

Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis

- Diagnosed with pharyngitis **only**.....*and*
- Prescribed an antibiotic.....*and*
- Received a group A streptococcus test

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- “The diagnosis of acute group A streptococcal pharyngitis should be suspected on clinical and epidemiological grounds and then supported by performance of a laboratory test. A positive result of either a throat culture or RADT provides adequate confirmation of the presence of group A B-hemolytic streptococci in the pharynx. However, for children and adolescents, a negative RADT result should be confirmed with a throat culture, unless the physician has ascertained in his or her own practice that the RADT used is comparable to a throat culture.”

Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Group A Streptococcal Pharyngitis, Infectious Diseases Society of America, June 2002.

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Clinical and Epidemiologic Features

