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TIER 2 TESTS

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Non-invasive prenatal screening

Healthscope introduces new NIPS (non-invasive prenatal screening) programme within New Zealand.

As a result of increasing demand for NIPS, we have entered into an agreement with Illumina to offer testing in our Auckland Laboratory, under the ILLUMISCREEN banner.

Labtests, Southern Community Laboratories and Northland Pathology will now be providing NIPS testing within New Zealand. This means samples for NIPS will no longer need to travel internationally for testing, as all samples will be tested at our central Laboratory in Auckland. We will not be offering Harmony moving forward.

What will this mean for you and your patients?

- Improved access to NIPS for patients New Zealand wide
- We will offer testing for anomalies in chromosomes 13, 18 and 21 on all samples
- Reduced turnaround time on sample reporting



Women or referrers requesting this test require:

- The Illumiscreen test request form completed by their Lead Maternity Carer (the form is on the website below)
- Collection of blood sample at Taranaki Medlab to be performed Monday – Thursday 0730-1400 and not before a public holiday
- Payment of the \$595 fee plus a collection fee of \$25 prior to collection of the samples

Labtests Auckland is responsible for reporting the results to the referrer.

Where can you find more information?

www.illumiscreen.co.nz

Cervical Cytology Specimens

In preparation for the National Cervical Screening Program changing to HPV primary testing, we need to minimise the chance of sample contamination.

This is because the PCR technique used for HPV testing is very sensitive. To avoid possible sample contamination please ensure all referred cervical surepath samples have the lid correctly fastened.



Autoclave Testing

A reminder from the microbiology department, Autoclave biological indicators are available on request to help with autoclave quality assurance requirements.

Therapeutic Drug Levels

Reminder if referring patients for therapeutic drug levels please inform your patients to present at the laboratory for blood collection **BEFORE** they take their medication i.e. trough level.



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Referrer to determine eligibility

Taranaki Medlab is contracted by the Taranaki District Health Board to provide laboratory testing to patients in the Taranaki community where the person is a New Zealand citizen or otherwise eligible for funded health services. It is the responsibility of the referrer to determine the eligibility of patients being referred for laboratory testing.

The table below sets out the rules for publicly funded tests.

WHO	CRITERIA	FUNDED
New Zealand citizens and residents	Includes people from the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau	✓
Work permit holders	Holds a current work visa valid for 2 years or more, or renewed continuous work visa totalling 2 years or more Foreign Language Teaching Assistants funded by the Ministry of Education	✓
Refugees and applicant refugees	With proof of refugee/applicant status	✓
Children	Under the care of an eligible parent or guardian	✓
Australian citizens	As per New Zealand citizens	✓
United Kingdom citizens	In NZ on a temporary basis and requiring urgent medical care as determined by the medical practitioner	✓
All persons receiving compulsory health services	Compulsory treatment under TB Act 1948, Health Act 1956, Alcohol & Drug Addiction Act 1966, Mental Health Act 1992 Prison inmates	✓
Funded students	NZ Aid Programme student (includes partners and children) studying in NZ and receiving Official Development Assistance funding	✓
Any person applying for immigration reasons	Testing for immigration or visa purposes	✗
Commercial accounts	Industrial companies – employee health checks Insurance or superannuation related testing	✗
Wellness tests	Company employee health checks	✗
Pre-employment or work related testing	e.g. Immune status and MRSA screening	✗
Workplace screening for occupational exposure	e.g. lead, arsenic and mercury Cholinesterase testing	✗
Health check/clearance for issue of licences	e.g. pilots	✗
Health check/clearance for sports	e.g. boxing	✗
Immune status checks	Pre-travel checks for vaccination or Visa application Clearance for students or work-experience placement e.g. nursing, medicine	✗
Non-approved referrers	e.g. Veterinary testing Podiatrists, osteopaths, naturopaths	✗
Patient requested tests/ self-referred tests	Restricted range of tests allowed to be requested Patient requested tests	✗

Please note on your request form if your patient does not meet the above funded testing criteria.

Patients who present at Taranaki Medlab for tests not funded by the DHB will be charged prior to collection of samples.

Samples received via courier deliveries where payment is required will be followed up with the referrer.

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