



# Medicare Billing Guidelines for General Practitioners

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## Whilst most pathology tests automatically qualify for a rebate, some do not.

### Some tests are not covered by Medicare at all.

In this guide, our aim is to provide assistance for tests where specific Medicare criteria is needed for a rebate to apply, and the criteria for repeat testing.

We have also provided a listing of the most commonly requested Non-rebatable tests. For these tests, there is no Medicare benefit at all, and all costs are the responsibility of the patient.

These lists are not comprehensive and Medicare may change the criteria at any time. For a comprehensive list of tests with up-to-date criteria, visit [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au).

Please note: patients who do not have a Medicare card, cannot have their pathology costs covered. This includes, tourists, overseas residents, backpackers and overseas students. These patients will be responsible for the cost of all referred tests.

We are often asked about the following testing, which may contain rebatable tests. In the following circumstances, no Medicare rebates apply. Patients will be responsible for all test costs.

Pricing information on these can be obtained on 9371 4460

- Screening for employment, pre-employment and WH&S testing
- Testing for court purposes
- Workers Compensation
- Insurance Testing
- Immigration / Visa Testing
- Screening sports people, incl. serology for boxing medicals
- Screening athletes for performance enhancing substances
- Screening IVF Donors
- Testing for Non-therapeutic cosmetic surgery
- Detection of nicotine & metabolites in smoking withdrawal programs

## Active B12

Also Known as: *Holotranscobalamin, Holo TCII*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Only performed when initial Vitamin B12 result is low or equivocal.  
(MBS Item No 66839)

## Adiponectin

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## ALK - FISH

Also Known as: *Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase, ALK Gene Testing, ALK rearrangement, ALK Fusion Gene, ALK-EML4*

Medicare rebate is available. This covers Immunohistochemical (IHC) component only; no rebate for FISH.

Fluorescence in situ hybridisation (FISH) test of tumour tissue from a patient with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer, which is of non-squamous histology or histology not otherwise specified, with documented evidence of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) immunoreactivity by immunohistochemical (IHC) examination giving a staining intensity score >0, and with documented absence of activating mutations of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) gene, requested by a specialist or consultant physician to determine if requirements relating to ALK gene rearrangement status for access to crizotinib under the pharmaceutical benefits scheme (PBS) are fulfilled. For patients where the above eligibility criteria are not met (e.g EGFR mutation positive and/or ALK IHC negative), ALK FISH can be carried out on request but there will be a fee.  
(MBS Item No. 73341)

## Allergen Specific IgE (RAST)

Also Known as: *Allergen testing, Fadel-Nalebuff, F-N Ratio, IgE specific RAST Testing., Nalebuff RAST, Specific IgE, Drug allergy, RAST*

Medicare rebate is available.

Up to 4 requests of RAST tests (allergens) each may be ordered per year. A maximum of 4 RAST allergens may be ordered at any one time. Requests for extra allergens will be charged individually, check with laboratory for fee.

## Alpha-Feto Protein (Tumour marker) - Serum

Also Known as: *AFP (Tumour marker) - Serum, Testicle Tumour Marker, Liver Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate available.

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## Amylase Isoenzymes

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Anti-Diuretic Hormone

Also Known as: *ADH, Vasopressin*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged with this test.

## Anti-Thrombin III

Also Known as: *AT III, Antithrombin 3, Antithrombin III, AT3, Thrombin III*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

(1) Personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE), or (2) First-degree relative with proven Antithrombin III deficiency. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

## BRAF

Also Known as: *Proto-oncogene B-Raf, v-Raf Murine Sarcoma Viral Oncogene Homolog B1, Vemurafenib Gene Testing, Zelboraf Gene Testing*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

A test of tumour tissue from a patient with unresectable stage III or stage IV metastatic cutaneous melanoma, requested by, or on behalf of, a specialist or consultant physician, to determine if the requirements relating to BRAF V600 mutation status for access to dabrafenib under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) are fulfilled. (MBS Item No. 73336)

## Breast Cancer Gene

Also Known as: *BRCA1 / BRCA2, FANCD2, PALB2*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Referring doctors must discuss this test with a Geneticist at Path West before proceeding. Cannot be collected without specific approval from Path West Geneticist, this will determine the charging.

