



## Pre-requisite Clinical Details for Infectious Serology Testing

The policy of having clinical details as a pre-requisite for Infectious Serology testing is now becoming established and awareness throughout the region is increasing. A full audit of the policy will be performed before the end of the year.

There are however a couple of issues that we have come across that need to be addressed:

- **Serological testing relating to employee/student screening, insurance medicals, immigration medicals or pre-travel screening.** This type of testing is not funded by the DHB. Therefore patient payment is required before laboratory testing for these reasons can be performed.
- **Serological testing for Hepatitis A & B immunity.** A lot of testing for Hepatitis A & B immunity falls into the above (non-DHB funded) category. If there is a clear 'clinical' reason for testing for immunity to Hepatitis A and/or B, it must be stated on the request form. Clinical details such as "pre-vaccine", "post-vaccine", or "immunity check" without further supporting details will **not** be deemed acceptable.

**Please ensure that all members of your institution receive a copy of this Update.**

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