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# Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulations 2000

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### 1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the *Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulations 2000*.

### 2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 November 2000.

### 3 *Health Insurance (1999–2000 Pathology Services Table) Regulations 1999* — repeal

The following Statutory Rules are repealed:

- 1999 No. 257
- 2000 Nos. 61 and 85.

**4 Definitions**

In these Regulations:

*Act* means the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

*this table* means these Regulations.

**5 Pathology services table**

The table of pathology services set out in Schedule 1 is prescribed for subsection 4A (1) of the Act.

## Schedule 1 Table of pathology services

(regulation 5)

### Part 1 Prescription of table

#### 1A Prescription of table

For section 4A of the Act, these Regulations prescribe a table of pathology services that sets out:

- (a) in Part 2 — rules for interpretation of the table; and
- (b) in Part 3:
  - (i) items of pathology services; and
  - (ii) the amount of fees applicable for each item.

### Part 2 Rules of interpretation

#### 1 Interpretation of table

- (1) In this table:

*item* means:

- (a) an item mentioned, by number, in column 1 of:
  - (i) Part 3; or
  - (ii) Part 3 of the diagnostic imaging services table; or
  - (iii) Part 3 of the general medical services table; and
- (b) in a reference immediately followed by a number — the item so numbered.

*patient episode* means:

- (a) a pathology service or pathology services (other than a pathology service to which paragraph (b) refers) provided for a single patient whose need for the service or services was determined under section 16A of the Act:
  - (i) on the same day; or
  - (ii) if more than 1 test is performed on the 1 specimen within 14 days — on the same or different days;

whether the services:

- (iii) are requested by 1 or more practitioners; or
- (iv) are described in a single item or in more than 1 item; or
- (v) are rendered by 1 approved pathology practitioner or more than 1 approved pathology practitioner; or
- (vi) are rendered on the same or different days; or
- (b) a pathology service to which rule 4 refers that is provided in the circumstances set out in that rule that relate to the service.

**recognised pathologist** means a medical practitioner recognised as a specialist in pathology by a determination under section 3D or subsection 61 (3) of the Act.

**serial examinations** means a series of examinations requested on 1 occasion whether or not:

- (a) the materials are received on different days by the approved pathology practitioner; or
  - (b) the examinations or cultures were requested on 1 or more request forms by the treating practitioner.
- (2) In these rules, a reference to a request to an approved pathology practitioner includes a reference to a request for a pathologist-determinable service to which subsection 16A (6) of the Act applies.
- (3) A reference to a Group in the table includes every item in the Group and a reference to a Subgroup in the table includes every item in the Subgroup.

## 2 Precedence of items

- (1) If a service is described:
- (a) in an item in general terms; and
  - (b) in another item in specific terms;
- only the item that describes the service in specific terms applies to the service.
- (2) Subject to subrule (3), if:
- (a) subrule (1) does not apply; and

(b) a service is described in 2 or more items;  
only the item that provides the lower or lowest fee for the service applies to the service.

- (3) If an item is expressed to include a pathology service that is described in another item, the other item does not apply to the service in addition to the first-mentioned item, whether or not the services described in the 2 items are requested separately.

**3 Circumstances in which services rendered following 2 requests to be taken to have been rendered following 1 request**

- (1) In subrule (2), *service* includes assay, estimation and test.
- (2) Two or more pathology services (other than services to which, under rule 4, this rule does not apply) rendered for a patient following 2 or more requests are taken to have been rendered following a single request if:
- (a) the services are listed in the same item; and
  - (b) the patient's need for the services was determined under subsection 16A (1) of the Act on the same day even if the services are rendered by an approved pathology practitioner on more than one day.

**4 Services to which rule 3 does not apply**

- (1) Rule 3 does not apply to a pathology service described in item 66500 or 66584, if:
- (a) the service is rendered in relation to a single specimen taken on each of not more than 4 occasions in a period of 24 hours; and
  - (b) the service is rendered to a patient in a hospital unit where:
    - (i) the presence of 1 nurse is required for each group of not more than 4 patients; and
    - (ii) the condition of the patients is continuously observed in relevant respects; and
  - (c) in order to render the service, an approved pathology practitioner who is a recognised pathologist has to arrange for a member of the laboratory staff of the approved

- pathology authority concerned to undertake duties in respect of the service that are in addition to the usual duties of the staff member; and
- (d) the account for the service is endorsed 'Rule 3 Exemption'.
- (2) Rule 3 does not apply to any of the following pathology services:
- (a) estimation of prothrombin time (INR) for a patient undergoing anticoagulant therapy;
  - (b) quantitative estimation of lithium for a patient undergoing lithium therapy;
  - (c) a service described in item 65070 in relation to a patient undergoing chemotherapy for neoplastic disease or immunosuppressant therapy;
  - (d) a service described in item 65070 in relation to clozaril, ticlopidine hydrochloride, methotrexate, gold, sulfasalazine or penicillamine therapy of a patient;
  - (e) a service described in item 66500 in relation to methotrexate therapy of a patient;
  - (f) quantitative estimation of urea, creatinine and electrolytes in relation to:
    - (i) cis-platinum therapy of a patient; or
    - (ii) chronic renal failure of a patient being treated in a dialysis program conducted by a recognised hospital;
  - (g) quantitative estimation of albumin and calcium in relation to therapy of a patient with vitamin D, its metabolites or analogues;
- if:
- (h) under a request for a service, other than a request for a service described in paragraph (a), no more than 6 tests are requested; and
  - (i) the tests are performed within 6 months of the request; and
  - (j) the account for the service is endorsed 'Rule 3 Exemption'.

