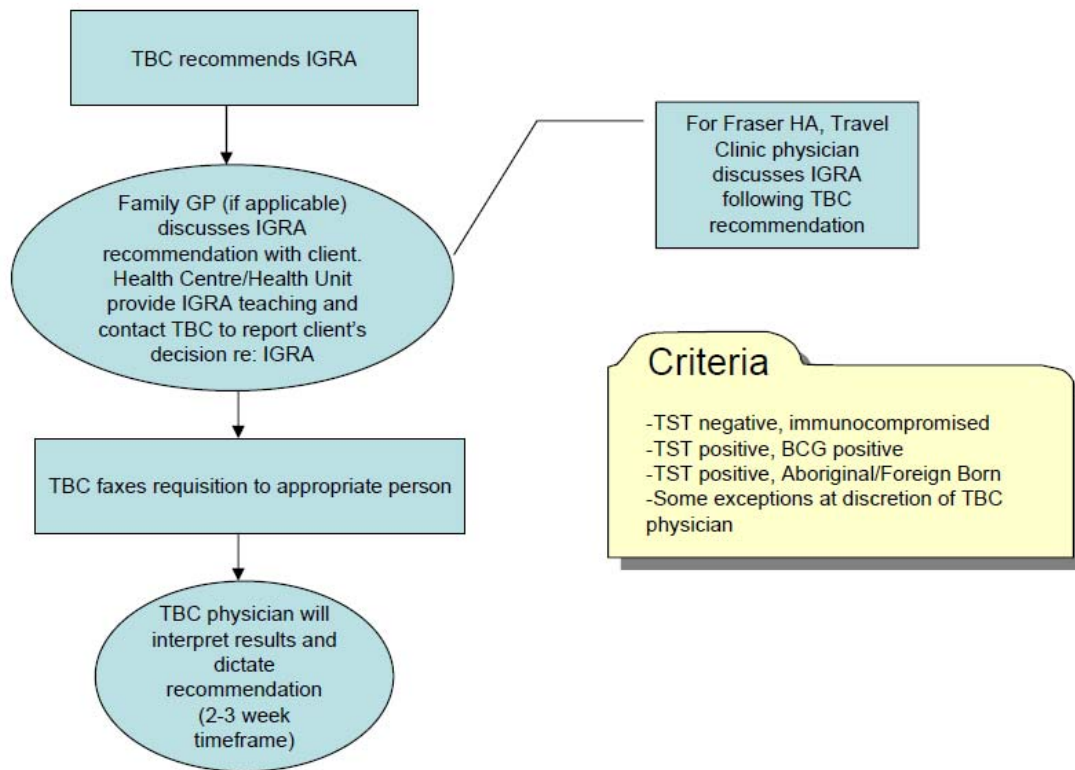


## IGRA Testing Process

# Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) Process Field Operations & TB Services for Aboriginal Communities Programs

### Background:

There is currently a pilot project being done in British Columbia for IGRA testing with final processing capacity only available at the BCCDC laboratory. IGRA draws and initial processing can be completed in satellite sites across the province including Victoria, Kelowna, Prince George and New Westminster. Only select clients are referred for IGRA testing by TB Control (TBC) since the test is not currently funded by Medical Services Plan (MSP).



### NOTE:

- Typically, clients should only be offered an IGRA blood test done if they qualify and are willing to take prophylaxis treatment in the event the IGRA is reactive (there may be some exceptions that will be determined by the TBC physician).
- If the client is refusing the test or are unable to travel to a city where the test is offered, they can still proceed and take the recommended prophylaxis. This decision needs to be communicated to TBC.

## IGRA Testing Process

### Prince George:

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TBC faxes completed requisition to the local PHN/CHN at the Health Unit/Centre and to UHNBC Outpatient Lab. The PHN/CHN contacts client to inform them that the UHNBC's Lab Outpatient Department drop-in hours are 07:30-15:30noon Mon/Tue & 07:30-12:00noon on Wed:

Attn: Vera Roy, Lab Outpatient Services – University Hospital of Northern BC  
1475 Edmonton Street  
Prince George, BC V2M 1S2  
**Fax: 250-565-2680**

### Kelowna:

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Fax completed requisition (include client's telephone # so appointment can be booked) from TBC to:

**Sheila Cox**  
Kelowna General Hospital Lab  
**Fax: 250-862-4409**  
Phone: 250-862-4300 ext 7568

**NOTE:** Drop-in appointments can be accommodated when it is not feasible to book an appointment for client. Please indicate request on requisition and inform client drop-in hours are Mon-Thu before 1pm. They must tell front desk they are here for TB test or IGRA test.

### Victoria:

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TBC faxes completed requisition to CD Hub (Field Ops) or Health Centre (TBSAC) and requests the PHN or CHN provide client with IGRA requisition and instructions on how to get to the Royal Jubilee Hospital Lab. Please inform them that the service is drop-in Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

### Vancouver/New Westminister:

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For VTBC, TBC physician recommends IGRA, immediate draw done by clinic nurse if possible, if not, follow-up IGRA appointment made by reception. For field client's, nurse completes IGRA requisition and gives to reception of clinic to contact client and book appointment.

For NWCC, physician completes IGRA referral form and gives to client to present to reception of clinic so they can book follow-up IGRA appointment for client.

For physician's calling from field that are interested in recommending an IGRA, forward the physician referral form to doctor and ask they fax completed form to TB Control.