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**POLICY:**

Registered nurses working in community health centers may interpret basic laboratory studies (e.g. culture and sensitivity results, ova and parasite results, viral studies, pregnancy tests) in order to initiate necessary interventions in a timely fashion.

**PRINCIPLES:**

- Nurses with specialized competence have the required knowledge to interpret basic laboratory results in order to initiate treatment in accordance with drug and treatment protocols and within the Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) policy.
- Nurses without specialized competence shall have access to resources for the interpretation of laboratory results.

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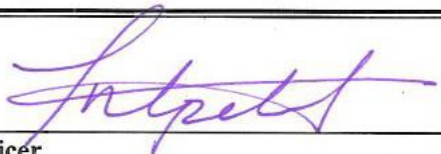
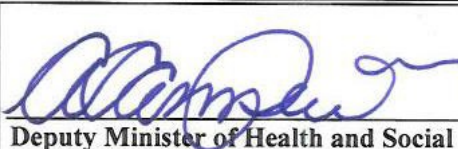
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