**5 Item taken to refer only to the first service of a particular kind**

- (1) For an item in Group P1 (Haematology):
- (a) if pathology services of a kind referred to in item 65090 or 65093 are rendered for a patient during a period when the patient is in hospital, the item applies only to the first pathology service of that kind rendered for the patient during the period; and
  - (b) if:
    - (i) tests (except tests mentioned in item 65099, 65102, 65105 or 65108) are carried out in relation to a patient episode; and
    - (ii) specimen material from the patient episode is stored; and
    - (iii) in response to a request made within 14 days of the patient episode, further tests (except tests mentioned in item 65099, 65102, 65105 or 65108) are carried out on the stored material;the later tests and the earlier tests are taken to be part of one patient episode.
- (2) Items 65102 and 65108 apply only if a minimum of 6 units are issued for a patient's care in any 1 day.
- (3) For items 65099 and 65102:  
***compatibility tests by crossmatch*** means that, in addition to all the tests described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the item, donor red cells from each unit must have been tested directly against the serum of the patient by 1 or more accepted crossmatching techniques.

**6 Certain items not to apply to a service referred by one pathology practitioner to another**

- (1) In this rule:  
***designated pathology service*** means a pathology service in respect of tests relating to a single patient episode that are:
- (a) tests of the kind described in item 66611; or
  - (b) tests of the kind described in item 66695; or



- (c) tests of the kind described in item 66722; or
  - (d) tests of the kind described in item 69384.
- (2) This rule applies in respect of a designated pathology service where:
- (a) an approved pathology practitioner (*practitioner A*) in an approved pathology authority:
    - (i) has been requested to render the designated pathology service; and
    - (ii) is unable, because of the lack of facilities in, or expertise or experience of the staff of, the laboratory of the authority, to render 1 or more (but not all) of the tests included in the service; and
    - (iii) requests an approved pathology practitioner (*practitioner B*) in another approved pathology authority to render the test or tests that practitioner A is unable to render; and
    - (iv) renders each test included in the service, other than the test or tests in respect of which the request mentioned in subparagraph (iii) is made; and
  - (b) the tests mentioned in subparagraph (a) (iv) that practitioner A renders are not tests constituting a service described in item 66617, 66710, 66734 or 69399.
- (3) If this rule applies in respect of a designated pathology service:
- (a) item 66611, 66614, 66695, 66698, 66701, 66704, 66707, 66722, 66725, 66728, 66731, 69384, 69387, 69390, 69393 or 69396 (as the case requires) applies in respect of the test or tests rendered by practitioner A; and
  - (b) where practitioner B renders a service under a request referred to in subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) — subject to subrule (4), the amount specified in item 66620, 66713, 66737 or 69402 (as the case requires) is payable for each test that the service comprises.
- (4) For paragraph (3) (b), the maximum number of tests to which item 66620, 66713, 66737 or 69402 applies is:
- (a) for item 66620:

3 – X; or

(b) for item 66713, 66737 or 69402:

$$6 - X;$$

where  $X$  is the number of tests rendered by practitioner A in relation to the designated pathology service in respect of which the request mentioned in that paragraph is made.

- (5) Items in Group P10 (Patient episode initiation) do not apply to the second-mentioned approved pathology practitioner in subrule (2).

## **7 Items not to be split**

Except as stated in rule 6, the amount specified in an item is payable only to one approved pathology practitioner in respect of a single patient episode.

## **8 Certain tests on stored material to be treated as part of the same patient episode**

For items in Group P2 (Chemical):

- (a) if a pathology service that involves the measurement of a substance in urine requires calculation of a substance/creatinine ratio, the service is taken to include the measurement of creatinine necessary for the calculation; and
- (b) if:
- (i) tests are carried out in relation to a patient episode; and
  - (ii) specimen material from the patient episode is stored; and
  - (iii) in response to a request made within 14 days of the patient episode, further tests are carried out on the stored material;
- the later tests and the earlier tests are taken to be part of one patient episode.

## 9      **Item 66536**

The amount specified in item 66536 is not payable in respect of a pathology service described in the item unless at least one of the following paragraphs applies:

- (a) if the HDL cholesterol or apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio of the patient is requested to be determined because the patient has a serum cholesterol level >5.5 mmol/L — the determination is performed on the sample that the serum cholesterol level determination for the patient was performed;
- (b) if the HDL cholesterol or apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio of the patient is requested to be determined because the patient has a fasting serum triglyceride level >2.0 mmol/L — the determination is performed on the sample that the serum triglyceride level determination for the patient was performed;
- (c) the pathologist who renders the service has a written statement from the medical practitioner who requested the service that the patient is on a lipid lowering drug.

## 10      **Thyroid function testing**

- (1) For item 66719:  
*abnormal level of TSH* means a level of TSH that is outside the normal reference range in respect of the particular method of assay used to determine the level.
- (2) Except where paragraph (a) of item 66719 is satisfied, the amount specified in the item is not payable for a pathology service described in the item unless the pathologist who renders the service has a written statement from the medical practitioner who requested the service that satisfies subrule (3).
- (3) The written statement from the medical practitioner must indicate:
  - (a) that the tests are required for a particular purpose, being a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of item 66719; or
  - (b) that the medical practitioner who requested the tests suspects the patient has pituitary dysfunction; or

- (c) that the patient is on drugs that interfere with thyroid hormone metabolism or function.

## 11 Meaning of *serial examinations or cultures*

For an item in Group P3 (Microbiology):

- (a) *serial examinations or cultures* means a series of examinations or cultures requested on 1 occasion whether or not:
- (i) the materials are received on different days by the approved pathology practitioner; or
  - (ii) the examinations or cultures were requested on 1 or more request forms by the treating practitioner; and
- (b) if:
- (i) tests are carried out in relation to a patient episode; and
  - (ii) specimen material from the patient episode is stored; and
  - (iii) in response to a request made within 14 days of the patient episode, further tests are carried out on the stored material;

the later tests and the earlier tests are taken to be part of one patient episode.

