

## NEW YORK STATE PARASITOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM

JUNE 1, 2010

**TO:**

**Directors of Laboratories Holding a Permit in Parasitology-Blood Borne Parasites Only**

**FROM:**

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**Ms. Jill Ennis, Proficiency Testing Coordinator**

Our records indicate that your laboratory holds a 2010-11 Permit in Parasitology-Blood Borne Parasites Only. Please note that this category is applicable to labs that examine patient specimens (blood slides) for parasites. The number of specimens included in this mailout is five.

Enclosed you will find five stained, methanol-fixed blood smears (10B-F through 10B-J). These specimens should be examined for all blood parasites. Please handle the specimens with care as we have only a very small number of replacement samples.

Limit your identification of the five test specimens (10B-F through 10B-J) to those parasites listed in the drop-down menus on the Electronic Proficiency Testing Reporting System's (EPTRS) result entry page. If you do not perform a particular test, please enter "Test Not Performed" as your result. Please enter "No Parasites Seen" to indicate a negative result.

If desired, a worksheet may be printed from EPTRS. Click on "Enter Results" at the bottom of the Event Menu page, and then click on the button labeled "Print Optional Worksheet" located in the lower right hand corner. For your convenience, a written copy of the glossary is available on our website at

[http://www.wadsworth.org/parasitology/pdf/blood\\_borne\\_glossary.pdf](http://www.wadsworth.org/parasitology/pdf/blood_borne_glossary.pdf).

Proficiency test results must be submitted electronically by **Tuesday June 15, 2010**.

Laboratories are responsible for notifying the State Laboratory at (518) 474-4177 **no later than noon**, Tuesday June 8, 2010, if specimens arrive in unsatisfactory condition, or the shipment is incomplete. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Sandy Lionarons at the above number and have your Permanent Facility Identifier (PFI) number ready when you call.

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