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Dear Editors

Re: A simple way to compare the efficiency of outreach chlamydia screening activities


Thank you for considering this manuscript for publication in the BMC Public Health.

In this paper we present details of a novel way to measure the efficiency of a chlamydia screening program. We have coined three new terms which we believe will have considerable currency in the field in the coming years: the ‘event screening tempo’ (number of tests performed for every hour that testing is offered to a target population), the ‘staff hour screening tempo’ (number of tests performed for every hour of staff time allocated) and the ‘chlamydia detection tempo’ (the number of positive tests detected per hour of screening).

We believe that the measures of screening tempo that we describe will have an application in other diseases or infections where outreach activities are contemplated.

The manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors and has not been simultaneously submitted or published elsewhere. We look forward to your decision.

Yours sincerely

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