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Medicare Criteria for Rebates in Pathology

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Medicare criteria for rebates in Pathology testing

Active B12

Also Known as: *Holotranscobalamin, Holo TCII, HTC*

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

Only performed when initial Vitamin B12 result is low or equivocal.

ADH

Also Known as: *Vasopressin, Anti-Diuretic Hormone, Anti diuretic hormone*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Adiponectin

Also Known as: *GBP-28, apM1, AdipoQ, Acrp30*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

ALK - FISH

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

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

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.

Alpha-Feto Protein (Tumour marker) - Serum

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

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

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.

Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor

Also Known as: *24 Hour Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor, ABP Monitor, 24 Hour ABP, Blood Pressure Monitor*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

AMH (Anti-Mullerian Hormone)

Also Known as: *AMH, Egg Timer Test, Mullerian Inhibiting Substance, MIH*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Anti-Phospholipase A2 Receptor Antibodies

Also Known as: *PLA2R antibodies*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Anti-Thrombin III

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.)

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Aortopathy - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Thoracic aortic aneurysm, Lois-Dietz syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type 4, EDS type 4, Marfan Syndrome*

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

Apolipoprotein E Genotyping

Also Known as: *Apo E Genotyping, E3 Genotype, E4 Genotype, E2 Genotype, ApoE PCR*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Arsenic Speciation - Random Urine

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

ARV Cardiomyopathy - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *ARVC, Arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia, Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy*

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

Barbiturate - Urine

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Body Fluid NT ProBNP

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

Breast Cancer Gene

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Brugada Syndrome Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

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

Buprenorphine

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

C-Telopeptide

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

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

1. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with proven low bone mineral density OR
2. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with metabolic bone disease or Paget's disease of bone

C1 Esterase Inhibitor Gene DNA Testing

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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CA 125

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

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

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, CA15-3, CA153, CA15.3, CA 15.3 Breast Tumour Marker*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

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*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

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*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin

Also Known as: *CDT, Transferrin Isoforms*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

CEA

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

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.

Chromogranin A

Also Known as: *CgA*

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CISH

Also Known as: *HER2 CISH, HER2 FISH*

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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.

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Colorectal Gene Panel

Also Known as: *Colorectal DNA Panel, Colorectal Somatic Mutation Panel*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Cotinine - Serum

Also Known as: *Nicotine Metabolites - Serum*

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Cotinine - Urine

Also Known as: *Nicotine metabolites - urine*

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Detection or quantitation or both (not including the detection of nicotine and metabolites in smoking withdrawal programs) of a drug, or drugs, of abuse or a therapeutic drug, on a sample collected from a patient participating in a drug abuse treatment program; but excluding the surveillance of sports people and athletes for performance improving substances; including all tests on blood, urine or other body fluid

CST Cervical (HPV) Screening Test Routine

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

Women 25-74 years , 1 test per 57 months

CST Cervical (HPV & LBC) Co-test

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

Medicare Eligibility: Reason for test must be supplied eg. investigation of symptoms, test of cure, previous AIS, DES.

CST Cervical LBC only

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

Medicare Eligibility: Reason for test must be supplied e.g. Follow up for HPV (not16/18) detected in self collect HPV test, previous unsatisfactory LBC.

CST HPV Cervical

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

Medicare Eligibility: Reason for test must be supplied e.g. 12 month follow-up, previous unsatisfactory HPV test, immune deficient, early onset sexual debut.

CST HPV Vaginal

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

Medicare Eligibility: Reason for test must be supplied eg. hysterectomy with unknown screening history, previous unsatisfactory vaginal HPV test

CST Private Co-test (HPV & LBC)

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CST Private HPV

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CST Private LBC

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

CST Routine Screen plus Private LBC

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

Patient is eligible for Medicare funded routine screening but requests additional LBC (ThinPrep) test. Private fee payable for LBC.

CST Vaginal Co-test (HPV & LBC)

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

Medicare Eligibility: Hysterectomy for HSIL test of cure not previously competed.

CST Vaginal LBC only

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

Medicare Eligibility: Previous unsatisfactory vaginal LBC.

Cystic Fibrosis Gene Test

Also Known as: *CF Gene, CFTR Mutation*

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

Medicare rebates are available if criteria are met. Criteria is met only if requested by a Specialist referrer. GP requests will not attract a rebate. Additional criteria must also be met which include:

1. The patient must have clinical or laboratory findings suggesting a high probability suggestive of CF or
2. In pregnant parents the fetus must have ultrasonic findings of echogenic gut or
3. A family history of diagnosed CF, including immediate family members plus cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents or 1st cousins, where the personal risk of being a heterozygous genetic carrier is at least 6% or
4. Patient or partner is pregnant or planning pregnancy and is a known genetic carrier of CF, where the fetus is at 25% or more risk of CF.

