

Thank you for your recent referrals and work in refugee health. We are seeing variation in testing, and hope to ensure screening is consistent with the [2016 ASID refugee health guidelines](#).

The following tests are recommended for **children** arriving in Australia as refugees/seeking asylum:

All	Risk- or country-based
FBE/film Ferritin Hepatitis B serology - HBsAg, HBsAb, HBcAb Tuberculosis screening TST or IGRA. TST preferred <5y, and should be used <2y Strongyloides serology* Faecal specimen - cysts, ova, parasites* <i>*not required for Ukraine</i>	B12/folate - all <u>Afghan</u> arrivals, also homocysteine & urine methylmalonic acid if risk low B12 <u>and</u> disability/neurological symptoms Vitamin D, Ca, PO4, ALP - if risk factors Varicella serology (age 14y & older to determine vaccination) Schistosoma serology - endemic - Africa, Burma, Iraq, Syria; <i>not Middle Eastern/Asian countries/Ukraine</i> Malaria arrival <3m endemic area (<12m if fever) - Africa (<i>except Egypt</i>), Burma, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka; <i>not Middle East/ Ukraine</i> Hepatitis C - HCVAb - endemic - Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, consider Syria/Ukraine; <i>not other African/Middle Eastern/Asian countries</i> HIV serology (15y & older, all UHM, clinical concerns any age) STI screening (HIV, syphilis, urine NAAT chlamydia/gonorrhoea, consider rectal/throat swabs, also Hepatitis B) if risk factors Syphilis serology - all UHM, where parent has syphilis, if risk factors Nutrition screening, including B12 if low weight for age, poor food access, vegan TFT/blood lead if developmental issues Helicobacter pylori faecal antigen if upper gastrointestinal symptoms Others - based on clinical findings as needed

UHM = unaccompanied humanitarian minor - also used for any unaccompanied/separated child

These guidelines are summarised on our website (see [Initial assessment](#)) - we would be grateful for any suggestions/feedback.

We look forward to working together - we are always happy to take questions, provide catch-up vaccination plans, support covid vaccination, or meet remotely or directly (if that is useful). We can be contacted on 9345 5522 pager 7142 or email: refugee.fellow@rch.org.au.

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