## Buprenorphine

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## C-Telopeptide

Also Known as: *B-crosslaps, CTX, Beta Crosslaps*

Medicare rebate is available.

A Medicare rebate is available for test(s) performed for the monitoring of patients with proven low bone mineral density.

## C1 Esterase Inhibitor Gene DNA Testing

Also Known as: *Serping-1 Gene DNA Testing, Type 1, 2 Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Gene DNA Testing*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## CA 125

Also Known as: *CA125, CA 125 Ovarian Tumour Marker, CA 125 Uterus Tumour Marker, OMMA*

Medicare rebate is available

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## CA 15.3

Also Known as: *Mammary Serum Antigen, MSA, CA 15-3, CA15-3, CA153, CA15.3, CA 15.3 Breast Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate is available

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## CA 19-9

Also Known as: *CA 19.9, CA199, CA19-9, CA19.9, CA 19.9 Colon-Rectal Tumour Marker, CA 19.9 Stomach Tumour Marker, CA 19.9 Pancreas Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate is available

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## CA 72-4

Also Known as: *Cancer Antigen 72.4, CA72.4, CA 72.4, CA 72.4 Ovarian Tumour Marker, CA 72.4 Stomach Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate is available.

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## Calprotectin - Faeces

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin

Also Known as: *CDT, Transferrin Isoforms*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Carcinoembryonic Antigen

Also Known as: *Carcinoembryonic antigen, CEA, CEA- Lung Tumour Marker, CEA- Breast Tumour Marker, CEA- Liver Tumour Marker, CEA- Stomach Tumour Marker, CEA- Colon-Rectum Tumour Marker, CEA- Uterus Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate is available

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.

## Carnitine

Also Known as: *Acyl Carnitine*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Chromogranin A

Also Known as: *CgA*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## CISH

Also Known as: *HER2 CISH, HER2 FISH*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Coagulation Profile

Also Known as: *Clotting studies, Coags, Coagulation Studies*

Medicare rebate is available.

Medicare Australia does NOT consider Platelet Function as part of the Coagulation Profile so the test must be specifically requested.

## Cotinine - Serum

Also Known as: *Nicotine Metabolites - Serum*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## CYP2D6 Genotype

Also Known as: *CYP2D6, Tamoxifen Pharmacogenomics (2D6), Cytochrome P450 Genotyping (2D6), CYP 2D6 Genotyping (Tamoxifen), CYP 2D6 Genotyping (Codeine), CYP2D6 Genotyping (Tri-cyclics), CYP 2D6 Genotyping (Anti-depressants), Tamoxifen predictor (2D6), Pharmacogenomic testing (CYP2D6), Tamoxifen Gene Assay (2D6), Anti-depressant predictor (2D6)*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### CYP3A5 Genotyping

Also Known as: *CYP3A5 (Pain Meds), Cytochrome P450 Genotype (3A5), Pain Meds Pharmacogenomics (3A5)*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### CYPVKORC1 Genotype

Also Known as: *Warfarin Pharmacogenomics (VKORC1), Cytochrome P450 Genotyping (VKORC1), VKORC1*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### Cystic Fibrosis Gene Test

Also Known as: *CF Gene, CFTR Mutation*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### Cytogenetics Fish for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia

Also Known as: *Cytogenetics Fish for CLL2*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### DAZ Gene Test

Also Known as: *Y Deletion, Infertility Gene DNA Testing, Y Chromosome Deletion, Sex Determination Y (SRY), SRY, Micro Y Deletion*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

Also Known as: *DTP*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### DNADose

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### DPYD Genotype

Also Known as: *Cytochrome P450 Genotyping (DPYD), Pharmacogenomics (DPYD), DPYD genotype (5 Fluorouracil), DPYD genotype (Capecitabine), DPYD genotype (Tegafur), dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase genotype*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

### Drugs of Abuse - Urine

Also Known as: *DOA - Urine, Drug testing - Urine, Urine drug screen, Alcohol- Urine, DAS - Urine, Drug screen - Urine, Cannabinoids - Urine, Opiates - Urine, Amphetamines - Urine, Benzodiazepam - Urine*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare rebate may be available for clinical or monitoring treatment programs.