## 12 Investigation for hepatitis and syphilis serology

- (1) The fee applying in a single patient episode that includes any of items 69414, 69417, 69420, 69423, 69426, 69429, 69432, 69435, 69438, 69447, 69450, 69453, 69456, 69459, 69462, 69465 and 69468 is the fee specified for only 1 of those items.
- (2) For items 69459 and 69468, *currently elevated transaminase level* means a level of alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase above the normal reference range in respect of the particular method of assay used to determine the level, as disclosed by a test carried out on a sample taken for the investigation or on a sample taken within the previous 7 days.

**13      Tests in Group P4 (Immunology) relating to antibodies**

For items in Group P4 (Immunology), in items 71119, 71121, 71123 and 71125, if:

- (a) tests are carried out in relation to a patient episode; and
- (b) specimen material from the patient episode is stored; and
- (c) in response to a request made within 14 days of the patient episode, further tests are carried out on the stored material; the later tests and the earlier tests are taken to be part of one patient episode.

**14      Tests on biopsy material — Group P5 (Tissue pathology) and Group P6 (Cytology)**

- (1) For items in Group P5 (Tissue pathology):

**biopsy material** means all tissue (other than a bone marrow biopsy) received by an approved pathology practitioner:

- (a) from a medical procedure, or group of medical procedures, performed on a patient at the same time; or
- (b) after being expelled spontaneously from a patient.

**cytology** means microscopic examination of 1 or more stained preparations of cells separated naturally or artificially from their normal environment by methods recognised as adequate to demonstrate their structure to a degree sufficient to enable an opinion to be formed about whether they are likely to be normal, abnormal but benign, or abnormal and malignant but, in accordance with customary laboratory practice, does not include examination of a blood film and a bone marrow aspirate.

**separately identified specimen** means an individual specimen collected, identified so that it is clearly distinguished from any other specimen, and sent for testing by or on behalf of the treating practitioner responsible for the procedure in which the specimen was taken.

- (2) For Groups P5 and P6 of the pathology services table, services in Group P6 include any services described in Group P5 on the material submitted for a test in Group P6.

- (3) For subrule (2), any sample submitted for cytology from which a cell block is prepared does not qualify for a Group P5 item.
- (4) If more than 1 of the services mentioned in items 72813, 72816, 72817, 72823, 72824, 72825, 72830 and 72836 are performed in a single patient episode, a medicare benefit is payable only for the item performed that has the highest schedule fee.
- (5) If more than 1 histopathological examinations are performed on separate specimens, of different complexity levels, from a single patient episode, a medicare benefit is payable only for the examination that has the highest schedule fee.
- (6) In items 72813, 72816, 72817, 72823, 72824, 72825, 72830 and 72836 a reference to a **complexity level** is a reference to the level given to a specimen type mentioned in Part 4 of this table.

**15 Items in Groups P10 (Patient episode initiation) and P11 (Specimen referred) not to apply in certain circumstances**

- (1) For this rule and items in Groups P10 (Patient episode initiation) and P11 (Specimen referred):  
*institution* means a place at which residential accommodation or day care is, or both residential accommodation and day care are, made available to:
  - (a) disadvantaged children; or
  - (b) juvenile offenders; or
  - (c) aged persons; or
  - (d) chronically ill psychiatric patients; or
  - (e) homeless persons; or
  - (f) unemployed persons; or
  - (g) persons suffering from alcoholism; or
  - (h) persons addicted to drugs; or
  - (i) physically or mentally handicapped persons;
 but does not include:
  - (j) a hospital; or
  - (k) a nursing home; or

- (l) accommodation for aged persons that is attached to a nursing home or situated within a nursing home complex.

**licensed collection centre** has the same meaning as in Part IIA of the Act.

**prescribed laboratory** means a laboratory operated by:

- (a) the Commonwealth; or
- (b) a State or internal Territory; or
- (c) an authority of a State or internal Territory; or
- (d) an Australian tertiary education institution.

**specimen collection centre** has the same meaning as in Part IIA of the Act.

**treating practitioner** has the same meaning as in paragraph 16A (1) (a) of the Act.

- (2) If a service described in an item in Group P10 or P11 is rendered by, or on behalf of, an approved pathology practitioner who is a recognised pathologist, the relevant one of those items does not apply to the service if:
- (a) the service is rendered upon a request made in the course of an out-patient service at a recognised hospital; or
  - (b) the service is rendered upon a request made for a patient who is a private patient in a recognised hospital when the request is made; or
  - (c) the pathology equipment of a recognised hospital, or a prescribed laboratory, is used rendering the service; or
  - (d) a member of the staff of a recognised hospital, or a prescribed laboratory, participates in the service in the course of the member's employment with the hospital or laboratory.
- (3) An item in Group P10 or P11 does not apply to a pathology service to which subsection 16A (7) of the Act applies.
- (4) An item in Group P10 or P11 does not apply to a pathology service unless at least 1 item in Groups P1 to P8 also applies to the service.

- (5) Subject to subrule (7), if 1 item in Group P10 applies to a patient episode, no other item in the Group applies to the patient episode.
- (6) An item in Group P11 applies only to the approved pathology practitioner or approved pathology authority to whom the specimen mentioned in the item was referred.
- (7) If, in respect of the same patient episode:
  - (a) services referred to in 1 or more items in Group P5 and 1 or more of Groups P1, P2, P3, P4, P6, P7 and P8 are rendered by an approved pathology practitioner in the laboratory of another approved pathology authority; and
  - (b) services referred to in 1 or more items in Group P6 and 1 or more of Groups P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P7 and P8 are rendered by another approved pathology practitioner in another approved pathology authority;the fee specified in the applicable item in Group P10 is payable to both approved pathology practitioners.
- (8) If more than one specimen is collected from a person on the same day for the provision of pathology services:
  - (a) in accordance with more than 1 request; and
  - (b) in or by a single approved pathology authority;only a single amount specified in the applicable item in Group P10 is payable for the services.
- (9) The amount specified in item 73921 is payable only once in respect of a single patient episode.

