

For Physicians and Referral Sources



New Process for TB Screening

Effective November 2019, Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) Urgent Cares (UC) will cease TB screenings using PPD (purified protein derivative) skin tests. NCH UC now only offers the Quantiferon Gold (QTFGP) blood test to screen for TB in children ages 2 and older. This practice better aligns with CDC recommendations and mitigates testing concerns due to PPD shortages. Families are responsible for the cost of the blood test.

Community providers who previously sent patients to NCH UC for PPD skin tests (specifically to the Dublin *Close To Home*SM on Hospital Drive and to the Canal *Close To Home*SM) should instead send patients with a lab requisition marked for Quantiferon Gold testing (QTFGP) to any NCH Laboratory Service Center. Lab locations and hours can be found at NationwideChildrens.org/Lab.

..... Patients should be referred to the following locations
for treatment and follow-up care for Latent TB:

Tuberculosis Clinic
Outpatient Care Center
3rd Floor, Suite C
555 South 18th Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Dublin *Close To Home*SM Center
7450 Hospital Drive
Dublin, OH 43016

Please call (614)-722-4452 to make an appointment.

**For Quantiferon collection questions,
contact Client Services at (614) 722-5477.**



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