**TUBERCULIN PURIFIED PROTEIN DERIVATIVE (MANTOU)**

**SKIN TEST FOR TB**

SPECIMEN:

* 1. ml Tuberculin skin test injection to be administered per physicians orders by Nursing.

The laboratory is responsible only for interpretation and recording of results.

REACTIONS/INTERPRETATION:

TB Skin Tests are to be read by Medical Technologists. All must have demonstrated competency and proficiency in reading skin tests and in correctly entering results into the computer. The result must be entered by the employee who read the test.

Record the widest diameter of the distinctly palpable induration.

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1. Positive - palpable induration measuring >10 mm or more.

2. Intermediate - induration measuring 5-9 mm. Repeat at another site.

3. Negative - no induration or induration<5 mm.

Individuals showing a positive tuberculin reaction should be subjected to other diagnostic procedures. Any questionable results should be reviewed by another laboratory employee.

All positive skin test should be called as a critical value to the ordering physician.

NOTE: All inpatients skin test are read at 48 hrs.

Out-patients and employees skin test are read at 48 -72 hrs.

RECORDING RESULTS:

1. Result skin test reaction in LIS

a) No induration at 48 hours.(72 hours)

b) \_\_\_\_\_mm induration at 48-72 hours DATE: / / TIME: BY:

(Record actual mm of induration, (firmness,) not redness.)

1. Patients discharged prior to finalized test, will have test read and results recorded by authorized personnel at receiving facility, the TB card will be sent back to lab where the results will then be put into the LIS.

REFERENCES:

Landi, S.: Preparation, Purification and Stability of Tuberculin. Appl. Microbial. 11:408. 1963

U.S. Public Health Service Regulations, Biological Products, Title 42, Part 273, Additional Standards:

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