

# Island Health Performance Measures Using Labs Wisely™



Year to Date Performance	8	Performance Assessment	 Green
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 10	Performance is within the acceptable range; continue to monitor.	

### What do we measure and why?

The Using Labs Wisely™ measure tracks the frequency of potentially unnecessary lab tests (AST and urea) per 100 inpatient bed days. This can help identify opportunities to reduce low-value lab testing.

Reducing unnecessary tests enhances patient care, contributes to better use of resources, and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Using Labs Wisely™ is a national initiative that allows Island Health to collaborate with others, share data, and implement practices to reduce waste and improve healthcare efficiency.

### What is the target?

Island Health's target is 10 or less.

Lower values are better.

### How are we doing?

As of October 2025, Island Health was meeting the target.

### What actions are we taking?

We continue to promote appropriate lab test use through education, engagement with medical staff, and system-level change. Computerized physician order entry supports more consistent and appropriate lab ordering practices. Together, these strategies reinforce more consistent and sustainable ordering practices, ensuring lab testing supports patient care, efficiency, and environmental responsibility.