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New Guidance on Pre-Procedural Testing

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General

All symptomatic patients require testing. Asymptomatic patients with a COVID exposure within the last 10 days require testing. Other asymptomatic patients should be tested as per the guidelines below. Testing should ideally be done within 72 hours. Results up to 96 hours will be accepted acknowledging difficulties arranging testing for holidays, weekends, and congregate settings, etc.

Testing site

The Lifespan testing site for Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital is the RIH parking garage at 80 Dudley Street, Providence. Testing for RIH and TMH can be arranged through Pre-Admission Testing at **401-793-3129**. Newport Hospital testing site is Borden Carey Building, Suite G50, Newport. Testing for NH is arranged by the NH perioperative services team with direct outreach to patients.

Test

PCR test collected from the nasopharynx.

Perioperative Services

All perioperative elective patients should be tested. Emergency patients should proceed to surgery, with presumed precautions, and be tested in PACU.

*Pediatric patients who will be sedated for procedures do not require testing.

*Pediatric patients who have outpatient elective EEG procedures should mask when possible (two years old and up/when cognitively able) and do not require testing.

Cardiology

All cardiac catheterization and Electrophysiology patients require pre-procedure testing. Emergency patients should proceed with procedure, presumed precautions, and be tested in the recovery period.

GI

Testing is selective based on risk assessment.

VIR

Testing is selective based on risk assessment.

MISC.

If a patient has a test performed outside Lifespan, it must be a PCR and the result accessible through an official site or in hardcopy.

