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SUBJECT: Required Use of the LDMS for submitting HIV-1 RNA viral load and DNA PCR results

\*\*\*Please forward this information to the relevant lab personnel at your site.\*\*\*

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to inform ACTG and IMPAACT laboratories participating in network protocols of the requirement for submitting HIV-1 RNA and DNA results. All HIV-1 RNA and DNA results for network protocols should be submitted using the LDMS, for assays supported by the LDMS. Utilization of the LDMS is essential to ensure the quality of laboratory data. Many of our studies rely on the ability to track laboratory results from domestic and international testing laboratories. Without properly tracked results, the Group's ability to conduct the necessary research is diminished.

### **Support**

Should you have any questions regarding LDMS requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us ([actglaboratorycoordination@s-3.com](mailto:actglaboratorycoordination@s-3.com)) or LDMS user support ([ldmshelp@fstrf.org](mailto:ldmshelp@fstrf.org)).