**16 Application of an item in Group P11 (Specimen referred) to a service excludes certain other items**

If item 73921 applies to a patient episode, none of the items in Group P10 applies to any pathology service rendered by the approved pathology authority or approved pathology practitioner who claimed item 73921 in respect of the patient episode.



## 17      **Circumstances in which an item in Group P11 (Specimen referred) does not apply**

- (1) An item in Group P11 does not apply to a referral if:
  - (a) a service in respect of the same patient episode has been carried out by the referring approved pathology authority; and
  - (b) the approved pathology authority to which the referral is made is related to the referring approved pathology authority.
- (2) An approved pathology authority is *related to* another approved pathology authority for subrule (1) if:
  - (a) both approved pathology authorities are employed (including employed under contract) by the same person, whether or not the person is also an approved pathology authority; or
  - (b) either of the approved pathology authorities is employed (including employed under contract) by the other; or
  - (c) both approved pathology authorities are corporations and are related corporations within the meaning of the Corporations Law; or
  - (d) the approved pathology authorities are partners (whether or not either or both of the approved pathology authorities are individuals and whether or not other persons are in partnership with either or both of the approved pathology authorities).
- (3) An item in Group P11 does not apply to a referral if the following common tests are referred either singly or in combination (except if the following items are referred in combination with other items not similarly specified): 65060, 65070, 65120, 66500, 66503, 66506, 66509, 66512, 66515, 66521, 66524, 66527, 66530, 66533, 66536, 66596, 69300, 69303, 69333 or 73527.

## 18      **Abbreviations**

- (1) The abbreviations in Part 4 may be used to identify particular pathology services or groups of pathology services.

- (2) The names of services or drugs not listed in Part 4 must be written in full.

**19 Certain pathology services to be treated as 1 service**

- (1) In this rule:

*general practitioner* means a medical practitioner who:

- (a) is not a consultant physician in any specialty; and
- (b) is not a specialist in any specialty.

*set of pathology services* means a group of pathology services:

- (a) that consists of services that are described in at least 4 different items; and
- (b) all of which are requested in a single patient episode; and
- (c) each of which relates to a patient who is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and
- (d) none of which is referred to:
  - (i) in item 66620, 66713, 66737, 69402, 73053 or 73055; or
  - (ii) in an item in Group P10 (Patient episode initiation) or Group P11 (Specimen referred).

- (2) If a general practitioner requests a set of pathology services, the pathology services in the set are to be treated as individual pathology services in accordance with this rule.

- (3) If the fee specified in 1 item that describes any of the services in the set of pathology services is higher than the fees specified in the other items that describe the services in the set:

- (a) the pathology service described in the first-mentioned item is to be treated as 1 pathology service; and
- (b) either:
  - (i) the pathology service in the set that is described in the item that specifies the second-highest fee is to be treated as 1 pathology service; or
  - (ii) if 2 or more items that describe any of those services specify the second-highest fee — the pathology service described in the item that specifies the second-highest fee, and has the lowest item number, is to be treated as 1 pathology service; and

- (c) the pathology services in the set, other than the services that are to be treated as 1 pathology service under paragraphs (a) and (b), are to be treated as one pathology service.
- (4) If the fees specified in 2 or more items that describe any of the services in the set of pathology services are the same, and higher than the fees specified in the other items that describe the services in the set:
  - (a) the pathology service in the set that is described in the item that specifies the highest fee, and has the lowest item number, is to be treated as 1 pathology service; and
  - (b) the pathology service in the set that is described in the item that specifies the highest fee, and has the second-lowest item number, is to be treated as 1 pathology service; and
  - (c) the pathology services in the set, other than the services that are to be treated as 1 pathology service under paragraphs (a) and (b), are to be treated as 1 pathology service.
- (5) If pathology services are to be treated as one pathology service under paragraph (3) (c) or (4) (c), the fee for the one pathology service is the highest fee specified in any of the items that describe the pathology services that are to be treated as the 1 pathology service.

## 20      **Hepatitis C viral RNA testing**

For item 69444:

***Hepatitis C sero-positive***, for a patient, means 2 different assays of Hepatitis C antibodies are positive.

***serological status is uncertain***, for a patient, means any result where 2 different assays of Hepatitis C antibodies are inconclusive.

**21 Haemochromatosis testing**

For item 66794:

*elevated serum ferritin*, for a patient, means a level of ferritin above the normal reference range in respect of the particular method of assay used to determine the level.

**22 Serum B12 and red cell folate testing**

- (1) Items 66599 and 66602 do not apply to more than 3 patient episodes that include a service described in item 66599 or 66602, or any combination of those items, in a 12 month period.
- (2) Item 66599 does not apply to a service described in that item if the service was provided as part of the same patient episode as a service described in item 66602.

**23 Nutritional and toxicity metals testing**

- (1) For this rule:  
*nutritional metals testing group* means items 66669 and 66670.  
*metal toxicity testing group* means items 66672 and 66673.
- (2) An item in the nutritional metals testing group or the metal toxicity testing group does not apply in relation to a service performed if medicare benefits are paid or payable for tests that are performed for the same patient in 3 patient episodes requested within 6 months before the request for that service, under any of:
  - (a) that item; or
  - (b) the other item in the same group; or
  - (c) an item in the other group.