Cytogenetics - Prenatal FISH

Also Known as: *Chorionic Villi Sampling (CVS)*
FISH - Amniotic Fluid, QF PCR

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Cytogenetics Fish for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia

Also Known as: *Cytogenetics Fish for CLL2*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

DAZ Gene Test

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

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Dilated Cardiomyopathy Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *DCM*

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

DNA Testing

Also Known as: *DNA Labs, Easy DNA, Paternity testing*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing. Pricing available from Sonic Genetics

DNADose

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

DPYD Genotype

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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,*

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

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

ECP

Also Known as: *Eosinophil Cationic Protein*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

EGFR (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor) Gene Testing

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Elastase - Faecal

Also Known as: *Pancreatic elastase - Faecal*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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,*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.)

Faecal Occult Blood

Also Known as: *FOBS, Faecal Occult Blood x 3*

Medicare rebate is available.

Examination for faecal occult blood with a maximum of 3 examinations on specimens collected on separate days in a 28 day period

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Faeces MCS

Also Known as: *Aeromonas, Campylobacter, Cholera, Shigella, Vibrio, Amoebiasis, Ascaris, Clonorchis, Cryptosporidia, Giardia, Hookworm, Taenia, Parasites,*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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 except for hospital in patients.

Fragile X DNA

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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 criteria is available if criteria is met.

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.

Gilberts Syndrome

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Glycomark

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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 criteria is 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.

HbA1c

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

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

- (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*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

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.

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Hepatitis C Genotype

Also Known as: *HEPC Genotype, HCV Genotype*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Hepatitis C PCR

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

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 criteria is 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.

HLA B1502

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

HLA B5801

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Holter Monitor

Also Known as: *24 hour Holter, 24 hour ECG Holter, 24 hour ECG*

Medicare does not cover the full cost of testing, and criteria may apply for a rebate.

Continuous ECG recording (Holter) of ambulatory patient for 12 or more hours (including resting ECG and the recording of parameters), not in association with ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, utilising a system capable of superimposition and full disclosure printout of at least 12 hours of recorded ECG data, microprocessor based scanning analysis, with interpretation and report by a specialist physician or consultant physician.

Human Epididymis Protein 4

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

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Hydrogen Breath Test

Also Known as: *FODMAPS, Methane Breath Test, Lactose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Sucrose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Lactulose Breath Test - Balloon Method, Sorbitol*

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.

Hypercholesterolaemia panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Familial hypercholesterolaemia, Familial combined hyperlipidaemia, Sitosterolaemia*

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

Hypertriglyceridaemia panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Familial hypertriglyceridaemia*

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

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, HCM, HOCM*

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

Immunohistochemical staining of Paraffin sections

Also Known as: *Immunoperoxidase*

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

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Insect ID

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Interleukin 2

Also Known as: *IL2, Cytokines - IL2*

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Interleukin 6

Also Known as: *IL6, Cytokines - IL6*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Iodine - 24 Hour Urine (Not Preferred)

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Iodine - Random Urine (Preferred)

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Iron - Random Urine

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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ISAC (Immuno Solid-phase Allergen Chip) Allergy Profile

Also Known as: *ISAC, Immuno Solid-phase Allergen Chip, ISAC Profile Panel*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Left Ventricular Non-compaction Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Isolated ventricular non-compaction, LVNC*

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

Leptin

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

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 criteria is 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, LP (a)*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Lung Gene Panel

Also Known as: *Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor, Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Gene, Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), Lung Panel, Lung DNA Panel, Lung Somatic Mutation*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Mantoux Test

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Payment is required at time of collection.

Melanoma Gene Panel

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

Mesomark

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

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Metabolic Bone Studies

Also Known as: *FMBS, Fasting Metabolic Bones Studies, MBS*

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

C-Telopeptide

1. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with proven low bone mineral density OR
2. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with metabolic bone disease or Paget's disease of bone.

Microarray

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) Screen

Also Known as: *MRSA Screen, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Screen*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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.

MTHFR (Methylene Tetrahydrofolate Reductase) Gene Testing

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

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

(1) Proven DVT/PE in patient, or
(2) Presence of this mutation in a first-degree relative.

Myeloma FISH panel

Also Known as: *MM Fish*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

NIPT

Also Known as: *Harmony, Harmony Ariosa, Non Invasive Prenatal Testing*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

NT Pro Brain Natriuretic Peptide

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

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

Medicare rebate available only for the diagnosis of heart failure in patients presenting with shortness of breath (dyspnoea) in a hospital Emergency Department.

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Osteocalcin

Also Known as: *N-mid Osteocalcin*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

P1NP

Also Known as: *N-Terminal propeptide of type one collagen, Procollagen 1 N-terminal Propeptide*

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

1. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with proven low bone mineral density OR
2. Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown or formation for the monitoring of patients with metabolic bone disease or Paget's disease of bone.

