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Hi Liz,

There is my one responsive record for the FOI listed in the title.

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Hello Marco,

The response came quickly. Good news is there is no reason for there to be a barrier to NPs collecting PCR swabs and bringing to the lab. Bad news is that the response you heard from VIHA DAP is indeed accurate, and further there does not seem to be any professional bias against NPs – the same rules apply to physicians.

Not the complete response you were hoping for, but I can't see any way to maneuver a change to the current policy at present.

Let us know if you need anything further.

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Dear Zachary Matieschyn,

COVID 19 POC Ag testing is not on the list of lab tests exempt from DAP accreditation. In addition as per Dr. Bonnie Henry's letters regarding COVID 19 POC Ag testing, any site doing so would either have to have DAP accreditation or have the BC CDC provide the oversight. In addition if it is private pay testing it requires DAP accreditation. Neither an NP nor an MD can do COVID 19 POC Ag testing without accreditation. Also accreditation for COVID 19 POC Ag testing requires a medical director, and that person must be a registrant of the CPSBC and as such an NP would not be allowed to be the medical director, but could run a COVID 19 POC Ag testing site with one.

An NP can perform NP or nasal swabs and send the specimen for testing at an accredited lab, the same as for any physician.

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