

# Patient referral and testing guidance Mpox (monkeypox)



## TESTING

Testing for mpox is done in a laboratory. This test is available throughout Australian laboratories



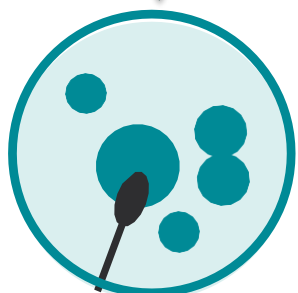
## REFERRAL

Refer patients for testing if they have symptoms and may have been exposed. Advice from public health units may determine how each patient will be prioritised for testing.



## PPE

Wear appropriate PPE while collecting specimens and wipe down specimen containers using disinfectant.



## SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Collect lesion tissue by vigorously rubbing a sterile swab at the base of the lesion. Raise any questions with the specialist microbiologist, if required.



## SPECIMEN TRANSPORT

Use appropriate specimen packaging and submit to the laboratory as soon as possible.

This guidance should be read in conjunction with the [Public Health Laboratory Network \(PHLN\) Laboratory Case Definition \(LCD\) for mpox](#) and the [PHLN Guidance on Mpox Patient Referral, Specimen Collection and Test Requesting](#).