

are consistent with Legionnaires' disease, suggesting the possibility of *Legionella* species other than *L. pneumophila*. A blood sample in a gold-top serum separator tube is needed for serology testing. Health care professionals are asked to refer to the BC Public Health Microbiology and Reference Laboratory *Guide to Programs and Services* for specimen and collection system details.

Legionnaires' disease is a reportable communicable disease in BC, and both physicians and laboratories are reminded to report this infection to public health authorities.

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- Access Medicine offers an app for iOS and Android containing the current editions of *Quick Medical Diagnosis and Treatment*, *Fitzpatrick's Clinical Dermatology Atlas*, *Diagnosaurus*, and *Pocket Guide to Diagnostic Tests*.
- The Audio-Digest app for iOS and Android provides lectures recorded from US medical conference presentations on topics in various specialties including family practice, psychiatry, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, emergency medicine, and others. The content is accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for Mainpro-M2 credits and by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada under section 2 (self-learning) of the MOC Program.
- The BMJ Best Practice app (iOS and Android) gives a user-friendly interface to patient-focused decision tools for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up. The content

is based on systematic reviews, meta-analysis, controlled trials, guidelines, and, where necessary, expert opinions. The app contains almost 1000 modules. The College has licensed Best Practice for registrants with library privileges as well as all UBC medical residents.

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Visit the Apps and Audiovisual webpage for more information ([www.cpsbc.ca/library/search-materials/audiovisual](http://www.cpsbc.ca/library/search-materials/audiovisual)).

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