### Elastase - Faecal

Also Known as: *Pancreatic elastase - Faecal*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Eosinophil Cationic Protein

Also Known as: *ECP*

MA Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

- (i) Medicare rebate available for children less than 12 years old.
- (ii) A maximum of 3 assays in 1 year.

## Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Gene Testing

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

A test of tumour tissue from a patient diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, shown to have non-squamous histology or histology not otherwise specified, requested by, or on behalf of, a specialist or consultant physician, to determine if the requirements relating to epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) gene status for access to erlotinib or gefitinib under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) are fulfilled.  
(MBS Item No 73337)

## Factor V Leiden

Also Known as: *Factor V Mutation, PCR for Factor V Leiden, Activated Protein C Resistance, APC Resistance, FVL, Prothrombin Gene Mutation, PGM, FVL PCR, Factor V Genotype, Factor V PCR, R506Q Genotype, Factor V Mutation DNA Testing, PT PCR, Prothrombin Genotype, Prothrombin PCR, Prothrombin 20210A Gene DNA Testing, Prothrombin Mutation DNA Testing, PT gene PCR*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

- (1) Patient must have written history of DVT or pulmonary embolism.
  - (2) Presence of this mutation in a first-degree relative. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)
- (MBS Item No 73308)

## Factor XII Gene

Also Known as: *Factor XII Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Gene DNA Testing, Type 3 Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Gene DNA Testing*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Faeces MCS

Also Known as: *Aeromonas, Campylobacter, Cholera, Shigella, Vibrio, Amoebiasis, Ascaris, Clonorchis, Cryptosporidia, Giardia, Hookworm, Taenia, Parasites, Dietamoeba, Tapeworm, Faeces Microscopy for Fat Globules, Salmonella - Faeces, Ova Cysts and Parasites (OCP), Strongyloides - Faeces, Bilharzia - Faeces, Stool Culture, Faeces Culture, Stool MCS, FOB, Faecal Occult Blood x 1, Schistoma*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare guidelines allow only one faeces specimen for M/C/S (culture) in a 7 day period.

## Familial Hibernian Fever Gene DNA Testing

Also Known as: *TRAPS Gene DNA Testing, FHF, TRAPS, Tumour Necrosis Factor Receptor*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Fragile X DNA

Also Known as: *Fragile X mental retardation 1 (FMR-1)*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

- (1) Patient exhibits 1 or more clinical features of fragile X (A) syndrome, including intellectual disabilities, or
- (2) Patient has a relative with a fragile X (A) mutation.



## Free PSA

Also Known as: *FPSA, PSA - Free/Total Ratio, PSA + Ratio*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable..

A Medicare rebate is available when the PSA result lies at or above the age related, method specific 97.5% reference limit, but below a value of 10 ug/L. Medicare rebate is only available for 4 of this item in a 12 month period.

## Free T3

Also Known as: *Free Triiodothyronine, FT3, T3*

Medicare rebate is available if the Medicare criteria is met.

Cannot test for free T3 unless the TSH is abnormal or other HIC rules are met.

## Free T4

Also Known as: *Free Thyroxine, FT4, T4, Thyroxine, Thyroxine (free), Free Thyroid Index (FTI)*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

- (1) The patient has an abnormal level of TSH.
- (2) The tests are performed: for the purpose of monitoring thyroid disease in the patient; or to investigate the sick euthyroid syndrome if the patient is an admitted patient; or to investigate dementia or psychiatric illness of the patient; or to investigate amenorrhoea or infertility of the patient.
- (3) The medical practitioner who requested the tests suspects the patient has a pituitary dysfunction.
- (4) The patient is on drugs that interfere with thyroid hormone metabolism or function.

## Gilberts Syndrome

Also Known as: *Cytochrome P450 Genotyping (UGT1A1), UGT1A1 genotype (Irinotecan), Pharmacogenomics (UGT1A1), Glucuronyl Transferase Gene Test, BUG-1 Gene Test*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Glycomark

Also Known as: *1,5-AG, 15AG, 1,5-anhydroglucitol*

No Medicare rebate is available. Fee is charged for this test.

