

## AUGUST 2005 MEDICAL FORMS

### NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL BLOOD TESTS

You will have noticed that the medical involves the taking and analysing of a number of standard blood tests these include

- HIV or Aids

Before carrying out this blood test we are legally bound to inform you of the following:

1. This is a blood test for HIV (Aids)
2. Should it prove positive it would have major implications for your health, Insurance prospects etc.
3. In the unlikely event of a positive test, we would write to you with a copy of the result for you to contact your own GP for follow up, advice and rechecking etc. We would not expect to do any of these things here.
4. You can not proceed with your application without having this test.
5. Should you have any queries about this, please discuss with the nurse or doctor at your appointment.

- Hepatitis B (infection of the liver with a virus through blood to blood contact)
- Syphilis (this is a sexually transmitted disease)
- Liver Function tests (5 tests carried out to test function of your liver)
- Full Blood Count (looking for anaemia and normality of your red and white blood cells)
- Creatinine (this is a good screening test of your kidney function)
- Hepatitis C (if you are in the medical profession) at an additional cost

Should there be any abnormality of the above this may result in further tests being required by the Immigration service either at our clinic or via your own doctor.

**The costs of these tests is at the expense of the applicant.**

Should anything significant be found, we will inform you, with a copy of the result, so that you can discuss the result and ongoing management and investigations with your own GP. We cannot undertake further tests and management at the medical centre.

You should also be aware that certain abnormalities found during the examination prompt discretionary tests by the Immigration authorities. For example:

- If you are overweight and your body mass index is over 35 or your waist measurement exceeds certain thresholds, you may need to return for fasting blood tests.
- If your blood pressure is raised the same applies
- If you are diabetic this involves the provision of certain further blood tests/urine tests to the Immigration Authorities.

**These also are to be carried out at the expense of the applicant.**