

Provincial Laboratory Services



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Pneumococcal 7 testing

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This information applies to: Island Pediatricians and Laboratory Managers

Over the past year the Microbiology laboratory has seen an increase in requests for Pneumococcal 7 Antibody and Pneumococcal 7 Avidity panel testing. If submitting a request for this test; please follow the instructions provided below:

- Fill out a blue Microbiology requisition. Clearly mark **Pneumo 7 Antibody** or **Pneumo 7 Avidity** on requisition. Requisitions that do not specify which testing is needed will have Pneumo 7 antibody testing performed.
- Preference is to collect 1 full large Red Top Tube. In cases where this is not possible, we recommend collecting 3-4 microcontainers.
- Additional tests may require the collection of more blood tubes. In this case, please contact the micro lab for more instruction.
- Please note that while the average turnaround time for results is one week, specimens collected Thursday-Sunday may experience delayed results due to limitations of courier services.
- Referral laboratories must ensure the blue Microbiology requisition gets sent to the QEH Microbiology laboratory along with the sample.

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