

## **Immunological requirements upon application for Competence Assessment Program**

Otago Polytechnic is required by the agencies that offer clinical placements to hold documentary evidence (ie a copy of current laboratory results) of your immune status for certain diseases before commencement of program. This information may be shared as necessary with clinical placement providers. The infectious diseases which we are required to hold immune status information for include:

- Varicella Zoster Ig G
- Rubella antibody test (Rubella Ig G)
- Hepatitis B surface antigen test
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- Quantiferon Gold – TB
- Measles Ig G
- MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus)  
(this will be repeated on commencement of the course)

Immune status can only be ascertained by blood test (except for MRSA). These are mandatory tests required for applications to be considered – it does not guarantee acceptance into the competence assessment program.

Please also provide a copy of your immunisation record with your application documents and your blood test results.

Lab results must be in English and on official laboratory results forms. Quantiferon and MRSA results should be from within the past 12 months.

### **Recommended vaccinations:**

**Pertussis:** it is strongly recommended that candidates are vaccinated for pertussis. The prevalence of this infectious condition is on the rise and health authorities are recommending booster vaccination for adults.

**Influenza:** It is strongly recommended that candidates are vaccinated annually against influenza.