

## **Criteria for Performing Quantiferon TB Gold testing**

Over the past 5 years, this test has replaced the Mantoux (tuberculin skin test) in most applications.

The primary role of the Quantiferon TB Gold (QFTBG®) is detection of latent Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection (LTBI). However, culture is the test of choice to investigate possible active tuberculosis.

Please include clinical details on the request form eg:

### **Pre immunosuppression**

Rheumatoid arthritis

Ankylosing spondylitis

Psoriatic arthritis

Severe plaque psoriasis

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Crohns disease

“DMARD” (Disease modifying antirheumatics drugs)

“TNF alpha blocker”

### **Second line investigation for suspected active tuberculosis**

Requested by Infectious Diseases or Respiratory Medicine specialist (named)

Iritis (requested from an ophthalmology clinic)

### **Contact tracing**

At request of Medical Officer of Health (named) or Infection Prevention and Control team

### **Pre employment screening and monitoring of selected healthcare workers**

At request of occupational health service or paid by the prospective employee.

### **Please do not use QFTBG® testing as a screen in cases of:**

Fever of unknown origin

Lymphadenopathy

Unexplained weight loss

Non specific unwellness and chronic fatigue