## Part 3 Services and fees

Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
<b>Group P1 — Haematology</b>		
65060	Haemoglobin, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, blood viscosity — 1 or more tests	7.70
65066	Examination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a blood film by special stains to demonstrate Heinz bodies, parasites or iron; or</li> <li>(b) a blood film by enzyme cytochemistry for neutrophil alkaline phosphatase, alpha-naphthyl acetate esterase or chloroacetate esterase; or</li> <li>(c) a blood film using any other special staining methods including periodic acid Schiff and Sudan Black; or</li> <li>(d) a urinary sediment for haemosiderin; including a service described in item 65072</li> </ul>	10.25
65070	Erythrocyte count, haematocrit, haemoglobin, calculation or measurement of red cell index or indices, platelet count, leucocyte count and manual or instrument generated differential count (not being a service where haemoglobin only is requested) — 1 or more instrument-generated set of results from a single sample and (if performed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a morphological assessment of a blood film; and</li> <li>(b) any service in item 65060 or 65072</li> </ul>	16.70
65072	Examination for reticulocytes including a reticulocyte count by any method — 1 or more tests in any patient episode	10.00

Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
65075	Haemolysis or metabolic enzymes — assessment by 1 or more of the following tests: (a) erythrocyte autohaemolysis test; (b) erythrocyte osmotic fragility test; (c) sugar water test; (d) G-6-P D (qualitative or quantitative) test; (e) pyruvate kinase (qualitative or quantitative) test; (f) acid haemolysis test; (g) quantitation of muramidase in serum or urine; (h) Donath Landsteiner antibody test; (i) other erythrocyte metabolic enzyme tests	51.30
65078	Tests for the diagnosis of thalassaemia when indicated on the basis of an abnormal full blood examination or by the clinical need for family studies, consisting of haemoglobin electrophoresis or chromatography and at least 2 of: (a) examination for HbH; or (b) quantitation of HbA <sub>2</sub> ; or (c) quantitation of HbF; including (if performed) any service described in item 65060 or 65070	89.00
65081	Tests for the investigation of haemoglobinopathy (including S, C, D, E), other than thalassaemia, when indicated on the basis of an abnormal full blood examination or by the clinical need for family studies, consisting of haemoglobin electrophoresis or chromatography and at least 1 of: (a) heat denaturation test; or (b) isopropanol precipitation test; or (c) tests for the presence of haemoglobin S; or (d) quantitation of any haemoglobin fraction (including S, C, D, E); including (if performed) any service described in item 65060, 65070 or 65078	95.30

Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
65084	Bone marrow trephine biopsy — histopathological examination of sections of bone marrow and examination of aspirated material (including clot sections where necessary), including (if performed): (a) special stains or immunohistochemical techniques (if any); and (b) any test described in item 65060, 65066 or 65070	163.70
65087	Bone marrow — examination of aspirated material (including clot sections where necessary), including (if performed): (a) special stains or immunohistochemical techniques (if any); and (b) any test described in item 65060, 65066 or 65070	82.00
65090	Blood grouping (including back-grouping if performed) — ABO and Rh (D antigen)	10.90
65093	Blood grouping — Rh phenotypes, Kell system, Duffy system, M and N factors or any other blood group system — 1 or more systems, including item 65090 (if performed)	21.70
65096	Blood grouping (including back-grouping if performed), and examination of serum for Rh and other blood group antibodies, including: (a) identification and quantitation of any antibodies detected; and (b) (if performed) any test described in item 65060 or 65070	40.40
65099	Compatibility tests by crossmatch — all tests performed on any one day for up to 6 units, including: (a) all grouping checks of the patient and donor; and (b) examination for antibodies, and if necessary identification of any antibodies detected; and (c) (if performed) any tests described in item 65060, 65070, 65090 or 65096 (Item is subject to rule 5)	110.00

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65102	Compatibility tests by crossmatch — all tests performed on any one day in excess of 6 units, including: (a) all grouping checks of the patient and donor; and (b) examination for antibodies, and if necessary identification of any antibodies detected; and (c) (if performed) any tests described in item 65060, 65070, 65090, 65096, 65099 or 65105 (Item is subject to rule 5)	165.00
65105	Compatibility testing using at least a 3 cell panel and issue of red cells for transfusion — all tests performed on any one day for up to 6 units, including: (a) all grouping checks of the patient and donor; and (b) examination for antibodies and, if necessary, identification of any antibodies detected; and (c) (if performed) any tests described in item 65060, 65070, 65090 or 65096 (Item is subject to rule 5)	110.00
65108	Compatibility testing using at least a 3 cell panel and issue of red cells for transfusion — all tests performed on any one day in excess of 6 units, including: (a) all grouping checks of the patient and donor; and (b) examination for antibodies and, if necessary, identification of any antibodies detected; and (c) (if performed) any tests described in item 65060, 65070, 65090, 65096, 65099 or 65105 (Item is subject to rule 5)	165.00
65111	Examination of serum for blood group antibodies (including identification and, if necessary, quantitation of any antibodies detected)	22.90
65114	1 or more of the following tests: (a) direct Coombs (antiglobulin) test; (b) qualitative or quantitative test for cold agglutinins or heterophil antibodies	8.95



