

# Pulmonary Diagnostics: Standards of Service for Pulmonary Diagnostics

## Site Applicability

St. Paul's Hospital (SPH)

Mount Saint Joseph Hospital (MSJ)

## Practice Level

Respiratory Therapist

Clerk

## Requirements

- The Pulmonary Diagnostics Laboratory will receive and process all referrals for testing upon receipt of a completed pulmonary diagnostics requisition
- Requisitions will be reviewed and booked in the order in which they are received; in the case of urgent referrals, the Urgent Referral Pathway ([B-00-16-12003](#)) will be utilized.
- Pulmonary Diagnostics will take every effort to meet the Service Target timeline for testing (*see algorithms*).

## Need to Know

- The Pacific Lung Clinic and Pulmonary Diagnostics Lab have set service target timelines to ensure testing for both inpatients and outpatients is completed in a timely manner.
- Interpreted results will be reported back to the referring physician within 10 to 14 days after testing

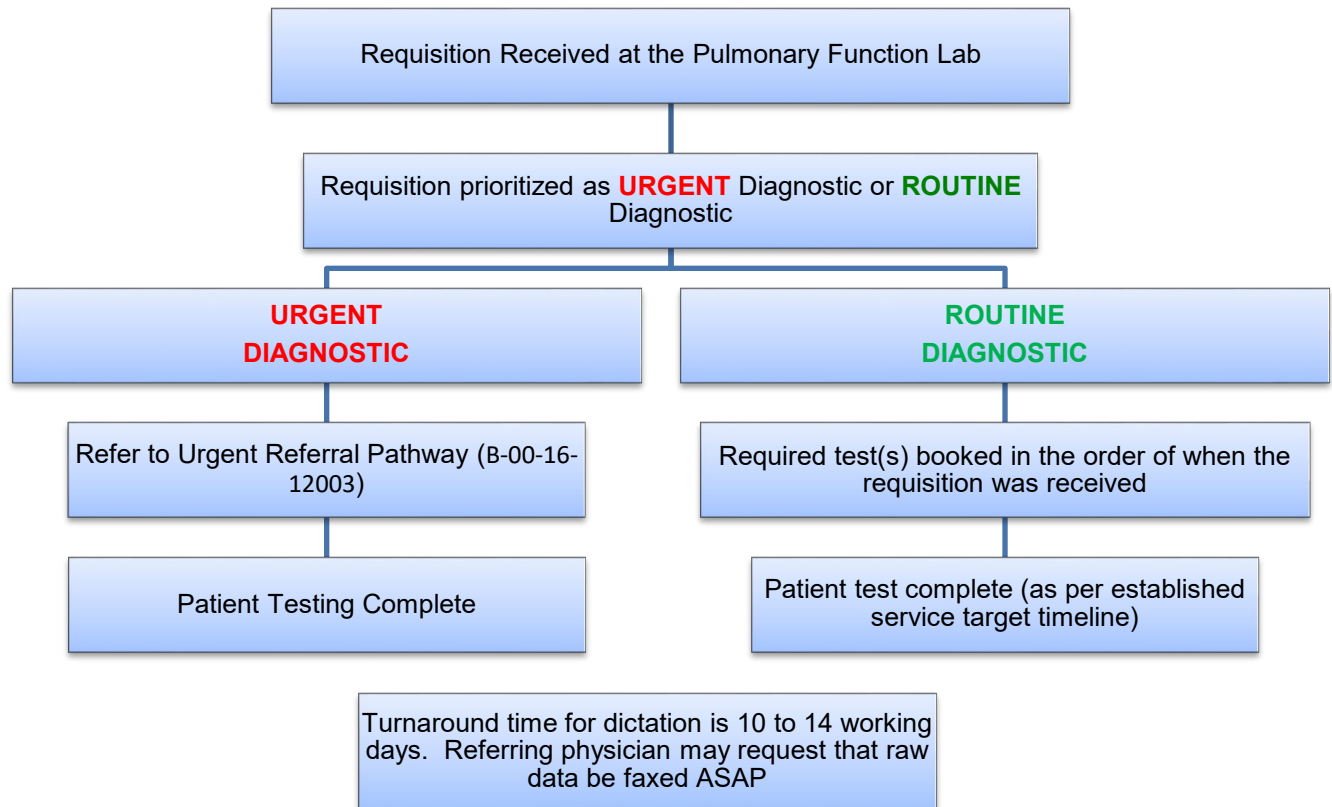
## Service Targets:

Test	Service Target	Responsible Party:
Spirometry – ED Patient	Same day	Acute Care RT
Spirometry – Inpatient	Within 48h	PF Lab <i>*triage to Acute Care RT if necessary</i>
Complete PFT	Within 8 weeks of request	SPH or MSJ PF Lab
Methacholine Challenge	Within 8 weeks of request	SPH or MSJ PF Lab

**Consider the following if unable to meet targets for complete PFT or methacholine challenge:**

- Triage to alternate site (SPH or MSJ)
- Bring in casual staff for additional coverage on temporary basis
- Divert referrals for spirometry to drop-in clinic only
- Adjust research times where possible
- Submit business case for additional resources (long term plan)

## Procedure



## Related Documents

[B-00-16-12003](#): Pulmonary Diagnostics - Urgent Referral Pathway

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