

Thank you for your referrals and work in refugee health. We are seeing variation in testing, and hope to ensure screening is consistent with [2016 Refugee 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>	Active B12/folate - risk factors, all Afghan and Gazan arrivals. Also check homocysteine & urine methylmalonic acid if risk low B12 <u>and</u> disability or neurological symptoms Vitamin D, Ca, PO4, ALP - risk factors, all Afghan and Gazan arrivals Consider MMR and varicella serology in adolescents to determine vaccination Schistosoma serology - endemic: Africa, Burma, Iraq, Syria; <i>not Middle East/Afghanistan/Ukraine/other Asian countries</i> Malaria RDT and thick/thin films - arrival <3m endemic area (<12m if fever): Africa (<i>except Egypt</i>), Burma, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan; <i>not Middle East/Egypt/Sri Lanka/Ukraine</i> Hepatitis C serology HCVAb - endemic: Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, consider Syria, Ukraine; <i>not other African/Middle East/Afghanistan/Asian countries</i> Hepatitis A serology – all Gazan arrivals until more information available HIV serology - 15y and older, all UHM, clinical concerns any age STI screening (HIV, syphilis, urine NAAT chlamydia/gonorrhoea, consider rectal/throat swabs) - if risk factors Syphilis serology - all UHM, where parent has syphilis, if risk factors Extended nutrition screen - low weight for age, poor food access. All new Gazan arrivals should have vitamin A and zinc levels (+/- other) 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 – term also used for any unaccompanied/separated child

These guidelines are summarised on our website (see [Initial assessment](#), and specific guidelines for [Afghan](#), [Ukrainian](#) and [Palestinian](#) refugees). We would be grateful for any suggestions/feedback. We look forward to working together, and are happy to answer questions, provide catch-up vaccination plans, or meet remotely or directly (if useful). Our team can be contacted on 9345 5522 pager 7142 or email: refugee.fellow@rch.org.au.

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