

The Test Review Committee bases its evaluation of Test Review Applications on the following criteria. To be considered for evaluation, applications must align with the mandates and strategic goals of the Ministry of Health and BC's Agency for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Scoring Criterion	Evaluation Considerations
Patient Benefit	Impact to patient care, clinical outcomes, quality of life
Patient Risk	Risk of harm to the patient if the test is or is not made available
Analytical Performance	Assay validation including sensitivity, specificity, positive/negative predictive value, precision and any other applicable parameters
Published Evidence of Benefit	Information published in peer-reviewed medical/clinical journals supporting the potential benefits of the test
Laboratory Impact – Cost	Anticipated cost/savings to the laboratory budget provincially if the proposed change is implemented
Laboratory Impact – Utilization	Anticipated increase/decrease in the utilization of laboratory services provincially if the proposed change is implemented
System Impact – Cost	Anticipated cost/savings to the health care system overall if the proposed change is implemented. Overall health care system refers to health disciplines outside of laboratory medicine.
System Impact – Utilization	Anticipated increase/decrease in overall health care system utilization if the proposed change is implemented. Overall health care system refers to health disciplines outside of laboratory medicine.
System Impact – Sustainability	Sustainability of the proposed change over defined time periods
Availability of Alternatives	The availability of other tests or technologies that could provide the same clinical information
Professional Stakeholder Engagement	Consultation with professional stakeholders to determine their level of interest in the proposed change