## Haemochromatosis

Also Known as: *Genetic Haemochromatosis (GH), Hereditary Haemochromatosis, C282Y, H63D, S65C Mutation Gene DNA Testing, HFE, HLA-H*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

- (1) Elevated transferrin saturation or elevated serum ferritin on testing of repeated specimens, OR
- (2) First-degree relative with haemochromatosis, OR
- (3) First-degree relative with homozygosity for the C282Y genetic mutation, or with compound heterozygosity for recognised genetic mutations for haemochromatosis. (MBS Item No 73317)

## HBA1c

Also Known as: *Glycated Haemoglobin, Haemoglobin A1c, Glycosylated Haemoglobin, GHb*

Medicare rebate available.

- (1) Testing for the diagnosis of or monitoring of diabetes.
- (2) No more than 4 tests per patient per year.



## hCG - Tumour

Also Known as: *hCG- Testicle Tumor Marker, hCG- Placenta Tumor Marker, BHCG - Tumour, BHCG - Testicle Tumour Marker, BHCG- Placenta Tumour Marker*

Medicare restrictions apply.

Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) quantitation is only Medicare rebatable in the diagnosis of threatened abortion, follow up of abortion, diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy, monitoring of malignancy, or in the detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease or germ cell tumour.

## hCG Quantitative

Also Known as: *QhCG, Quantative HCG, BHCG Quantative, BHCG, Quantitative HCG, BHCG Quantitative*

Medicare restrictions apply.

Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) quantitation is only Medicare rebatable in the diagnosis of threatened abortion, follow up of abortion, diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy, monitoring of malignancy, or in the detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease or germ cell tumour.

## hCG Tracking

Medicare restrictions apply.

Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) quantitation is only Medicare rebatable in the diagnosis of threatened abortion, follow up of abortion, diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy, monitoring of malignancy, or in the detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease or germ cell tumour.

## Hepatitis C Genotype

Also Known as: *HEPC Genotype, HCV Genotype*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare criteria (one per year):

- (1) The request for the test is made by, or on the advice of, the specialist or consultant physician managing the patient's treatment, AND
  - (2) Patient is Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) RNA positive and being evaluated for antiviral therapy of chronic HCV hepatitis.
- (MBS Item No 69492)

## Hepatitis C PCR

Also Known as: *Hepatitis C RNA, HEPC PCR, HEPC RNA, Hepatitis C Qualitative PCR, HEPC Qualitative PCR, HCV Qualitative PCR*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare criteria (1 per year):

- (1) Patient is Hepatitis C seropositive, or
- (2) Serological status is uncertain after testing, or
- (3) Test performed for purpose of: (3.1) determining Hepatitis C status of immunosuppressed or immunocompromised patient, or (3.2) detection of acute Hepatitis C prior to seroconversion where considered necessary for clinical management of patient, OR

Medicare criteria (4 per year): Patient undertaking antiviral therapy for Hepatitis C. Otherwise, a fee will apply. (MBS Item No 69445)

## Hepatitis C Viral Load

Also Known as: *Hepatitis C Quantitation, Hepatitis C Virus Quantitation, HCV Quantitation, HEPC Viral Load, HCV Viral Load, HEPC Quantitation, HEPC RNA Level*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare criteria (2 per year): Quantitation of HCV RNA load in plasma or serum in the pretreatment evaluation or the assessment of efficacy of antiviral therapy of a patient with chronic HCV hepatitis - where any request for the test is made by or on the advice of the specialist or consultant physician who manages the treatment of the patient with chronic HCV hepatitis.

(MBS Item No 69489)

## HIV

Also Known as: *AIDS Test, HIV 1 & 2, Human immunodeficiency virus*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

If the HIV screen is being performed for Insurance, Immigration or VISA purposes, there will be fee.

## HLA B1502

Also Known as: *Human Leucocyte Antigen 1502, HLA for Carbamazepine*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## HLA B5

Also Known as: *HLA B51*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## HLA B5801

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Human Epididymis Protein 4

Also Known as: *HE4, ROMA, Risk of Ovarian Malignancy Algorithm*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Human Papilloma Virus PCR - Thin Prep

