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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR: ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE INTEGRATED TUBERCULOSIS INFORMATION SYSTEM (ITIS) LABORATORY MODULE**

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The National TB Control Program (NTP) of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, in cooperation with Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service (KMITS), developed the Integrated Tuberculosis Information System (ITIS). ITIS is the official electronic TB information system designed to collect, consolidate and report TB data real time from all health facilities involved in the management of TB.

One major system improvement of ITIS this year is the development of the laboratory module. This laboratory module aims to improve process efficiency and effectiveness through the automation of the recording and reporting system to ensure the quality of data utilized by the laboratory to better support decision making, program management and/or monitoring activities. Training for pilot sites was conducted last April 28-29, 2015 in Quezon City, whereas the module will be pilot tested in selected laboratories and partner referring facilities starting May 18, 2015 onwards. Further adjustment will be done from July to August prior to roll-out to Xpert (GX) Laboratories, TB Culture (TBC) Laboratories and Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) Laboratories from September to October of this year. TB Microcopy Laboratories (TML) are expected to participate next year.

Initial pilot sites are as follows:

Region/ Laboratory	Referring Facility	Test Requested/ Served
<b>NCR</b>		
National TB Reference Laboratory	San Lazaro Hospital PMDT TC	DST
	De La Salle Health Sciences Institute PMDT TC (*4A)	DST
	General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital PMDT STC (*4A)	DST
San Lazaro Hospital TB Culture Laboratory	San Lazaro Hospital PMDT TC	GX, TBC, DST
Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital Laboratory	Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital PMDT TC	GX
Lung Center of the Philippines Laboratory (NCPR)	Lung Center of the Philippines PMDT TC	GX, TBC, DST
	Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital PMDT TC	TBC, DST
<b>Region 4A*</b>		
De La Salle Health Sciences Institute TB Culture Laboratory	De La Salle Health Sciences Institute PMDT TC	GX, TBC
	General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital PMDT STC	TBC

With this, laboratories and their partner referring facilities (i.e., DOTS and/or PMDT facilities) are hereby instructed to participate in the active use of ITIS upon training and as instructed.

For information and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health



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