

Dear Volunteer:

AHN follows CDC recommendations for our TB testing programs to maintain a safe and infectious free environment. According to the CDC, TB testing programs apply to anyone working in health-care settings, including volunteers.

At AHN, the method of TB testing is QuantiFERON-TB Gold (QFT), a simple blood test that aids in the detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacteria which causes tuberculosis (TB). QFT is an interferon-gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) release assay, commonly known as an IGRA, and is a modern alternative to the tuberculin skin test (TST, PPD or Mantoux). A two-step TB Skin Test that is administered and read within 48 to 72 hours is available if needed. An explanation of this test is available upon request.

Individuals that are known-positive reactors documented at the time of onboarding to AHN or, by conversion, thereafter, are required to complete a TB questionnaire to assess for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis in lieu of a TB Skin Test. Other follow up may be required.

Volunteers who, object to receiving an IGRA blood test or TB skin Test without medical evidence of conversion to TB positive, will be required to submit documentation of a recent chest x-ray or, <u>at their own expense</u>, to be compliant with AHN TB testing program at onboarding and annually.

**TB testing is offered free of charge to all AHN volunteers during onboarding.** Specifics as to where you can obtain the test varies by AHN facility and your volunteer manager will provide direction. An appointment is typically required.

## <u>Documentation</u>: Please return your completed TB results to the Volunteer Resources Office. You are encouraged to upload the results via the volunteer website (http://allegheny.vsyslive.com).

Medical contraindications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your volunteer office with any questions.

Thank you for you service, dedication and commitment to AHN and patient safety!

## Scheduling with AHN Employee Health:

## Please schedule your appointment per the instructions provided by your site-specific volunteer manager.

Location	Volunteer	Employee Health phone	Employee
	Resources		Health Fax
Allegheny General Hospital	412-359-4290	412-359-8288	412-359-4114
Allegheny Valley Hospital	724-226-7370	724-226-7375	724-389-6564
AHN Cancer Centers & Non-hospital-	412-565-9021	Schedule at one of the	
based sites (outpatient)		employee health sites listed.	
Canonsburg Hospital	724-873-5941	724-745-3911	724-746-6458
Forbes Hospital	412-858-2578	412-858-4370	412-858-3177
Grove City Hospital	724-450-7191	724-450-7444	
Jefferson Hospital	412-469-5885	412-469-5808	412-469-5946
Saint Vincent Hospital	814-452-5646	814-452-7286	
West Penn Hospital	412-578-5314	412-578-5041	412-578-4211
Wexford	878-231-5577	878-332-4302	