

Thank you for your recent referrals and work in refugee screening. We are seeing variation in tests completed, and hoping to ensure screening is consistent with the new ASID refugee guidelines.

The following tests are recommended for **adults** arriving in Australia as refugees/asylum seekers. Please see the full guidelines (and RACGP preventive health guidelines) for other areas of screening.

All	<p><b>FBE/film</b>  <b>Hepatitis B serology</b> - HBsAg, HBsAb and HBcAb - note 'chronic hepatitis B'  <b>Strongyloides</b> serology  <b>HIV</b> serology  <b>Tuberculosis screening</b> - TST or IGRA <math>\leq 35</math> years, older if clinical risk - note 'contact history' on IGRA request  <b>Varicella serology</b> (to determine vaccination)  <b>Faecal specimen</b> - OCP</p>
Risk-based	<p><b>Ferritin</b> - women, men with risk factors  <b>Vitamin D</b> - lack of sun, dark skin, covered  <b>Active B12</b> - arrived <math>&lt; 6</math> months, vegan, food insecurity, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Iran, Africa  <b>Rubella serology</b> - women childbearing age  <b>Syphilis serology</b> - if risk factors  <b>Chlamydia/gonorrhoea</b> - NAAT urine/low vaginal swabs - if risk factors  <b>Helicobacter pylori faecal antigen</b> if upper gastrointestinal symptoms or family history gastric cancer</p>
Country-based	<p><b>Schistosoma</b> serology - endemic - Africa, Burma, Iraq and Syria - <i>not other Middle Eastern or Asian countries</i>  <b>Malaria</b> arrival <math>&lt; 3</math> months endemic area (<math>&lt; 12</math> months if fever) - Africa (except Egypt), Burma, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka- <i>not Middle East</i>  <b>Hepatitis C</b> - <b>HCVAb</b> - endemic - Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, consider in Syrians - <i>not other African/Middle Eastern or Asian countries</i></p>
Other	<p><b>Lipids</b> - <math>\geq 45</math> years, frequency varies with risk (<a href="#">RACGP 8.3</a>)  <b>Diabetes</b> - <b>BSL or HbA1C</b> - <math>\geq 40</math> years if high risk, each 3 years (<a href="#">RACGP 8.4</a>)  <b>Albumin:creatinine ratio and eGFR</b> - <math>\geq 30</math> years if high risk for renal disease, each 1-2 years (<a href="#">RACGP 8.6</a>)  <b>FOBT</b> - <math>\geq 50</math> years if low risk, each 2 years, extra screening high risk (<a href="#">RACGP 9.2</a>)  <b>Mammogram</b> - women 50-74years, each 2 years; <math>\geq 40</math> years if first degree relative <math>&lt; 50</math> years at diagnosis (<a href="#">RACGP 9.3</a>)  <b>HPV test</b> - women - <math>\geq 25</math> years to 70-74 years, each 5 years (<a href="#">RACGP 9.5</a>)</p>

We look forward to working together; we are always happy to take questions, provide vaccination plans, or visit your practice (if that is useful) and can be contacted on 9345 5522 pager 7142 or email: [refugee.fellow@rch.org.au](mailto:refugee.fellow@rch.org.au).