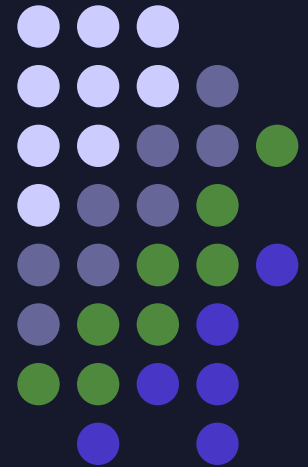


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# National Chlamydia Laboratory Committee (NCLC)

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# Regional IPP – Key components



- **Clinical** (screening, treatment, partner management)
- **Training and Education** (of clinicians and laboratorians)
- **Laboratory** (tests, bulk purchasing, performance, turn-around-time, quality assurance)
- **Surveillance** (local, state, regional data collection, management, and analysis).



# Regional IPP Concept of Operations



- Representatives of
  - State STD programs
  - State family planning and women's health programs
  - State public health laboratory networks

meet several times a year as the Regional Advisory Committees with a common goal of detecting and treating women and men with chlamydia and gonorrhea infections



# NCLC



- Created in 1995 by laboratory members of the CDC National Infertility Prevention Project (IPP)
- Provides a forum for the laboratory subcommittees of the ten Regional Infertility Advisory Groups to discuss issues and concerns regarding chlamydia screening tests
- Develops a common position acceptable to the Regions.



# NCLC – Recent Issue



- Recent Regional Meeting
  - Private laboratory representative invited to attend Regional Laboratory Subcommittee meeting
  - Lab Committee recommended to Regional Executive Committee:
    - Policy to exclude private labs from decision-making, oversight authority for region
  - Draft submitted to full NCLC in early 2010 for consideration



NATIONAL CHLAMYDIA LABORATORY COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT  
INFERTILITY PREVENTION PROJECT LABORATORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Public Infertility Prevention Project (IPP) funding is awarded to the State Health Departments and Project Areas from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Funds are then distributed to local government jurisdictions and family planning partners in accordance with an approved plan.

In regards to laboratory services, CDC has encouraged the use of public health laboratories. The National Chlamydia Laboratory Committee (NCLC) recommends the use of public health laboratories. However, some IPP partners have used private laboratories for selected Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing.

Minimally each State of a Project Area is required to provide representation and expertise from local and/or state government public health laboratories; these representatives provide leadership for laboratory-related policy and programmatic topics and decision-making regardless of whether they provide direct testing services or not. Their expertise in quality assurance, laboratory data procurement, evidence-based applied research, procedure development and oversight of all laboratories performing IPP testing is paramount.

Public health laboratories provide collaborative leadership with other state and local public health representatives to the Region's projects and are the laboratory members providing laboratory science leadership on laboratory issues to Regional IPP programs.

Private laboratory involvement is limited to testing services and is not policy in nature; therefore, it is not appropriate for private laboratories to have members on Regional IPP Committees, Regional IPP Laboratory Committees, or the NCLC.

Approved by the National Chlamydia Laboratory Committee – 03-01-2010



# NCLC Policy Statement



- IPP Laboratory Committee Membership
  - Background
    - Funding awarded to state DOH programs
    - CDC has encouraged use of public sector labs
    - Some IPP partners have used private labs for testing services
  - Each state or project area is required to have PHL involvement and serve as lead expert
    - QA
    - Lab data procurement
    - Procedure development
    - General oversight



# NCLC Policy Statement – cont'd



- PHLs provide leadership to regional projects
- Private lab involvement is limited to testing services
  - Should not include policy
- Private labs should not be members of regional IPP Committees, Regional IPP Laboratory Committees or NCLC



# NCLC



Seeking regional endorsement  
of  
Policy Statement





# Discussion