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65117	1 or more of the following tests: (a) qualitative spectroscopic examination of blood for chemically altered haemoglobins; (b) detection of methaemalbumin (Schumm's test)	20.00
65120	Prothrombin time (including INR where appropriate), activated partial thromboplastin time, thrombin time (including test for the presence of heparin), test for factor XIII deficiency (qualitative), Echis test, Stypven test, reptilase time, fibrinogen, or 1 of fibrinogen degradation products, fibrin monomer or D-dimer — 1 test	13.65
65123	2 tests described in item 65120	20.00
65126	3 tests described in item 65120	27.50
65129	4 or more tests described in item 65120	35.00
65132	Test for the presence of antithrombin III deficiency, protein C deficiency, protein S deficiency, lupus anticoagulant, activated protein C resistance, if the request for the test specifically identifies in writing a history of venous thromboembolism — quantitation by 1 or more techniques — 1 test	25.00
65133	2 tests described in item 65132	48.00
65134	3 tests described in item 65132	71.00
65135	4 tests described in item 65132	94.00
65136	5 tests described in item 65132	117.00
65137	Test for the presence of lupus anticoagulant, not being a service connected with a service to which item 65132, 65133, 65134, 65135 or 65136 applies	25.00
65139	Quantitation of plasminogen — 1 test	25.00
65140	Quantitation of euglobulin clot lysis time — 1 test	25.00
65142	Confirmation or clarification of an abnormal or indeterminate result of a test mentioned in item 65132, by testing a specimen collected on a different day — 1 or more tests	25.00
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65144	Platelet aggregation in response to ADP, collagen, 5HT, ristocetin or other substances; or heparin, low molecular weight heparins, heparinoid or other drugs — 1 or more tests	55.80
65147	Quantitation of anti-Xa activity when monitoring is required for a patient receiving a low molecular weight heparin or heparinoid — 1 test	37.40
65150	Quantitation of von Willebrand factor antigen, von Willebrand factor activity (ristocetin cofactor assay), von Willebrand factor collagen binding activity, factor II, factor V, factor VII, factor VIII, factor IX, factor X, factor XI, factor XII, factor XIII, Fletcher factor, Fitzgerald factor, circulating coagulation factor inhibitors other than by Bethesda assay — 1 test	70.00
65153	2 tests described in item 65150	140.00
65156	3 or more tests described in item 65150	210.00
65159	Quantitation of circulating coagulation factor inhibitors by Bethesda assay — 1 test	70.00
65162	Examination of a maternal blood film for the presence of fetal red blood cells (Kleihauer test)	10.25
65165	Detection and quantitation of fetal red blood cells in the maternal circulation by detection of red cell surface antigens using flow cytometric methods including (if performed) any test described in item 65070 or 65162	34.00
65168	Characterisation of the genotype of a patient for Factor V Leiden gene mutation, or detection of other relevant mutations in the investigation of proven venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolism — 1 or more tests	36.00
65171	Test for the presence of antithrombin III deficiency, protein C deficiency, protein S deficiency or activated protein C resistance in a first degree relative of a person who has a proven deficiency mentioned in this item — 1 or more tests	25.00
65174	Characterisation of the genotype of a person who is a first degree relative of a person who has been proven to have 1 or more abnormal genotypes under item 65168 — 1 or more tests	36.00
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<b>Group P2 — Chemical</b>		
66500	Quantitation in serum, plasma, urine or other body fluid (except amniotic fluid), by any method, except reagent tablet or reagent strip, (with or without reflectance meter or electrophoresis) of acetoacetate, acid phosphatase, alanine aminotransferase, albumin, alkaline phosphatase, ammonia, amylase, aspartate aminotransferase, beta-hydroxybutyrate, bicarbonate, bilirubin (total), bilirubin (any fractions), C-reactive protein, calcium (total or corrected for albumin), chloride, creatine kinase, creatinine, gamma glutamyl transferase, globulin, glucose, lactate, lactate dehydrogenase, lipase, magnesium, phosphate, potassium, pyruvate, sodium, total protein, urate or urea — 1 test	9.50
66503	2 tests described in item 66500	11.50
66506	3 tests described in item 66500	13.50
66509	4 tests described in item 66500	15.50
66512	5 tests described in item 66500	17.50
66515	6 or more tests described in item 66500	19.50
66518	Investigation of cardiac or skeletal muscle damage by measurement of creatine kinase isoenzymes (by any method), troponin or myoglobin in plasma or serum — 1 or more tests in a 24 hour period	19.80
66521	Quantitation (except by reagent strip with or without reflectance meter or electrophoresis) of cholesterol or triglycerides or both in serum, plasma, urine or other body fluid	11.40
66524	A service described in item 66521 and 1 test described in item 66500	13.50
66527	A service described in item 66521 and 2 tests described in item 66500	15.50
66530	A service described in item 66521 and 3 tests described in item 66500	17.50
66533	A service described in item 66521 and 4 or more tests described in item 66500	19.50
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66536	Quantitation of HDL cholesterol or apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio in a patient who: (a) has a serum cholesterol level >5.5mmol/L; or (b) has a fasting serum triglyceride level >2.0 mmol/L; or (c) is on a lipid lowering drug prescribed by a medical practitioner; or (d) has a serum cholesterol level >4.0mmol/L and has a history of ischaemic heart disease; each patient episode to a maximum of 4 patient episodes in a 12 month period (Item is subject to rule 9)	11.40
66539	Electrophoresis of serum for demonstration of lipoprotein subclasses, if the cholesterol is >6.5 mmol/L and triglyceride >4.0 mmol/L or in the diagnosis of types III and IV hyperlipidaemia — each patient episode to a maximum of 2 patient episodes in a 12 month period	30.20
66542	Oral glucose tolerance test for the diagnosis of diabetes mellitus, that includes: (a) administration of glucose; and (b) at least 2 measurements of blood glucose; and (c) (if performed) any test described in item 66695	18.70
66545	Oral glucose challenge test in pregnancy for the detection of gestational diabetes that includes: (a) administration of glucose; and (b) 1 or 2 measurements of blood glucose; and (c) (if performed) any test in item 66695	15.60
66548	Oral glucose tolerance test in pregnancy for the diagnosis of gestational diabetes that includes: (a) administration of glucose; and (b) at least 3 measurements of blood glucose; and (c) (if performed) any test in item 66695	19.70
66551	Quantitation of glycosylated haemoglobin performed in the management of established diabetes — each test to a maximum of 4 tests in a 12 month period	16.60
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66554	Quantitation of glycosylated haemoglobin performed in the management of pre-existing diabetes where the patient is pregnant — each test to a maximum of 6 tests in a 12 month period which includes the whole pregnancy, including a service in item 66551 (if performed)	16.60
66557	Quantitation of fructosamine performed in the management of established diabetes — each test to a maximum of 4 tests in a 12 month period	9.55
66560	Microalbumin — quantitation in urine	19.90
66563	Osmolality, estimation by osmometer, in serum or in urine — 1 or more tests	24.35
66566	Quantitation of: (a) blood gases (including pO <sub>2</sub> , oxygen saturation and pCO <sub>2</sub> ); and (b) bicarbonate and pH; including any other measurement (eg haemoglobin, potassium or ionised calcium) or calculation performed on the same specimen — 1 or more tests on 1 specimen	33.25
66569	Quantitation of blood gases, bicarbonate and pH as described in item 66566 on 2 specimens performed on any 1 day	42.05
66572	Quantitation of blood gases, bicarbonate and pH as described in item 66566 on 3 specimens performed on any 1 day	50.85
66575	Quantitation of blood gases, bicarbonate and pH as described in item 66566 on 4 specimens performed on any 1 day	59.65
66578	Quantitation of blood gases, bicarbonate and pH as described in item 66566 on 5 specimens performed on any 1 day	68.45
66581	Quantitation of blood gases, bicarbonate and pH as described in item 66566 on 6 or more specimens performed on any 1 day	77.25
66584	Quantitation of ionised calcium (except if performed as part of item 66566) — 1 test	9.55
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66587	Urine acidification test for the diagnosis of renal tubular acidosis including the administration of an acid load, and pH measurements on 4 or more urine specimens and at least 1 blood specimen	46.90
66590	Calculus, analysis of 1 or more	30.20
66593	Ferritin — quantitation, except if requested as part of iron studies	18.80
66596	Iron studies, consisting of quantitation of: (a) serum iron; and (b) transferrin or iron binding capacity; and (c) ferritin	34.10
66599	Serum B12 or red cell folate and, if required, serum folate (Item is subject to rule 22)	24.35
66602	Serum B12 and red cell folate and, if required, serum folate (Item is subject to rule 22)	44.45
66605	Vitamins — quantitation of vitamins A, B1, B2, B3, B6, C and E in blood, urine or other body fluid — 1 or more tests within a 6 month period	30.20
66608	Vitamin D or D fractions — 1 or more tests	41.70
66611	Quantitation, not elsewhere described in this table by any method or methods, in blood or other body fluid, of a drug being used therapeutically by the patient from whom the specimen was taken — 1 test (Item is subject to rule 6)	20.45
66614	2 tests described in item 66611 (Item is subject to rule 6)	32.60
66617	3 or more tests described in item 66611 (Item is subject to rule 6)	44.80
66620	Tests described in item 66611, if rendered under a request referred to in subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) of rule 6 — each test to a maximum of 2 tests (Item is subject to rule 6)	12.20

