

Laboratory Medicine Technical Bulletin

Infliximab Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Provincial Program

Effective date	August 12, 2019
Bulletin for	Infliximab infusion sites and laboratories collecting, processing and referring samples to St. Paul's Hospital for infliximab testing.
Update	All MSP-funded testing for infliximab (IFX), with reflexive testing for antibodies-to-IFX, will be performed at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. There will be a change in testing methodology from previous testing performed in Alberta and, correspondingly, a change in interpretive values.
Key benefits	Expedited turn-around-times for results and improved testing accuracy.

Will there be changes to the specimen collection requirements and/or processing instructions?

No – there are no changes.

Collect a single RED top tube and send a single aliquot containing at least 2 mL of serum to St. Paul's Hospital for IFX quantitation and reflexive testing for antibodies-to-IFX.

Does the completed test requisition, including date of last dose, still have to be sent to St. Paul's Hospital along with the specimen?

Yes – MSP-funding requires that the BC requisition be completed and forwarded with the specimen.

Further info Methodological information, interpretive guidance, as well as test requisitions and related information can be found in the online Providence Laboratory Test Catalogue: http://www.providencelaboratory.com/test_catalog.php?ID=441

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