Also Known as: *HPV, High Risk HPV, HC2 (Papilloma ) PCR, HPV 16, HPV 18, Digene HPV, HPV Thinprep, HPV DNA - ThinPrep*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Test is rebateable by Medicare for patients under the following conditions: A test for high risk human papillomaviruses (HPV) in a patient who: - has received excisional or ablative treatment for high grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (HSIL) of the cervix within the last two years; or - who within the last two years has had a positive HPV test after excisional or ablative treatment for HSIL of the cervix; or - is already undergoing annual cytological review for the follow-up of a previously treated HSIL. - to a maximum of 2 of this item in a 24 month period. (MBS Item No 69418)

## Hydrogen Breath Test

Also Known as: *FODMAPS, Methane Breath Test, Lactose Intolerance Testing, Lactose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Sucrose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Lactulose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Sorbitol Breath Test - Balloon Method, Maltose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Mannitol Breath Test - Balloon Method, Glucose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Fructose Breath Test, Fructose Tolerance Test, H2 Breath Test*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Medicare rebate available for 1 test every 28 days.

## Immunohistochemical staining of Paraffin sections

Also Known as: *Immunoperoxidase*

Medicare rebate is available.

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour. Medicare rebate only available for up to 2 tumour marker tests per episode.

## Inhibin B

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Interleukin 2

Also Known as: *IL2, Cytokines - IL2*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Interleukin 6

Also Known as: *IL6, Cytokines - IL6*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Iodine - 24 Hour Urine (Not Preferred)

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Iodine - Random Urine (Preferred)

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## KRAS

Also Known as: *Kirsten Rat Sarcoma*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met there is a fee.

A test of tumour tissue from a patient with metastatic colorectal cancer requested by, or on behalf of, a specialist or consultant physician to determine if the requirements relating to Kirsten ras (KRAS) gene mutation status for access to cetuximab or panitumumab under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) are fulfilled.  
(MBS Item No 73338)

## Largactil

Also Known as: *Phenothiazine (antipsychotic class), Chlorpromazine*

No Medicare rebate is available.

## Leptin

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Lipid Subfractions

Also Known as: *Small Dense LDL, LDL Subfractions/Particle size, LDL Fractionation, LD1, LD2, LD3, LD4, LD5 (Lipid Subfractions)*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

(1) Cholesterol >6.5 mmol/L and Triglyceride >4.0 mmol/L  
(2) Diagnosis of Types III and IV hyperlipidaemia  
NOTE: No more than twice per 12 months

## Lipoprotein a

Also Known as: *Apolipoprotein a, LPA*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Lupus Anticoagulant

Also Known as: *Lupus inhibitor, LA, Lupus, DRVVT, LAC*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

Medicare rebate available under certain conditions. If LUPUS ANTICOAGULANT only, Medicare rebate available. If requested as part of a THROMBOPHILIA SCREEN, or with PROTEIN C, PROTEIN S, ANTITHROMBIN III (ATIII), or ACTIVATED PROTEIN C (APC) RESISTANCE, patient must have a proven personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE) to be eligible for a rebate.

## Mantoux Test

Also Known as: *TB skin test, Tuberculin test, PPD*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Mesomark

Also Known as: *SMRP, Soluble Mesothelin Related Peptides, Mesothelioma Test*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Screen

Also Known as: *MRSA Screen*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

NOTE: MRSA screening billing by Medicare determines the samples from the situations below must be processed in the following manner, and are not Medicare Rebatable.

a) Employment / work screens (non-Medicare rebate) including hospital workers, doctors and GP's, nursing and medical students and healthcare workers returning from overseas.

Investigations for bacterial infection with MRSA infection as a possible cause do qualify for a Medicare rebate.

b) Personal screens (any patient / inpatient or out patient) including the following presentations; No clinical history, previous MRSA, ?MRSA, ? contact with MRSA, Clearance, family member with MRSA, visited hospital, ex patient.

## Methylene Tetrahydrofolate Reductase Gene Testing (MTHFR)

Also Known as: *C677T Gene Testing, MTHFR Genotyping, A1298C Gene Testing*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

(1) Proven DVT/PE in patient, or  
(2) Presence of this mutation in a first-degree relative.  
(MBS Item No 73308)

## Microarray

Also Known as: *Microarray genetic testing, Comparative Genomic Hybridization, Chromosome Microarray, Molecular karyotype, DNA Array*

A Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria are met. If the Medicare criteria are not met, a fee is applicable.

