

# NOTICE

## PathCare now offers testing for Monkeypox

PathCare has implemented PCR testing for monkeypox virus. It is therefore no longer necessary to discuss each case with the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) prior to specimen submission to PathCare, however, the PathCare Virologist on call may be consulted as needed.

### Specimen requirements

Lesion fluid and/or material (vesicle/pustule skin) is required for the diagnosis of monkeypox infection. Dacron or polyester flocked swabs with VTM or dry swabs may be used. Where possible, more than one lesion should be sampled, preferably from different locations on the body and/or different looking lesions. These samples should be collected by the clinician (using appropriate PPE) and accompanied by a fully completed NICD case investigation form for submission to the laboratory. The PathCare monkeypox virus PCR request form may be used to request this test.

Throat swabs may be submitted as an additional sample but are not required. Please note that throat swabs will be processed as a separate sample and will therefore result in an additional PCR test being billed.

### Transportation

Samples must be double or triple packaged and reach the laboratory without delay. Samples must be kept cold during transport (ice packs may be used).

Thank you  
PathCare Laboratory

PathCare		BARCODED STICKER AREA		FOR URGENT RESULTS	
PRACTICE NO. 5200539		MPV REQUEST FORM BARCODE STICKER		Contact Person Please indicate Tel Fax Cell Email Contact number	
REFERRING DR.		1 <sup>st</sup> Copy Dr & Code 2 <sup>nd</sup> Copy Dr & Code		3 <sup>rd</sup> Copy Dr & Code Hospital Ward and Code	
PATHCARE CODE		File No.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT (* compulsory - please complete)		
* Patient ID Passport nr * Patient Surname * Patient First Name		DOB DD MM YYYY * M F * Patient Title	* Guarantor ID No. * Title Mr Mrs Ms Dr Prof		
* Tel. (h) / cell * E-mail * Patient Residential address * Address * City * Postal Code * Province		* Surname * Initials * Postal Address * Tel. (h) / cell * Tel. (w) * E-mail * Medical Aid * Medical Aid No.			
* Collected by * Date DD MM YYYY * Time * Priority * Received by * Date DD MM YYYY * Time		* ICD 10 CODE . .			
Births Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twins <input type="checkbox"/> (1 2) Triplets <input type="checkbox"/> (1 2 3)		SPECIMEN INFORMATION AND TEST COUNT URINE HEPARIN EDTA CITRATE GEL ACID CLOTTED FLUORIDE OTHER - please specify TEST COUNT 4ml 6ml			
OTHER TESTS AND CODES		RELEVANT CLINICAL DATA AND PRESENT MEDICATION LMP DD MM YYYY FASTING YES NO			
I certify that the above information is correct. I give specific consent for tests analysis and fully understand the implications of the test(s) and I have received adequate pre-test counselling. I hereby request and agree that all my pathology test results and accounts from Drs. Dietrich, Voigt, Mia & Partners ("PathCare") may be sent to my nominated email address and cellphone number, to my medical aid administrators, medical practitioner(s) and/or insurance company. I indemnify PathCare against action that may be brought by virtue of this request and I understand that it is entirely my responsibility to safeguard access to my email. I undertake to pay outstanding monies not covered by the medical aid.					
SIGNATURE PATIENT CONSENT					
<b>Monkeypox virus PCR</b> H6044 <input type="checkbox"/> Skin swab (required; see below for details) H6044 <input type="checkbox"/> Throat swab (optional; will result in an additional PCR billed)					
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<b>Transportation</b> Specimens must be double bagged for transportation to the laboratory. Specimens must be kept cold during transport (ice packs may be used).					

## CASE INVESTIGATION FORM: MONKEYPOX

### PATIENT DETAILS

Surname:		Name/s:	
Date of birth:	Age:	Sex: Male	Female
Contact telephone number/s:	Occupation:		
Physical home address:			

### ATTENDING HEALTHCARE WORKER AND HEALTHCARE FACILITY DETAILS

Name of clinician:	Contact number/s of clinician:
Healthcare facility name:	Location of healthcare facility:
Hospital number:	Date of admission (dd/mm/yyyy):
Ward:	

### RISK FACTORS/ EXPOSURE HISTORY – during the 21 days prior to onset of symptoms

Travelled to a country endemic for monkeypox*	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
Close contact with suspected or confirmed case of monkeypox**	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
History of international travel	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>

### CLINICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Date of onset of illness (dd/mm/yyyy):

#### B. Clinical features (Tick appropriate box: yes, no, unknown)

Fever Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, specify temperature _____ °C  Lymphadenopathy Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Headache Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Cough Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Chills/sweats Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Oral ulcers Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Light sensitivity Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____  If female, pregnant Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	Rash Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Date of onset of rash (dd/mm/yyyy): _____  <b>If yes, specify</b> <u>Distribution of rash:</u> Face <input type="checkbox"/> Legs <input type="checkbox"/> Soles of the feet <input type="checkbox"/> Trunk <input type="checkbox"/> Arms <input type="checkbox"/> Palms of hands <input type="checkbox"/> Thorax <input type="checkbox"/> Genitals <input type="checkbox"/> All over body <input type="checkbox"/>  <u>Type of rash:</u> Macular Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maculopapular Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Vesicular Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Petechial Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Vasculitic Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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### PAST MEDICAL AND TRAVEL HISTORY

Underlying illness*** :	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, give details:			

<b>Travel outside of South Africa</b> in the 21 days prior to onset of illness?      Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, details:				
Country visited (indicate if travelling in transit through airport in another country)	Location/s visited within country:	Date of arrival (dd/mm/yyyy):	Date of departure (dd/mm/yyyy):	Activities at the location

### **Footnotes:**

\* Countries endemic for monkeypox:

Cameroon  
 Central African Republic  
 Congo  
 Democratic Republic of Congo  
 Gabon  
 Ghana  
 Ivory Coast  
 Liberia  
 Nigeria  
 Sierra Leone  
 South Sudan

\*\*Initiate contact tracing in collaboration with your infection control practitioner and local communicable diseases control coordinator

\*\*\* Any immunosuppressing conditions, including active HIV disease

