Dear Doctor,

**GONORRHOEA ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE**

In response to increasing rates of gonorrhoea in our community and concerns about the emergence of antibiotic-resistant infections, Gonorrhoea Enhanced Surveillance (GES) will be trialled in the Townsville, Mount Isa and Mackay Public Health Unit catchments over the next 12 month period.

Gonorrhoea is a notifiable condition under the *Queensland Public Health Act 2005*. While basic data is gathered through the notification process, details about clinical management, contact tracing and follow-up are not currently collected. Enhanced surveillance will facilitate the collection of detailed information about each case, as well as provide clinicians who diagnose gonorrhoea with the opportunity to access specialist clinical advice.

**IMPORTANT: Performing contact tracing and arranging retesting will remain the responsibility of the diagnosing clinician during this period.**

All clinicians in the Townsville, Mackay and North West Hospital and Health Service districts who diagnose a case of gonorrhoea will be contacted during this period. As a part of this contact, clinicians will be supplied with a Case Report form to be completed within 7 days, and returned as per instructions on the form.

For more information on this project please contact Katie Edmondson, CNC for Contact Tracing Support at Townsville Sexual Health Service on (07) 44339600.

Yours sincerely

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