

The Mantoux Test

The Mantoux test is also called a tuberculin skin test and is used to check whether a person may have been infected with tuberculosis (TB). A small amount of the test solution (0.1ml) is injected between the top layers of skin on the forearm, causing a small lump (bleb) to form. The test area is checked after 2-3 days by the specialist nurse to see what reaction has occurred. Depending on the reaction, the nurse will either offer a BCG vaccination, do further tests to check for TB disease, or nothing further may need to be done.

This test is manufactured by State Serum Institut (SSI) in Denmark and is a tuberculin purified protein derivative – this means safe and specially treated de-activated tuberculosis bacteria are used (no animal products). It is the only product available in the UK for this type of test, but it is not currently licensed for use in this country. However, it is widely used throughout the world and is recommended for tuberculin skin testing by both the World Health Organisation and the Department of Health. This test works well at detecting whether a person may have been exposed to TB and it is necessary to have a negative tuberculin skin test before a BCG vaccination can be offered (unless you were born in the UK and are under 6 years old).

The process of licensing a medicine for use in the UK is very lengthy and complex. Drug companies may decide that this process is not worth undertaking and there are currently many drugs used in the UK that do not have this license. It does not mean that the product is unsafe for use.

There are certain conditions that may affect the result of this test and we would ask that you read the list overleaf and inform us if you think your child may be affected.

We have produced a leaflet explaining the Mantoux test in more detail, including possible side effects, which you should have received with this consent form. Our contact details are on that leaflet.

References:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book

New entrant and general TB screening

Name of child: _____
Date of birth: _____
UK address: _____

Contact number: _____
Name of GP & Practice: _____

Please circle correct answer:

Has your child ever received a BCG vaccination? Yes / No
Approximate date of vaccination: _____
Has your child ever had the disease Tuberculosis (TB)? Yes / No
Is there a family history/contact history of Tuberculosis (TB)? Yes / No
If yes, who and when? _____
Is there any history of travel abroad for longer than 3 months? Yes / No
If yes, then where? _____
Is your child allergic to anything? Yes / No
If yes, then what? _____
Does your child have any current or past medical problems, including an immunosuppressive disease such as HIV, sarcoidosis, cancer or glandular fever Yes / No
If yes, then what? _____
Is your child taking any medication? Yes / No
If yes, then what? _____

I consent to my child receiving the Mantoux skin test for TB screening. I am aware that this product is currently unlicensed for use in the UK and have read and understood the written information provided.

If indicated by the result of the Mantoux test, I consent to my child receiving the BCG vaccination / further blood test / chest x-ray

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Print name: _____ Relationship to child: _____