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66623	All qualitative and quantitative tests on blood, urine or other body fluid for: (a) a drug or drugs of abuse (including illegal drugs and legally available drugs taken other than in appropriate dosage); or (b) ingested or absorbed toxic chemicals; including a service described in item 66611, 66614 or 66617 (if performed), but excluding: (c) the surveillance of sports people and athletes for performance improving substances; and (d) the monitoring of patients participating in a drug abuse treatment program	41.00
66626	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: (a) participating in a drug abuse treatment program; or (b) being monitored for drug effects; but excluding the surveillance of sports people and athletes for performance improving substances; including all tests on blood, urine or other body fluid — each patient episode, to a maximum of 21 patient episodes in a 12 month period	23.80
66629	Beta-2-microglobulin — quantitation in serum, urine or other body fluids — 1 or more tests	19.90
66632	Caeruloplasmin, haptoglobins, or prealbumin — quantitation in serum, urine or other body fluids — 1 or more tests	19.90
66635	Alpha-1-antitrypsin — quantitation in serum, urine or other body fluid — 1 or more tests	19.90
66638	Isoelectric focussing or similar methods for determination of alpha-1-antitrypsin phenotype in serum — 1 or more tests	28.80
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66641	Electrophoresis of serum or other body fluid to demonstrate: (a) the isoenzymes of lactate dehydrogenase; or (b) the isoenzymes of alkaline phosphatase; including the preliminary quantitation of total relevant enzyme activity — 1 or more tests	28.80
66644	C-1 esterase inhibitor — quantitation	19.90
66647	C-1 esterase inhibitor — functional assay	44.50
66650	Alpha-fetoprotein, CA-15.3 antigen (CA15.3), CA-19.9 antigen (CA19.9), CA-125 antigen (C125), cancer associated serum antigen (CASA), carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG), mammary serum antigen (MSA), thyroglobulin in serum or other body fluid, in the monitoring of malignancy or in the detection or monitoring of gestational trophoblastic disease — quantitation — 1 test	24.00
66653	2 or more tests described in item 66650	44.00
66656	Prostate specific antigen or prostate acid phosphatase — quantitation in the confirmation or monitoring of malignancy — 1 test	19.90
66659	2 tests described in item 66656	36.65
66662	Quantitation of hormone receptors on proven primary breast or ovarian carcinoma or a metastasis from a breast or ovarian carcinoma or a subsequent lesion in the breast — 1 or more tests	78.90
66665	Lead quantitation in blood or urine (other than for occupational health screening purposes) to a maximum of 3 tests in a 6 month period — each test	30.20
66667	Quantitation of serum zinc in a patient receiving intravenous alimentation — each test	30.20
66669	Quantitation of copper, manganese, selenium, or zinc (except if item 66667 applies), in blood, urine or other body fluid or tissue — 1 test, to a maximum of 3 patient episodes, in a 6 month period (Item is subject to rule 23)	30.20



