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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE A COVID-19 TEST?

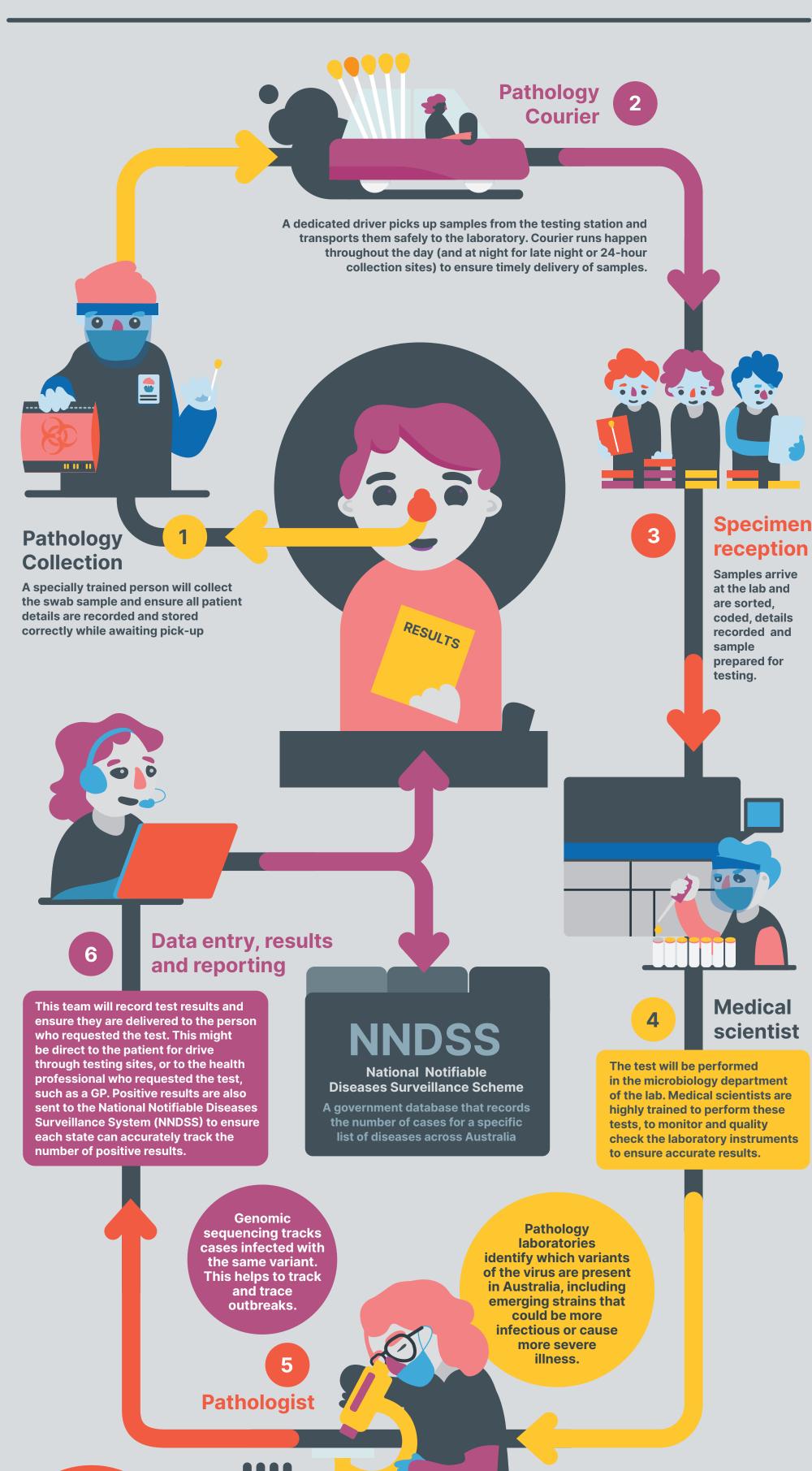
During the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia, pathology laboratories have developed and delivered more than 11 million tests and counting. There are many people involved in COVID-19 testing and many steps taken to ensure results are high quality and delivered quickly.

> In 2020 11 million **COVID-19 tests were performed**

on top of all other pathology tests

100%

of COVID-19 cases are diagnosed by pathology labs



**Australia leads** the world in high quality pathology. For every test they perform, accredited pathology laboratories in Australia must enrol in the External **Quality Assurance (EQA)** program developed in Australia by RCPAQAP.

Results will be verified by a pathologist who will also examine abnormal results and determine if further tests are required - for example genomic analysis of the virus or other diagnostic tests for symptomatic patients.

This program is used by labs in 30 countries globally, and sends out over 375,000 quality-test samples each year to ensure labs are producing results of the highest accuracy and quality standards.

