

**Criteria for Medically Necessary RRPL
Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen
during COVID-19**

Testing	Physician Office or Community Point of Care Testing	Acute Care Lab Toxicology Screening	Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen
Description	Rapid, point of care testing for substance or adulterant screening	Rapid, lab based test for substance screening	Lab based test for exact substance screening by mass spectrometry
Reporting	General substance categories reported as presumptive positive or negative	General substance categories reported as positive or negative	Exact substances are reported as positive or negative
TAT	<30 minutes from collection time	TAT <1 hour for STAT testing	TAT up to 48 hours from receipt at RRPL
Process	As Normal under physician license	As normal in acute care setting	Limited to CCMN checklist document

Due to increased demands and appropriate resource allocation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL)** will be functioning off of a limited test menu of essential services effective immediately. RRPL **Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen** will only be performed if one or more of the following criteria are met:

NOTE: Maintenance urine drug screening of stable patients or patients that do not meet the below criteria **WILL NOT** be performed at this time.

For Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen to be performed attach completed form to RRPL requisition

Addictions Medicine

- Initiation of a new patient on opioid agonist therapy (OAT)
- Determining if carries of OAT (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone) are appropriate to comply with isolation or encourage social distancing
- Destabilization of patient/recent relapse

Chronic Pain

- Initiation of opioids
- Transfer of prescribing of opioids from one clinician to another
- Patients on high doses (greater than 90 MME/day) of opioids being tapered where there is concern of destabilization/risk of relapse

Maternal Wellness

- Where the results of screen may influence a child apprehension scenario
- Neonatal Abstinence - Newborn withdrawals
- Initiation of OAT in pregnancy
- Determining if carries of OAT (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone) are appropriate to comply with isolation or encourage social distancing

Psychiatry (Recommend prior performance of a Toxicology Screen at an Acute Care Lab)

- Patients with psychosis and history of substance abuse
- Unexplained acute mental state changes in mental health presentations
- Patients referred for admission under youth detoxification & stabilization act

Reference: [RxFiles - URINE DRUG SCREENING \(UDS\): Collecting & Testing](#)

Prescriber name: _____ Contact information: _____

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Date: ____/____/____