

PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR EMERGENCY CARE

VACCINATIONS AND ANTIBODY TESTING DURING COVID-19

Dear Practitioner,

The Professional Board for Emergency Care (PBEC) wishes to communicate the following in relation to queries related to the Point of Care (POC) antibody testing and vaccine administration for the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus – 2 (SARS-CoV-2) by registered emergency care persons:

- The Board acknowledges that various POC antibody testing options are currently available for widespread use. These POC antibody tests are available to members of the public without healthcare practitioner referral.
- In the context of providing emergency care, the Board does not recommend the routine use of SARS-CoV-2 POC testing when determining the need to provide emergency care.
- From an emergency care perspective, SARS-CoV-2 POC testing should only be performed where a clear indication exists. This testing must occur in consultation with a healthcare practitioner who will be overseeing, teleconsulting or receiving the patient from an emergency care environment.
- In relation to SARS-CoV-2 vaccine administration, the Board does not support the administration of vaccinations in an isolated, sporadic and uncoordinated fashion.
- Where applicable, and through the coordination of the relevant healthcare system responsible for vaccination rollout, emergency care registered persons who are able to administer medications via the appropriate route may do so provided they have had the requisite vaccination administration training and the place of vaccine administration (venue) is considered a vaccination centre as designated by the relevant health authority.



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