## The New York City Syphilis Registry

Licensed health care providers can access current and historical syphilis test results and treatment information in the New York City Syphilis Registry to inform the diagnosis and management of syphilis in their patients.

The New York City (NYC) Syphilis Registry is a repository of **positive** syphilis test results for NYC residents. Clinical laboratories are required by law to report all positive syphilis test results for NYC residents to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; negative syphilis test results are reported only when obtained in conjunction with a positive syphilis test result (for example, a negative RPR result is reported if it is obtained from a specimen that is Treponema pallidum EIA-positive). Health care providers are required by law to report new diagnoses of syphilis. 2

## **How to Request a Syphilis Registry Check**

- Requests are made by FAX to the NYC Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Disease Control at: 347-396-7355.
- FAX must be on <u>facility letterhead</u> and include the following information:
  - Provider Information
    - Provider's name and local phone number
    - Professional license numbers (Medical License and National Provider Identifier)
  - Facility Information
    - Address and phone number
  - Patient Information
    - Patient's first and last name, with middle initial if available
    - Date of birth
    - Address
    - Phone number
- Results will be provided via telephone between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, usually within 1-2 hours after receiving the request. Requests made after 4:00 pm or on the weekend, will be addressed on the following business day. Any questions regarding obtaining a Syphilis Registry check, or reporting syphilis, please call 347-396-7201.

Consultations regarding the medical management of syphilis are available **to providers** at: **347-396-7200** between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

New York City Health Code. Article 13.03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kratz M, Terranova E, Fuld J. Provider Reporting: How to Report Diseases, Events, and Conditions to the New York City Health Department. New York, NY: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; 2015. https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/hcp/reporting-guide.pdf