

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>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 - OCP</p>
Risk-based	<p>Ferritin - women, men with risk factors Vitamin D - lack of sun, dark skin, covered Active B12 - arrived < 6 months, vegan, food insecurity, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Iran, Africa 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 gastrointestinal symptoms or family history gastric cancer</p>
Country-based	<p>Schistosoma serology - endemic - Africa, Burma, Iraq and Syria - <i>not other Middle Eastern or Asian countries</i> Malaria arrival < 3 months endemic area (< 12 months if fever) - Africa (except Egypt), Burma, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka- <i>not Middle East</i> Hepatitis C - HCVAb - endemic - Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, consider in Syrians - <i>not other African/Middle Eastern or Asian countries</i></p>
Other	<p>Lipids - ≥ 45 years, frequency varies with risk (RACGP 8.3) Diabetes - BSL or HbA1C - ≥ 40 years if high risk, each 3 years (RACGP 8.4) Albumin:creatinine ratio and eGFR - ≥ 30 years if high risk for renal disease, each 1-2 years (RACGP 8.6) FOBT - ≥ 50 years if low risk, each 2 years, extra screening high risk (RACGP 9.2) Mammogram - women 50-74years, each 2 years; ≥ 40 years if first degree relative < 50 years at diagnosis (RACGP 9.3) HPV test - women - ≥ 25 years to 70-74 years, each 5 years (RACGP 9.5)</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.