Background
This guidance is a companion document to *Lab Diagnosis of COVID-19*. It is meant to be dynamic and will be updated as additional questions are addressed.

Occasionally, questions will arise regarding COVID-19 testing. In any testing situation, clinical judgement and the prevalence of COVID-19 within the community should be considered when determining testing needs.

COVID-19 Testing Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. A patient is requiring hospitalization and is refusing a COVID-19 test. How should we manage the situation?

   A1. Assure that the patient understands the importance of the test for protecting the patient, staff and other hospitalized patients. Have a member of the care team try to discover the reasons for refusal. If the patient still refuses, determine whether a nasal swab, oropharyngeal swab or saliva collection might be an alternative to a nasopharyngeal swab (dependent upon the testing platform at each RHM). If the patient believes that he/she may have already recovered from the disease, consider serology testing for antibodies. If the patient continues to refuse testing, the patient should be treated as a PUI during the hospital stay. Providers should consider a social work consult and/or case management consult for any post discharge testing implications.