

Who to test for influenza

Emergency Department – testing criteria for Influenza

- All inpatients require testing
- If not admitting then only test if within 72 hours of onset of symptoms; and
 - testing is not required for every patient, but where it is clinically indicated and may guide treatment with antivirals (MOH guidance V5).
 - testing maybe helpful in those with severe influenza illness or those with:
 - immunosuppression related to treatment for cancer or other diseases
 - morbid obesity
 - chronic respiratory condition
 - pregnant women
- Do not test if treatment with antivirals has already been started

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