

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Planned Parenthood Northern California

and

County of Humboldt

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding of the relationship between the County of Humboldt (hereinafter, "COUNTY") and Planned Parenthood Northern California (hereinafter, "PPNorCal") regarding antimicrobial susceptibility testing.

Background

- COUNTY provides laboratory testing services and support for community health providers to aid in the diagnosis and control of communicable diseases and promote a healthy environment.
- PPNorCal operates clinics throughout Northern California, including County of Humboldt, that provide sexually transmitted diseases (STD) testing and treatment. PPNorCal's Gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) tests are processed by PPNorCal's Reference Lab.
- COUNTY has recently completed gonorrhea test validation and can now conduct antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) which will identify antibiotic resistant gonorrhea.
- California and County of Humboldt are interested in obtaining information regarding antibiotic resistant gonorrhea in furtherance of their public health goals. PPNorCal is interested in partnering with a lab that can conduct AST in order to identify antibiotic resistant gonorrhea.

Purpose

This MOU outlines the parties' understanding of their respective responsibilities. The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- COUNTY will provide training to PPNorCal Clinicians on specimen collection and will also provide collection kits to PPNorCal for the sole purpose of transporting the specimens.
- PPNorCal clinicians will collect gonorrhea culture specimens pursuant to the collection guidelines provided by COUNTY (Exhibit A).
- PPNorCal will complete the Requisition Form (Exhibit B) and contact the designated Courier directly to arrange pickup and transport of specimens to COUNTY for testing.
- COUNTY will upload the results to the Apollo system for retrieval and review by PPNorCal.

Data Collection and Use

- COUNTY will collect the data included on the Requisition Form (i.e. age, race/ethnicity, patient address, GC treatment failure).
- COUNTY will partner with PPNorCal to reconcile the patient’s GC culture results with the patient’s GC NAAT performed at the PPNorCal Reference Lab collected on the same day.
- PPNorCal is required to report positive GC results to state and local government pursuant to California law and will continue to do so.

Reporting

- COUNTY and PPNorCal will review and reconcile GC Culture results regularly.
- PPNorCal Care Coordination Team will notify patients of the results pursuant to PPNorCal internal policies and procedures.

Funding

COUNTY will not bill patients or PPNorCal for this service.

Duration

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from COUNTY and PPNorCal and will remain in effect through June 30th, 2029, or until one or both parties terminate this MOU as provided herein, whichever occurs first.

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