### INVESTIGATIONS

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### Required by Law and Rules

GS 130A-144(a) The local health director shall investigate, as required by the Commission, cases of communicable diseases and communicable conditions reported to the local health director .....

IOA NCAC 41A .0103(a)(1) immediately investigate the circumstances surrounding the occurrence of the disease or condition to determine the authenticity of the report and the identity of all persons for whom control measures are required.

# Required by Law and Rules (cont'd)

- Determine what control measures have been given and ensure that proper control measures as provided in 10A NCAC 41A .0201 have been given and are being complied with;
- The local health director shall forward all authenticated reports .... of syphilis, chancroid, granuloma inguinale, and lymphogranuloma venereum within seven days to the regional office ... In addition, the local health director shall telephone reports of all cases of primary, secondary, and early latent (under one year's duration) syphilis to the regional o f f i c e of the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch within 24 hours of diagnosis at the health department or report by a physician.

## Required by Law and Rules (cont'd)

The local health director shall telephone all laboratory reports of reactive syphilis serologies to the regional office of the Division of Public Health within 24 hours of receipt if the person tested is pregnant. This shall also be done for all other persons tested unless the dilution is less than 1:8 and the person is known to be over 25 years of age or has been previously treated. In addition, the written reports shall be sent to the regional office of the Division of Public Health within seven days.

#### Reporting

CD Report Cards
Laboratory Reports
Telephone Reports

#### Access to Records

 Physicians and laboratories must provide access to medical records
 Required by the GS 130-144 (b)
 Permitted by HIPPA