**Dot Phrases for Documenting Action on Abnormal Laboratory Results**

**Microcytic Anemia:**

*Begin Iron:*
Patient had anemia and microcytosis on laboratory tests. I discussed this result with the family. I will begin iron replacement therapy and assess response in the next few months.

*Send Iron studies:*
Patient had anemia and microcytosis on laboratory tests. I discussed this result with the family. I will send iron studies and develop a plan based on the iron study results.

**Elevated Lead:**

*>5 μg/dL:*
Patient’s lead level was elevated. I have notified the family, assessed risk factors and provided education to minimize lead absorption including: washing hands and face before eating and sleeping, preventing ingestion of paint/dirt, cleaning surfaces with high phosphate detergent, remove any flaking paint if home built before 1977, take MVI with iron, avoid pottery with lead glazes, avoid herbal medicines that may contain lead, and running water for a minute before drinking tap water. We will repeat level in accordance with recommendations from the health department and request all siblings be tested for elevated lead levels. We will contact the local health department as appropriate for further recommendations and notifications.

*>45 μg/dL:*
Patient’s lead was significantly elevated to greater than 45 μg/dL. We have notified the family. Patient was referred to the Emergency Department for admission and consideration of chelation. We will follow-up with the patient during and after admission, and assist with identification of a lead specialist.

**STI Testing:**

*Positive Chlamydia*
Patient had a positive Chlamydia test. I notified the patient and discussed ways to prevent future infections. I will treat with azithromycin-1gm orally in a single dose or R doxycycline.

*Positive Gonorrhea*
Patient had a positive Gonorrhea test. I notified the patient and discussed ways to prevent future infections. I will treat with ceftriaxone and azithromycin.

*Syphilis Positive*
Patient had a positive Syphilis test. I notified the patient and discussed ways to prevent future infections. I will treat with benzathine penicillin G either in a single dose or 3 doses at 1 week intervals based in suspected timing of the infection.
**HIV**
Patient had a positive HIV test. I notified the patient, provided education about HIV infection and discussed ways to prevent spread of infection. I will arrange immediate follow up with an HIV specialist in the area, and confirm attendance at the first appointment.

**Group A streptococcus (throat culture):**
Patient had a positive Group A streptococcus culture. I notified the patient and family and will treat with antibiotics. Discussed with family the importance of completing entire treatment course.

**TSH:**

Abnormal TSH:
Patient had an abnormal TSH. I discussed results with the family and will refer to an endocrinologist.