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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clinicians and Provincial Laboratories

FROM: Dr. Todd Hatchette / Dr. Jason LeBlanc, Directors
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RE: Clarification about rubella serology specific to pregnancy

On January 4, 2013 a memo from the CDHA Immunology / Virology Laboratory about rubella serology in pregnancy was sent to clinicians to remind them that women with confirmed immunity to rubella do not need serological testing as part of their prenatal screening. There has been confusion for some care providers with respect to what constitutes documented immunity.

The following women are considered rubella-immune:

- Women who have ever had positive rubella serology.
- Women who definitely received a rubella-containing vaccine (e.g. MMR). In most cases verifying vaccination requires documentation such as a completed immunization record, since personal recall regarding the specifics of immunization is generally poor.

If there are any questions regarding the results they can be directed to Drs Hatchette and LeBlanc (473-6885/7698)

Sincerely,

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