

Summary of Revisions
in the
National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS)
RECORD LAYOUT FOR TRANSMISSION OF STD MORBIDITY DATA
Effective as of January 2011

- 1) Legal values for the data elements Crack, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines, Nitrates/Poppers, Erectile Dysfunction (ED) Medications, Other Drug(s) Used and No Drug Use Reported have been modified. The previous legal values of Yes and Blank have been superseded and the new legal values are now Yes, No, Refused to Answer and Did Not Ask.
- 2) The data element definition for 'Total number of sex partners last 12 months' has been modified. It now reads as follows: Total number of claimed sex partners that the case patient has had in the last 12 months. Total partners equal the sum of all male, female, and transgender partners during the last 12 months. Those marked refused or unknown (i.e. 888 or 999, respectively) are excluded from the total.
- 3) The data element , 'Quantitative syphilis test result,' now has the following valid values which must be left justified (no preceding or trailing zeroes), where ##### represents the digits for titer value:
NR= non reactive
WR= weakly reactive

<#####
>#####
999999= unknown
- 4) A new data element, NETSS version, has been added to the record layout. This will allow the reporting area to provide the version number of the NETSS record layout they are using to submit their data. Valid values for this element and their effective dates are listed below:
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- 5) The data elements, 'City' and 'MCity' within the Congenital Syphilis section of the layout have been discontinued.
- 6) All references to Form CDC 73.126 have been removed from the data element definition column within the Congenital Syphilis section of the layout.