PPD Skin Test Documentation

This job aid clarifies the workflow for administering and documenting the results of the PPD skin test. This new workflow will be effective October 7, 2014.

I. Ordering

As shown below, the tuberculin injection and PPD Test order will be paneled and ordered simultaneously.

II. Administering

1. Prior to administering the injection, nurses will ask if the patient has previously received the BCG vaccine. Click the Immunization Question link to answer this question.
2. If the patient does not have a history of receiving the BCG vaccine the nurse will answer “No” and administer the vaccine.

3. Prior to administering the vaccine, nurses will be able to consult the Micromedex Administration link for administration instructions.

4. In the event the patient has received the BCG vaccine, the nurse will call the physician to verify if the physician would prefer to order an interferon-gamma release assay test (i.e., Quantiferon TB Gold). This information appears in the administration instructions below.
III. Documenting history of BCG vaccine in the patient’s Immunization History

1. Click the Immunization tab.
2. Click Historical Admins.
3. Select Single Historical Immunization.
4. Enter the name of the vaccine (BCG Vaccine), complete the appropriate data, and click Accept.

IV. Reading and Documenting the Result

1. Once the nurse has documented the administration of the injection, a task will display on the nurse’s Worklist within 48 hours, reminding the nurse to read the result. The Worklist task will continue to populate the Worklist for an additional 24 hours. Click Done to remove the task reminder.
2. To document the result, access the Active Orders report and locate “PPD Test.” Instructions on how to read and document the result are located in the process instructions.
3. Click the Enter/Edit Results hyperlink.
4. Click on the “PPD Test” line on the Enter/Edit Results screen.

5. Enter the test result in the “Value” cell. Notice the “Status” cell will be defaulted to “Final.”

V. Viewing Results

The test result will now display within “Results Review” as well as Chart Review.