

Cancellation Rules - Repeat Testing Interval Guidelines

Note: For select laboratory tests in the following list, the patient's most recent test result will chart if a test request is cancelled by the repeat testing interval rules.

Laboratory Test	Repeat Intervals	Additional Information
Hemoglobin A1C*	80 days	<p>* Laboratory Tests in blue: The clinical practitioner will have to supply justification directly to the Laboratory Medical Biochemist, Division of Clinical Chemistry</p> <p>These tests will be automatically cancelled if ordered before the repeat interval unless the clinical practitioner has provided clinical information to justify earlier repeat testing</p> <p>* Laboratory Tests in red: The clinical practitioner will have to supply justification directly to the Laboratory Hematopathologist.</p> <p>These tests will be automatically cancelled if ordered before the repeat interval unless the clinical practitioner has provided clinical information to justify earlier repeat testing</p>
Alpha Fetoprotein Tumor Marker	8 weeks and the patient's location is not the Cancer Centre locations	
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Antigen Screen by EIA	Cancelled if PCR previously positive within 7 days	
Cytomegalovirus IgG	CMV IgG Antibody cannot be ordered if a previously positive immune status has been determined on the same patient	
Cystic Fibrosis Culture	72 hours	
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (CT) and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC)	Cancelled if specimens collected within 5 days (same source) of the previous sample	
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (CT) and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC)	Cancelled if previously positive within 4 weeks	
Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate*	<p>If both CRP and ESR are ordered together, only the CRP will be performed. If ESR only is ordered, the indication needs to be written on the requisition.</p> <p>Combined ESR and CRP orders need to be approved by a Hematopathologist.</p> <p>[Specific parameters apply for Rheumatology, Ophthalmology or Orthopedics patients]</p>	
Ferritin	8 weeks and the patient's location is not Medical Day Unit (MDU)	
Free thyroxine (FT4)	6 weeks	
Genital Smear for Vaginosis	7 days	
Hepatitis C Virus Screen	Screen cancelled if a previous positive report exists and a Hepatitis C Viral Load automatically ordered	
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> serology	HPYL serology no longer performed	

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Hereditary Hemochromatosis	Cancelled if previous report exists.	<p>* Laboratory Tests in blue: The clinical practitioner will have to supply justification directly to the Laboratory Medical Biochemist, Division of Clinical Chemistry</p> <p>These tests will be automatically cancelled if ordered before the repeat interval unless the clinical practitioner has provided clinical information to justify earlier repeat testing</p>
IgFLC-Immunoglobulin Free Light Chains	25 days	
Immunoglobulins*	25 days	
Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) Surveillance	Cancelled if positive in the last 90 days.	
Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE) Surveillance	Cancelled if positive in the last 90 days	
MUMPS IgM Antibody	The sensitivity of Mumps IgM for the diagnosis of acute infection is low and will only be performed at the request of Public Health.	
Ova and Parasite Examination	18 hours	
Parasite EIA	30 days	
Parvovirus (PARVG)	Parvovirus B19 IgG screening is only necessary in females of child bearing age and therefore has been cancelled on the following patient.	
Parvovirus (PARVG)	Patient previously positive for Parvovirus B19 IgG. This specimen has been cancelled.	
Parvovirus (PARVM)	Patient previously positive for Parvovirus B19 IgG. Request for Parvovirus B19 IgM has been cancelled.	
Prostate specific antigen (PSA)	12 weeks and the patient's location is not the Cancer Centre locations	
Rubella IgG (RUBG)	Cannot be ordered if a previously positive immune status has been determined on the same patient	
Serum Immunofixation*	25 days and based on SPE findings	
Serum Protein Electrophoresis* (SPE)	25 days	
Stool Culture	48 hours	
Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)	6 weeks	

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Toxoplasmosis IgG (TOXOG)	Cannot be ordered if a previously positive immune status has been determined on the same patient	
Urine Immunofixation*	Requires pathologist approval	
Urine Protein Electrophoresis*	Requires pathologist approval	
Vitamin B12	12 weeks	
Vitamin D	One year, where the previous result was between 75 and 250. The IWK client is exempt from this rule.	
Immunology Vasculitis Panel Anti-Nuclear Antibody (ANA) Panel Miscellaneous Immunopathology Tests	Detailed information found here	