Patients with developmental delay, intellectual disability, autistic spectrum disorder and/or 2 or more congenital abnormalities. Follow up testing of relatives of patients tested by array is also rebated by Medicare.

## Myeloma FISH panel

Also Known as: *MM Fish*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Myositis - Line Immuno Assay

Also Known as: *PL-7 Antibodies, PL-12 Antibodies, Ku Antibodies, Anti-PL-7 Antibodies, Anti-PL-12 Antibodies, Anti-Ku Antibodies, EJ Antibodies, OJ Antibodies, PM-Scl 75 Antibodies, PM-Scl 100 Antibodies, SRP (signal recognition particle) antibodies, Anti-EJ Antibodies, Anti-OJ Antibodies, Anti-PM-Scl 75 Antibodies, Anti-PM-Scl 100 Antibodies, Anti-SRP (signal recognition particle) Antibodies, Mi-2 Alpha Antibodies, Mi-2 Beta Antibodies, Anti-Mi-2 Alpha Antibodies, Anti-Mi-2 Beta Antibodies, TIF1g antibodies, Anti-TIF1g Antibodies, Anti-MDA5 Antibodies, MDA5 Antibodies, Anti-NXP2 Antibodies, NXP2 Antibodies, Anti-SAE1 Antibodies, SAE1 Antibodies, Myositis LIA*

Patient may be eligible for some Medicare rebate if Medicare criteria is met.

Only one Line Assay per request form will be covered by Medicare, if the Doctor requests more than one Line Assay to be performed, there will be a fee for each additional Line Assay.

## Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing

Also Known as: *NIPT, Harmony, Harmony Ariosa*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test. A booking and pre-payment is required for this test via online registration: [www.sonicgenetics.com.au/payment](http://www.sonicgenetics.com.au/payment).

## NT Pro Brain Natriuretic Peptide

Also Known as: *BNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide, NT-proBNP*

Medicare rebate is available, if Medicare criteria is met. If the Medicare criteria is not met there is a fee.

Medicare rebate available only for the diagnosis of heart failure in patients presenting with shortness of breath (dyspnoea) in a hospital Emergency Department. (MBS Item No 66830)

## Osteocalcin

Also Known as: *N-mid Osteocalcin*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Pregnancy Test

Also Known as: *Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin, Pregnancy test, bHCG- Pregnancy Test, hCG- Pregnancy Test, b-HCG*

Medicare restrictions apply.

Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) quantitation is only Medicare rebatable in the diagnosis of threatened abortion, follow up of abortion, diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy, monitoring of malignancy, or in the detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease or germ cell tumour.

## Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis

Also Known as: *PGD, PGD FISH, Embryo FISH, Aneuploidy FISH, PGS, IVF FISH*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Procollagen Type 3 N-Terminal

Also Known as: *P3NP, Procollagen 3 Assay*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Propoxyphene

Also Known as: *Capadex, Dextropropoxyphene hydrochloride, Di-Gesic, Paradex, Propoxyphene hydrochloride*

Medicare rebate available if the Medicare criteria is met.

Medicare rebate available if requested for medical assessment of patients, or for monitoring patients in a drug abuse treatment program (up to 36 episodes in a 12-month period).

## Prostate Health Index

Also Known as: *PHI, P2PSA, P2proPSA*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Protein C

Also Known as: *Prot C, PRC, PC*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

(1) Personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE), or (2) First-degree relative with proven Protein C deficiency. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

## Protein S

Also Known as: *Prot S, PS, PRS*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

(1) Personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE), or (2) First-degree relative with proven Protein S deficiency. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

## PTH Related Peptide

Also Known as: *Parathyroid hormone related peptide, PTHrP*

No Medicare rebate is available.

## Q Fever Pre-Vaccination Serology

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Quantiferon Gold

Also Known as: *Quantiferon, Quantiferon TB, AFB (Acid-Fast Bacilli) Serology, Gamma Interferon Assay for Mycobacterium, Mycobacterium Serology, TB (Tuberculosis) Serology, IGRA, QTB*

Medicare rebate is available, if Medicare criteria is met. If the Medicare criteria is not met there is a fee.

