

Conditional Medicare Rebatable Tests

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Test	Medicare Rule
Activated Protein C resistance (APC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient history of venous thromboembolism ● First degree relative with history of APC resistance
Active B12 (holoTranscobalamin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only attracts a rebate if Vitamin B12 is low or equivocal
Antithrombin III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient history of venous thromboembolism ● First degree relative of a person who has a proven defect
Beta Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (bHCG) (Quantitative) Serum Pregnant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagnosis of threatened abortion or follow-up of abortion or diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy
Bile Acids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 3 tests during pregnancy
BNP Quantitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagnosis of heart failure in patients presenting with dyspnoea to a hospital emergency department ● Maximum of 6 tests per 12-month period
Copper, Zinc, Manganese, Selenium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For any individual test 3 tests in 12 months
CA125, CA15.3, CA19.9, Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitoring of malignancy or in detection/monitoring hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease, germ cell tumour
C-Telopeptide Of Collagen (CTx)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitoring of patients with a proven history if low bone mineral density
Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 3 tests in 12 months in the monitoring of corticosteroid therapy for asthma in a child under 12 years
Faeces Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 1 test in 7 days
Faeces ova, cysts, parasites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 2 tests in 7 days
FOBT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 3 tests in 28 days
Free T3 or Free T4	Medicare rebate only applies if any of the following criteria are recorded in clinical notes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TSH is abnormal ● Psychiatric investigations or dementia ● Infertility investigations or amenorrhoea ● Pituitary dysfunction suspected ● On drugs interfering with thyroid function or metabolism ● Monitoring thyroid disease <p>*Note: FT3 us only available with a TSH</p>
Fructosamine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 4 tests in 12 months in the management of established diabetes
Haemochromatosis Gene Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repeated elevation of transferrin saturation or serum ferritin ● First degree relative with diagnosis of haemochromatosis
Haemoglobin A1c Monitoring (hbA1c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For patients with established diabetes ● Maximum of 4 tests in 12 months ● This includes Diabetes established in pregnancy
Haemoglobin A1c Diagnostic (hbA1c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For the diagnosis of diabetes in asymptomatic patients at high risk ● Maximum of 1 test in 12 months
Hepatitis B (HBV) Viral Load	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hepatitis B surface antigen positive and has chronic Hepatitis B and is on antiviral therapy ● Maximum of 4 tests in 12-month period ● Maximum of 1 test in 12-month period if Hep B carrier and not on treatment
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Genotyping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be requested by specialist or consulting physician managing patients treatment ● Patient is Hepatitis C virus positive and is being evaluated for antiviral therapy of chronic HCV Hepatitis ● Maximum 1 test in 12 months
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) PCR Qualitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient is Hepatitis C Seropositive ● Serological status is uncertain after testing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determination of Hepatitis C status of immunosuppressed or immunocompromised patient ● Detection of acute hepatitis C prior to seroconversion for the clinical management of the patient ● Maximum of 1 test within 12 month period
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) PCR Qualitative assessment of antiviral therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient is undertaking antiviral therapy for hepatitis C ● Maximum of 4 tests within 12 month period
Hepatitis C virus (HCV) Quantitative	<p>Must be requested by specialist or consulting physician managing patient treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient has undergone pre-treatment evaluation for antiviral therapy for chronic hepatitis ● Maximum of 2 tests within 12 month period
Hepatitis Serology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clinical history indicates clinical hepatitis ● 2 tests per request
HIV Genotype	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 2 tests in 12 months
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within 2 years of patient receiving treatment of high grade squamous intraepithelial (HSIL) abnormality of the cervix ● Patient has positive HPV test result and is undergoing annual cytological review for follow-up of treated HSIL ● Maximum 2 tests in 24-month period
IgE Total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 2 tests in 12 months ● Maximum of 6 tests in 12 months in follow-up of a patient with IgE secreting-myeloma, allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis or proven congenital immunodeficiency
IgE Specific (RAST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 4 requests in 12 months for specific IgE to single or multiple allergens *(Maximum of 4 tests per episode)

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Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 3 tests in 6 months except for testing for occupational lead exposure
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Quantitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result between 10ug/ml 4 tests per 12-month period
PSA Free Total Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up of PSA result that lies at or above the age-related median but below the age related, method specific 97.5% reference limit 1 test per 12-month period
PSA Total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 1 test per 12-month period UNLESS monitoring diagnosis of prostate disease- Must be stated in clinical notes
Protein C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of venous thromboembolism Relative with diagnosis of protein C deficiency
Protein S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of venous thromboembolism Relative with diagnosis of protein S deficiency
Thrombophilia Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative with a proven defect of Antithrombin III, Protein C, Protein S or APC Proven history of venous thromboembolism
Thyroid Function Test (TFT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSH and or T4, thyroid history and medications must be included in clinical notes or a TSH ONLY will be performed FT4/FT3 must have clinical history or will only be performed if TSH is abnormal
Tumour Marker (AFP, bHCG, CA125, CA15.3, CA19.9 CEA, Thyroglobulin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rebate is available for tests performed in monitoring malignancy or in the detection of hepatic tumours, gestational trophoblastic disease or germ cell tumour Maximum of 2 tests per episode
Urinary Drug Screen (Monitoring of drug abuse rehabilitation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient in drug abuse treatment program Patient undergoing sleep study Patient undergoing psychiatric disorder treatment

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Vitamin A, B1, B2, B3, B6, B12, C and E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 1 test within 12-month period
Vitamin D	<p>For investigation of a patient who has one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Has signs or symptoms of osteoporosis or osteomalacia ● Has increased alkaline phosphatase and otherwise normal liver function test ● Has hyperparathyroidism, hypo-or hypercalcaemia, or hypophosphataemia ● Is suffering from malabsorption (for example because the patient has cystic fibrosis, short bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease or untreated coeliac disease, or has had bariatric surgery) ● Has deeply pigmented skin, or chronic and severe lack of sun exposure for cultural, medical, occupational or residential reasons ● Is taking medication known to decrease 25OH-D levels for example, anticonvulsants ● Has chronic renal failure or is a renal transplant recipient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is less than 16 years of age and has signs of rickets ● Is an infant whose mother has established Vitamin D deficiency ● Is an exclusively breastfed baby and has at least one other risk factor previously mentioned ● Has a sibling who is less than 16 years of age who has Vitamin D deficiency
Zinc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of 3 tests in 6 months