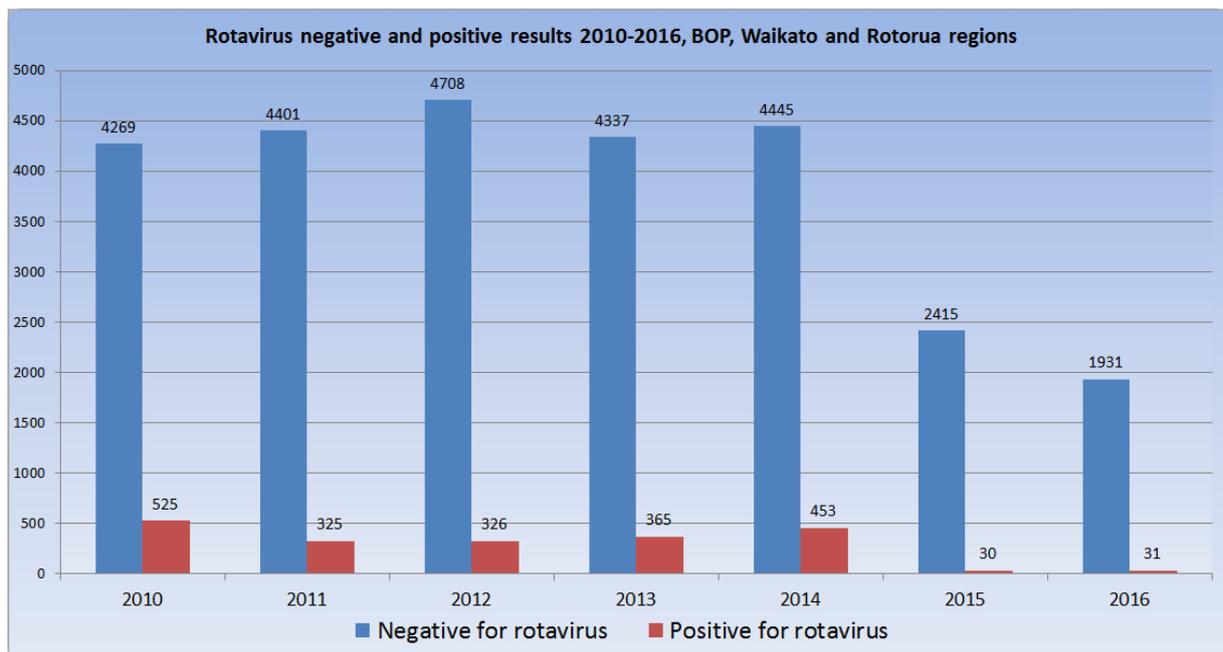




Rotavirus Testing

There has been a marked decline in the incidence of rotavirus infection since the introduction of the [rotavirus vaccine](#) on to the National Immunisation schedule in July 2014.

The graph below shows interesting data from Pathlab & LSR laboratories:



Because the prevalence of rotavirus is now so low in the tested population, the positive predictive value of the test will have decreased and there is therefore an increased risk of false positive results.

Given that rotavirus is now a rare cause of infectious diarrhoea in the local population, testing should be confined to situations where the result is likely to affect the clinical management of the patient.

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