P3NP

Also Known as: *Procollagen 3 Assay, Procollagen Type 3 N-Terminal*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Pap smear - Cytology

Also Known as: *Cx Cytology, Cytology - Pap Smear*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Perfluorooctane Sulfonate

Also Known as: *PFOS, PFOS (perfluorooctane sulphonate), PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), perfluoronated compound panel, PFAA (perfluoro-alkyl acids), PFAS*

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

Pethidine- Urine

Also Known as: *Isonipecaine - urine*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Pharmacogenetic panel

Also Known as: *CYP2C19 Genotype, Pharmacogenomic Testing (CYP2C19), Antidepressant Predictor (CYP2C19), Cytochrome P450 Genotyping (2C19),*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

PHI (Prostate Health Index)

Also Known as: *PHI, P2PSA, P2proPSA, Prostate Health Index*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Phosphoethanolamine- Random urine

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Potassium - Red Cell/Whole Blood

Also Known as: *K - Blood, K - Red Cell, Potassium - Blood, Red Cell Potassium, Whole blood potassium*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

PROCOAGULANT SCREEN

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

Medicare rebate available for patients only if the patient has proven personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE) or the patient has a first degree relative with a known thrombophilia defect . This must be noted on request form by the requesting doctor. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

Propoxyphene

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

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

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).

Prosigna

Also Known as: *Breast Cancer recurrence assay, Breast Cancer risk of recurrence*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Protein C

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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 Protein C deficiency. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

Protein S

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is 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 Protein S deficiency. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

Pulmonary Hypertension Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease, Hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia*

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

Q Fever Pre-Vaccination Serology

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Quantiferon Gold

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

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

Student/work related screenings & overseas patients are not entitled to a Medicare rebate.

Test of cell-mediated immune response in blood for the detection of latent tuberculosis by interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) in the following people:

- (a) a person who has been exposed to a confirmed case of active tuberculosis;
- (b) a person who is infected with human immunodeficiency virus;
- (c) a person who is to commence, or has commenced, tumour necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor therapy;
- (d) a person who is to commence, or has commenced, renal dialysis;
- (e) a person with silicosis;
- (f) a person who is, or is about to become, immunosuppressed because of a disease, or a medical treatment, not mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e)

RAST (Allergen Specific IgE)

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

Up to 4 requests of RAST tests (allergens) each may be ordered per year.

Reverse T3

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Salivary Hormones

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Soluble Transferrin Receptor

Also Known as: *STR, Transferrin Receptor*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Solvents - Blood

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Solvents - Urine

Also Known as: *Aliphatic Solvents - Urine, Chlorinated Solvents - Urine, Hydrocarbon Solvents - Urine, Organic Solvents - Urine, Benzene - Urine, Toluene - Urine,*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy GeneticTest

Also Known as: *Werdnig Hoffman Syndrome, SMN1 Gene Test, Survival Motor Neurone Gene DNA Testing, Kugelberg-Welander Gene DNA Testing, SMA (SMN1) Genetic test*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Systemic Sclerosis Line Assay

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

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.

T3

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

- (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.

To satisfy Medicare that the criteria are being met for appropriate testing of the above conditions, it is important to indicate which condition is being monitored on the request form.

T4

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

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

- (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.

To satisfy Medicare that the criteria are being met for appropriate testing of the above conditions, it is important to indicate which condition is being monitored on the request form.

TFT (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.

Thin Prep - Cytology

Also Known as: *ThinPrep, Cytology - Thin prep, Liquid based cytology- Thin prep, LBC - Thin prep*

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Thrombophilia Screen

Also Known as: *HALASCA, Hypercoagulability Screen*

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

Medicare rebate available for patients only if the patient has proven personal history of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE) or the patient has a first degree relative with a known thrombophilia defect . This must be noted on request form by the requesting doctor. (A family history of venous thromboembolism is insufficient.)

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Thyroglobulin

Also Known as: *Thyroid Tumour Marker, hs Thyroglobulin*

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

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.

Thyroxine Binding Globulin

Also Known as: *TBG*

No Medicare rebate is available. Check billing fee.

TSH & T4

Also Known as: *TSHT4*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

- (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.
- To satisfy Medicare that the criteria are being met for appropriate testing of the above conditions, it is important to indicate which condition is being monitored on the request form.

TSH, T3 and T4

Also Known as: *TSHT34*

A Medicare rebate is available if criteria is met.

- (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.
- To satisfy Medicare that the criteria are being met for appropriate testing of the above conditions, it is important to indicate which condition is being monitored on the request form.

Tumour Necrosis Factor (TNF) Alpha

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Urinary Pyrroles - Safe Analytical Laboratories

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

Medicare does not cover any of the costs of testing. Patient is responsible for the full cost of testing.

Vasculopathy Panel - Cardiac Genetic Diagnostic Test

Also Known as: *aortic valve disease, polycystic kidney disease, tortuosity of retinal arteries, Adams-Oliver syndrome, cutis laxa, arterial tortuosity syndrome*

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

Welding Fumes Urine

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

Zolpidem - Urine

Also Known as: *Ambien - urine, Edluar - urine,*
Intermezzo - urine, Zolpmist - urine

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