



BRANDON REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Memorandum

BRANDON REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

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Date: September 9, 2011
To: All Brandon RHA Physicians
From: Dr. C. Penner, VP Medical & Diagnostic Services
c.c.: Executive Management Committee
Re: Mantoux Testing

Dear Colleagues:

Recently the Westman Laboratory made the decision not to continue to offer Mantoux (TST) testing. This decision came about because this was not felt to be within the scope of a medical technologist's practice.

The Brandon RHA is now required to provide this testing.

Patients/clients requiring testing for travel or educational reasons should continue to be referred to the Travel Health Program in Public Health as has been the case in the past. These tests are not an insured service; therefore, there is a fee for this test. Please note that appointments are required.

Public Health Nurses will continue to provide Mantoux testing for TB contacts as per Manitoba Health Communicable Disease Control processes.

Patients/clients that need Mantoux (TST) testing as a part of a medical workup can be referred to Day Treatment at the Brandon Regional Health Centre. For inpatients, you may write the order and it will be forwarded by Orders Communication (OC). Outpatients may bring their lab requisitions to Day Treatment; an appointment is not required.

Mantoux testing will be offered **on Tuesdays and Wednesdays** in Day Treatment starting Tuesday, September 13th, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Penner', is written in a cursive style.

Charles Penner MD FRCP(C)
Vice President Medical and Diagnostic Services