

(FAQ's) - Frequently Asked Questions About the Multi-Phasic Bloodscreening

Always consult your primary care physician for information regarding your healthcare. This screening program is not a replacement for your annual office visit.

Why do I need a physician to have testing performed?

The state of Pennsylvania requires that any medical testing performed must have an ordering physician. It is against the law to acquire testing without a physician agreeing to accept the results.

How long does the process take?

With registration and phlebotomy, you can expect to take up to 45 minutes to complete the process at the test site.

My physician isn't on the accepting physician list?

Some physicians choose not to participate in this screening program. Contact them to see if they would consider participating next year.

What's the easiest way to register?

There are 2 ways to register. Registering and paying on-line is easiest and fastest. You can do it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer. On-line registration begins first, in early March. Second, past participants should receive an application form and letter in the mail. That form can be filled out and mailed along with your payment check to Punxsy Rotary. This will take longer and time slots by mail will be limited. So, registering yourself on-line is the fastest and preferred method.

Why do I need to pay by credit card when registering on-line?

Since this is a very popular program and the laboratory and available medical personnel limit the number of tests that can be done, on-line payment insures that people making appointments will show up and receive the tests, otherwise "no-shows" use up a reservation that is wasted and could be used by others. Also, no-shows cost both the lab and Punxsy Rotary fees.

Why can't my child participate?

This screening is designed for adults. Children should be drawn in a controlled environment. You may ask your child's physician for information on testing.

Should I take my medication?

Yes. You should make no changes in medications that you are taking. If you have concerns, contact your primary care physician.

Can I drink water?

For best results, no food should be eaten 12 hours before the test and minimal water if necessary. Again, if you have specific questions, you should contact your primary care physician for guidance.

Can I bill this test to my insurance?

Some insurances will pay for screenings, but you will need to facilitate this independently. As a screening, Punxsutawney Rotary will not bill insurers, but will provide you with a receipt.

When will I receive my results?

You can expect to receive test results within 2 weeks (exact dates will be provided to you)

Can I get a refund for an unused reservation?

Yes. Rotary will be glad to refund unused tests that were paid in advance if requested by either e-mail, phone or mail. All refunds will be subject to a \$10.00 service fee (the lab charges for all test viles made up in advance used or unused and there are merchant banking fees charged to Rotary for all credit card transactions). These refunds will be made by check in the mail after the screenings or in cash at the screening site.

Can I speed up that process?

Test results are batch processed and there is no way to speed up that process. If you require a faster turn around time, you may want to consider ordering these tests through your physician.

Can I add additional tests that my doctor recommends?

Because this is a screening, we do not have the ability to add tests. If you require additional testing, discuss your concerns with your primary care physician who can advise you accordingly.

Finally, your primary care physician is always your best source of information for your healthcare. Any specific questions should be directed to your physician.