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## Patients with Suspected or Symptomatic Measles

### Please Do Not Refer Patients to Pathlab with Suspected or Symptomatic Measles

To protect both patients and staff, any patient suspected of having measles or presenting with measles-like symptoms must **not** be referred to a Pathlab collection facilities for specimen collection.

Patients suspected of measles **should not attend community collection rooms**, as this presents a significant transmission risk in shared waiting areas.

#### If Measles Testing Is Clinically Indicated

Please refer to the Health New Zealand (HNZ) and Ministry of Health (MoH) guidance for safe specimen collection and transport.

- Arrange for specimen collection in a controlled or isolated clinical environment, such as within your practice under infection control precautions, or a hospital isolation area.
- Clearly label specimens as "Suspected Measles" to ensure appropriate handling.

#### Reminder

Pathlab collection facilities are not equipped to isolate or manage potentially infectious patients.

We appreciate your assistance in maintaining a safe environment for both patients and staff by ensuring that suspected measles cases are not directed to community collection sites.

Thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support.

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