seaptc/>)

The Seattle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (PTC) is one of ten regional training sites in the [National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers](#) funded by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). The PTC is now in its twentieth year of operation at the [University of Washington](#).

The PTC offers training to health care providers and educators in Federal Region X (Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Oregon) on the prevention, diagnosis, management and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

The PTC is associated with the [Seattle-King County Department of Public Health \(SKCDPH\)](#) STD Clinics. Teaching faculty are members of the University of Washington School of Medicine and personnel of SKCDPH. The PTC is a program of the Center for Health Education and Research (CHER) and is part of the [Center for AIDS and STD](#) at the University of Washington.

➤ **WAPHTN**

The Washington Public Health Training Network is system that links those people in Washington State who are working toward the achievement of public health goals, with training they need to improve public health. It is a **network** of:

- Interdependent activities for developing and delivering high quality public health improvement training to Washington state and community health workers from diverse levels and settings
- Partners in disease prevention who work together to carry out the activities
- Shared resources of people and access to technology

The Washington Public Health Training Network is a primary link to the national [CDC Public Health Training Network](#), a national training network focusing on training opportunities through different distance learning formats. Additionally, the WAPHTN includes more traditional classroom style instruction/training and access to a database of instructional and training reference information.

➤ **State Training Resources:**

Please contact the following for training within your state:

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See our website at  
[www.jba-cht.com](http://www.jba-cht.com)  
for updated  
information.

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCE:

The Practitioner's Handbook For The Management Of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Revised 2nd Edition, Celum, C., Wilch, E., Fennell, C., Stamm, W. 1998

This may be purchased from:  
Health Sciences Center for Educational Resources  
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