Medicare rebate applicable if testing for the detection of latent tuberculosis in an immunosuppressed or immunocompromised patient. (MBS Item No 69471)

## Retinol Binding Protein

Also Known as: *RBP*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Reverse T3

Also Known as: *Reverse Tri-iodothyronine, RT3*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Salivary Hormones

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Soluble Transferrin Receptor

Also Known as: *STR, Transferrin Receptor*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Solvents - Blood

Also Known as: *Aliphatic Solvents - Blood, Aromatic Solvents - Blood, Chlorinated Solvents - Blood, Organic Solvents - Blood, Toluene - Blood, Ethylbenzene - Blood, Xylene - Blood, BTEX - Blood*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Solvents - Urine

Also Known as: *Aliphatic Solvents - Urine, Chlorinated Solvents - Urine, Hydrocarbon Solvents - Urine, Organic Solvents - Urine, Benzene - Urine, Toluene - Urine, Ethylbenzene - Urine, Xylene - Urine, BTEX - Urine, S-phenylmercapturic acid (SPMA) - Urine, Poly-aromatic hydrocarbons - Urine, Cyanide - Urine, Isocyanate - Urine, Cresol - Urine, Herbicides - Urine, Thiocyanate - Urine, Fluoride - Urine*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Systemic Sclerosis Line Assay

Patient may be eligible for some Medicare rebate if Medicare criteria is met.

Only one Line Assay per request form will be covered by Medicare, if the Doctor requests more than one Line Assay to be performed, there will be a fee for each additional Line Assay.

## Thin Prep - Cytology

Also Known as: *ThinPrep, Cytology - Thin prep*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Thrombophilia Screen

Also Known as: *HALASCA, Hypercoagulability Screen, Procoagulant Screen*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met there is a fee.

Medicare rebate available for patients with a proven personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE) only. This must be noted on request form by the requesting doctor. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.) (MBS Item No 65171, 65175, 65176, 65177, 65178, 65179)

## Thyroglobulin

Also Known as: *Thyroid Tumour Marker*

Medicare rebate is available.

Medicare rebate available for test(s) performed in monitoring malignancy, or in detection or monitoring of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, or germ cell tumour.



## Thyroid Function Tests

Also Known as: *TFT, Thyrotropin*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

- (1) The patient has an abnormal level of TSH.
- (2) The tests are performed: for the purpose of monitoring thyroid disease in the patient; or to investigate the sick euthyroid syndrome if the patient is an admitted patient; or to investigate dementia or psychiatric illness of the patient; or to investigate amenorrhoea or infertility of the patient.
- (3) The medical practitioner who requested the tests suspects the patient has a pituitary dysfunction.
- (4) The patient is on drugs that interfere with thyroid hormone metabolism or function.

## Thyroid Stimulating Hormone - including T3 and T4

Also Known as: *TSHT34*

Medicare rebate is available if Medicare criteria is met. If Medicare criteria is not met, there is a fee.

- (1) The patient has an abnormal level of TSH.
- (2) The tests are performed: for the purpose of monitoring thyroid disease in the patient; or to investigate the sick euthyroid syndrome if the patient is an admitted patient; or to investigate dementia or psychiatric illness of the patient; or to investigate amenorrhoea or infertility of the patient.
- (3) The medical practitioner who requested the tests suspects the patient has a pituitary dysfunction.
- (4) The patient is on drugs that interfere with thyroid hormone metabolism or function.

## Tin

Also Known as: *Sn*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Toxocara Serology

Also Known as: *Toxocariasis, Visceral Larva Migrants Serology, Toxocara canis IgG Serology*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Tumour Necrosis Factor (TNF) Alpha

Also Known as: *TNF, TNF Alpha, Cytokines - TNF Alpha*

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.

## Urinary Pyrroles - Applied Analytical Laboratories

Also Known as: *Urine Kryptopyrroles - Applied Analytical Labs, Mauve Factor - Applied Analytical Labs, Pyroluria - Applied Analytical Labs*

No Medicare rebate is available.

## Urinary Pyrroles - Safe Analytical Laboratories

Also Known as: *Mauve Factor - Safe Analytical Labs, Urine Kryptopyrroles - Safe Analytical Labs, Pyroluria - Safe Analytical Labs*

No Medicare rebate is available.

## Welding Fumes Urine

No Medicare rebate is available. A fee is charged for this test.