



# Under the Microscope

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#### St. Joseph's/Candler Imaging - Bluffton

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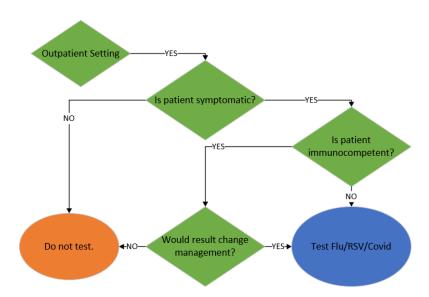
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## **Respiratory Diagnostic Testing**

### Respiratory season is here!

To optimize a respiratory testing strategy that leads to the best patient outcomes, it's important to consider several factors, including patient setting, risk stratification and impact to patient management. Navigating all these factors is a major challenge as there really is no "one size fits all" solution (Alesia McKeown, 2024). See below for the SJ/C laboratory outpatient testing algorithm.



### **Medicare Compliance Corner**

For Expanded (>5 pathogens) Respiratory Panels, the following additional conditions apply:

- For immune-competent beneficiaries, the test must be ordered by an Infectious Disease Specialist, or Pulmonologist who is diagnosing and treating the beneficiary.
- For immune-compromised beneficiaries, the test must be ordered by a clinician specialist in one of the following: Infectious Diseases, Oncology, Transplant, or Pulmonologist who is diagnosing and treating the beneficiary (CMS, 2024).