

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 **adults** arriving in Australia as refugees/seeking asylum. Please see the full guidelines (and RACGP preventive health guidelines) for other areas of screening.

All	FBE/film Hepatitis B serology - HBsAg, HBsAb and HBcAb - note 'chronic hepatitis B' Strongyloides serology* HIV serology Tuberculosis screening - TST or IGRA ≤ 35 years, older if clinical risk - note 'contact history' on IGRA request Varicella serology (to determine vaccination) Faecal specimen - cysts, ova, parasites* <i>*not required for Ukraine</i>
Risk-based	Ferritin - women, men with risk factors Vitamin D - lack of sun, dark skin, covered Active B12 - arrived <6 months, vegan, food insecurity, Afghanistan Bhutan, Iran, African countries Rubella serology - women childbearing age Syphilis serology - if risk factors Chlamydia/gonorrhoea - NAAT urine/low vaginal swabs - if risk factors Helicobacter pylori faecal antigen if upper GIT symptoms or family history gastric cancer
Country-based	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 - HCVAbs - endemic - Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, consider Syria/Ukraine; <i>not other African/Middle Eastern or Asian countries</i>
Other NCD screening	Lipids - ≥ 45 y, frequency varies with risk (RACGP 8.3) Diabetes - BSL or HbA1C - ≥ 40 y if high risk, each 3 years (RACGP 8.4) Albumin:creatinine & eGFR - ≥ 30 y if high risk renal disease, each 1-2 years (RACGP 8.6) FOBT - ≥ 50 y if low risk, each 2 years, extra screening high risk (RACGP 9.2) Mammogram - women 50-74y, each 2 years; ≥ 40 y if first degree relative <50y at diagnosis (RACGP 9.3) HPV test - women - ≥ 25 y to 70-74y, each 5 years (RACGP 9.5)

IGRA = interferon gamma release assay, NCD = non communicable diseases, TST = tuberculin skin test

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.