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Medical Referral

Re: Patient's name _____

Date of birth _____

Phone number _____

Dear _____

This patient has undergone "point of care" testing for sexually transmissible infection, including chlamydia, gonorrhoea, HIV and possibly syphilis, depending on whether there is a previous history of syphilis. **The patient has had a positive test for an STI and has the details on their phone as a text message.**

Rapid is an innovative service offering free walk-in testing led by peer support workers who are trained in providing HIV and syphilis screening, and in pathology collection, but the patient has not been reviewed by a medical practitioner as part of this screening process.

Testing at Rapid uses GeneXpert, an innovative TGA-approved platform, which tests for chlamydia and gonorrhoea. Clients take their own swabs from throat and rectum and collect urine. Using a standardized protocol, Rapid staff test pooled samples for these two infections. This means that for most patients, we are unable to specify the site of infection.

The patient has elected to attend your service for care.

We would be grateful if you would confirm the positive screening test and assess and treat the patient for their STI. The Australian Guidelines are available at <http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au/>.

If you have any questions regarding syphilis or its treatment, you are advised to contact a sexual health or infectious diseases physician in your area.

It would be appreciated if you could discuss the issue of contact tracing with the patient and address any outstanding concerns. There are contact tracing support officers available - for more details see www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/sex-health/contact-tracing/default.asp

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. M. Redmond', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Dr Andrew Redmond