

## HEALTH ACT 1958

### DIRECTIONS ABOUT ORDERS OR AUTHORISATIONS

I, **DR ROBERT HALL**, Chief Health Officer, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Human Services for the purposes of section 120DA of the *Health Act 1958* (the Act) make the following directions under that section:

1. A hospital, public health service, multi purpose service or proprietor of an approved private hospital must ensure that a person who is authorised by that hospital or service or the chief executive or proprietor of that hospital or service to make orders or authorise testing for the purposes of section 120AB of the Act:
  - (a) is a registered medical practitioner who is a senior medical officer of the hospital;
  - (b) has adequate knowledge and experience in relation to the management of needlestick and other blood or body fluid exposures;
  - (c) understands the requirements of sections 120A to 120DA of the Act; and
  - (d) is familiar with the Department of Human Services (Public Health) *Guidelines on Division 2A, Part 6 of the Health Act 1958 – The Compulsory Testing Provisions*; and
  - (e) is familiar with internal protocols of the health service involved.
2. A hospital, public health service, multi purpose service, or proprietor of an approved private hospital where an authorised senior medical officer(s) has been appointed must ensure that all orders and authorisations made by the authorised senior medical officer(s) are kept in a central file, and that the file is able to be readily located and retrieved.

Signed:



Dated:

04.10.06

#### NOTES

- The words "hospital", "public health service", "multi purpose service", "proprietor" and "authorised senior medical officer" in this direction have the same meaning as in section 120DA of the *Health Act 1958*.
- Pursuant to section 120DA(2) of the *Health Act 1958*, hospitals, public health services, multi purpose services, proprietors and authorised senior medical officers must comply with this direction.
- This direction, and any others made pursuant to section 120DA of the Act, is also available on the internet at [www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/regulations/comptest](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/regulations/comptest)