

## Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Requests

SNP has a number of specialised collection centres where collectors have been trained to safely and efficiently collect combined nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs for the diagnosis of respiratory viruses, including 2019-nCoV.

For an up-to-date list of dedicated procedural collection centres and the criteria for testing, please refer to homepage of our website: [www.snp.com.au](http://www.snp.com.au)

As the 2019-nCoV outbreak progresses and the capacity to test has increased, the restrictions on who should be tested have changed over time. Testing is still recommended for those patients who fulfil the epidemiologic and clinical definition for investigation for 2019-nCoV infection. This includes travel to mainland China in the last 14 days and becoming symptomatic (fever and/or cough and/or shortness of breath and/or sore throat) OR persons who are symptomatic and have had close or casual contact in 14 days before illness onset with a confirmed case of 2019-nCoV.

Whilst mainland China remains the high-risk area of travel, other destinations will be considered. Clinical judgement should be used to determine the need for testing in patients who do not meet the epidemiological or clinical criteria above. Testing of asymptomatic individuals is not recommended.

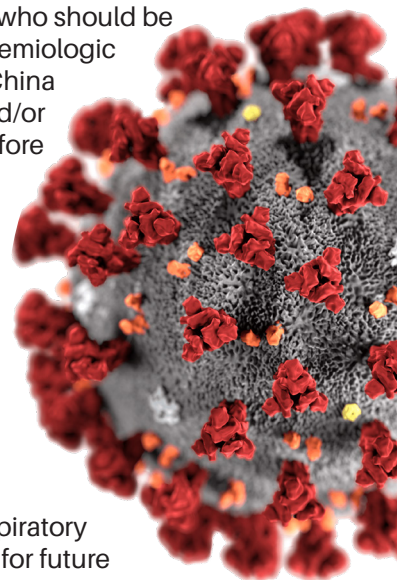
Public health approval is no longer required to request testing. However in very high risk patients the relevant public health unit still requests early clinical notification of a suspect case, even prior to test results being available. As at 30 January 2020, 2019-nCoV is a notifiable condition in Queensland.

The preferred specimens include combined nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal flocked swab.

If a sputum sample is available this should also be submitted. All samples will undergo normal respiratory virus testing in addition to 2019-nCoV. In high risk patients a serum sample may also be collected for future 2019-nCoV antibody testing.

Links to the Australian Government Resource Pages are available at <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

For all other enquiries, please contact our Microbiologists on (07) 3377 8534.



## Five of our pathologists awarded the prestigious International Board Certificate in Dermatopathology

We are delighted to announce that five members of our specialist skin diagnostic team have been awarded the prestigious International Board Certificate in Dermatopathology.

With a maximum of only 35 applicants accepted worldwide each year to sit for the stringent three-part examination, we are proud that Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology has been so strongly represented. The results demonstrate SNP's continued global standing in dermatopathology.

Preparation for the application is rigorous; candidates are required to have reported on a minimum of 3000 cases per year. Many SNP dermatopathologists far exceed these requirements, which gives them the opportunity to gain a depth and breadth of experience in complex and uncommon conditions.

The examinations, which are held each December in Frankfurt, Germany, are organised jointly by the International Committee

for Dermatopathology (ICDP) and the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). A key aim of the certification, introduced in 2003, is to drive harmonisation through internationally recognised standards.

The curriculum incorporates the rapid advancements in molecular medicine that are transforming diagnostic and prognostic testing.

Our specialist skin pathologists are at the forefront of their specialty. Their skill, passion, and commitment to ongoing professional development that ensure our referring clinicians have the information they need to provide the best patient care.

### Recipients of the International Board Certificate in Dermatopathology

2019



Dr Andrew Bettington



Dr Claire Chambers



Dr Natalie Dixon



Dr Kunawut Limarporn



Dr Corrine Wallace

These recipients join Drs Fiona Lehane and Margreth van Aartsen who received the International Board Certificate in Dermatopathology in 2018.



## Pathologists profiles



### Dr Corrine Wallace

BSc(Biomed) MBBS FRCPA (General Pathology) IBCD

We welcome back Dr Corrine Wallace who was with SNP Townsville between 2012 and 2015. After working for our partner laboratory Clinipath in Perth, she is now re-joining us in her home town of Cairns. Wishing to pursue a career in regional pathology, Dr Wallace trained in Medicine at The University of Queensland. She has experience across a broad range of histopathology, with a particular interest in dermatopathology. In December 2019 she was awarded the prestigious International Board Certificate in Dermatology.

Dr Wallace is available for consultation.

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### Dr Lisa Squires

BAG MBBS FRCPA

Dr Lisa Squires has joined us in our Brisbane laboratory and will report across all areas of histopathology. Dr Squires graduated in Medicine from The University of Queensland and trained in anatomical pathology at various institutions in south east Queensland, including the Prince Charles Hospital and the Mater Hospital, spending her final year at SNP. She was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia in 2019.

Dr Squires is available for consultation.

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## Sonic Healthcare Audits - we begin the 2020-2022 triennium

The new triennium officially started 1 January and all doctors who participated in the 2017-2019 audits have been automatically enrolled.

### Sonic Healthcare Skin Cancer Surgical Audit

Established in 2007 to help doctors with an interest in skin cancer improve the quality of their patient care, the Sonic Healthcare Skin Cancer Surgical Audit has become one of Australia's most respected programs, with thousands of GPs participating nationwide.

All doctors who participated in the 2017-2019 triennium, or who registered from 1 May 2019, have been automatically re-enrolled.

#### Your CPD points



The Sonic Healthcare Skin Cancer Surgical Audit, the is currently accredited by both the Royal Australian College of General



Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) for the 2020-2022 triennium.

The audit has approval with RACGP as an Accredited CPD Activity (40 points) and ACRRM for 16 PDP units (Outcome Measurement) + 16 MOPS points per audit.

#### To join

Email your registration to [skinaudit@snp.com.au](mailto:skinaudit@snp.com.au) or contact your Medical Liaison Manager on 1300 767 284.

### Sonic Healthcare Cervical Screening Test Audit

The audit provides participating clinicians with comparative statistical data to better understand and reflect on cervical screening in their practices, including the type of testing undertaken and the prevalence of HPV in their local population.

Developed in conjunction with a panel of practising GPs, it helps practitioners to better understand the clinical implications of the reporting systems and assists with transitioning patients into the new program.



#### Your CPD points

The Sonic Healthcare Cervical Screening Test Audit, the only audit of its kind currently



accredited by both the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) for the 2020-2022 triennium.

The audit has approval with RACGP as an Accredited CPD Activity (40 points) and ACRRM for 16 PDP units (Outcome Measurement).

#### To join

Email your registration to [education@snp.com.au](mailto:education@snp.com.au) or contact your Medical Liaison Manager on 1300 767 284.