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66670	Quantitation of copper, manganese, selenium, or zinc (except if item 66667 applies), in blood, urine or other body fluid or tissue – 2 or more tests, to a maximum of 3 patient episodes, in a 6 month period (Item is subject to rule 23)	51.75
66671	Quantitation of serum aluminium in a patient in a renal dialysis program — each test	36.40
66672	Quantitation of aluminium (except if item 66671 applies), arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, gold, mercury, nickel, or strontium, in blood, urine or other body fluid or tissue – 1 test, to a maximum of 3 patient episodes, in a 6 month period (Item is subject to rule 23)	30.20
66673	Quantitation of aluminium (except if item 66671 applies), arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, gold, mercury, nickel, or strontium, in blood, urine or other body fluid or tissue – 2 or more tests, to a maximum of 3 patient episodes, in a 6 month period (Item is subject to rule 23)	51.75
66674	Quantitation of: (a) faecal fat; or (b) breath hydrogen in response to loading with disaccharides; 1 or more tests within a 28 day period	39.45
66677	Test for tryptic activity in faeces in the investigation of diarrhoea of longer than 4 weeks duration in children under 6 years old	11.00
66680	Quantitation of disaccharidases and other enzymes in intestinal tissue — 1 or more tests	73.45
66683	Enzymes — quantitation in solid tissue or tissues other than blood elements or intestinal tissue — 1 or more tests	73.45

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66686	Performance of 1 or more of the following procedures: (a) growth hormone suppression by glucose loading; (b) growth hormone stimulation by exercise; (c) dexamethasone suppression test; (d) sweat collection by iontophoresis for chloride analysis; (e) pharmacological stimulation of growth hormone	50.00
66689	Personal performance by a recognised pathologist of 1 of the following procedures: (a) gonadotrophin releasing hormone stimulation test; (b) synacthen stimulation test; (c) glucagon stimulation test with C-peptide measurement; (d) pentagastrin or calcium stimulation of thyrocalcitonin release; (e) secretin or calcium stimulation of gastrin release; (f) insulin hypoglycaemia; (g) arginine infusion; (h) thyrotrophin releasing hormone (TRH) test	80.00
66692	Personal performance by a recognised pathologist of 2 or more tests described in item 66689	140.00
66695	Quantitation of hormones and hormone binding proteins — ACTH, aldosterone, androstenedione, C-peptide, calcitonin, cortisol, cyclic AMP, DHEAS, 11-deoxycortisol, dihydrotestosterone, FSH, gastrin, glucagon, growth hormone, hydroxyprogesterone, insulin, LH, oestradiol, oestrone, progesterone, prolactin, PTH, renin, sex hormone binding globulin, somatomedin C(IGF -1), free or total testosterone, urine steroid fraction or fractions, vasoactive intestinal peptide, vasopressin (antidiuretic hormone) — 1 test	31.30
66698	2 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	44.00
66701	3 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	57.00
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66704	4 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	70.00
66707	5 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	83.00
66710	6 or more tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	96.00
66713	Tests described in item 66695, if rendered under a request referred to in subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) of rule 6 — each test to a maximum of 5 tests (Item is subject to rule 6)	13.00
66716	TSH quantitation	30.70
66719	Thyroid function tests (comprising the service described in item 66716 and 1 or more of the following tests — estimation of free thyroxine index, free thyroxine, free T3, total T3, thyroxine binding globulin) for a patient, if at least 1 of the following conditions is satisfied: (a) the patient has an abnormal level of TSH; (b) the tests are performed: (i) for the purpose of monitoring thyroid disease in the patient; or (ii) to investigate the sick euthyroid syndrome if the patient is an admitted patient; or (iii) to investigate dementia or psychiatric illness of the patient; or (iv) to investigate amenorrhoea or infertility of the patient; (c) the medical practitioner who requested the tests suspects the patient has a pituitary dysfunction; (d) the patient is on drugs that interfere with thyroid hormone metabolism or function (Item is subject to rule 10)	40.40
66722	TSH quantitation described in item 66716 and 1 test described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	43.40
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66725	TSH quantitation described in item 66716 and 2 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	56.40
66728	TSH quantitation described in item 66716 and 3 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	69.40
66731	TSH quantitation described in item 66716 and 4 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	82.40
66734	TSH quantitation described in item 66716 and 5 tests described in item 66695 (Item is subject to rule 6)	95.40
66737	Tests described in items 66716 and 66695, if rendered under a request mentioned in subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) of rule 6 — each test to a maximum of 5 tests (Item is subject to rule 6)	13.00
66740	Quantitation, in pregnancy, of alpha-fetoprotein, human chorionic gonadotrophin, oestriol and any other substance to detect foetal abnormality, including a service described in 1 or more of items 66743, 66746, 73527 and 73529 (if performed) — 1 patient episode in a pregnancy	54.50
66743	Quantitation of alpha-fetoprotein in serum or other body fluids during pregnancy except if requested as part of item 66740	19.90
66746	Human placental lactogen or oestriol-quantitation, except if requested as part of item 66740 — 1 test	31.55
66749	Amniotic fluid, spectrophotometric examination of, and quantitation of: (a) lecithin/sphingomyelin ratio; or (b) palmitic acid, phosphatidylglycerol or lamellar body phospholipid; or (c) bilirubin, including correction for haemoglobin; 1 or more tests	32.50
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66752	Quantitation of citrate, oxalate, total free fatty acids or amino acids including cysteine, homocysteine, cystine and hydroxyproline (except if performed as part of item 66773 or 66776) — 1 test	24.35
66755	2 or more tests described in item 66752	38.30
66758	Quantitation of angiotensin converting enzyme, or cholinesterase — 1 or more tests	24.35
66761	Test for reducing substances in faeces by any method (except reagent strip or dipstick)	13.00
66764	Examination for faecal occult blood (including tests for haemoglobin and its derivatives in the faeces) by: (a) an immunological method; and (b) a chemical method (except reagent strip or dipstick); with a maximum of 3 examinations on specimens collected on separate days in a 28 day period — 1 examination by both methods	8.80
66767	2 examinations by both methods described in item 66764 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	17.60
66770	3 examinations by both methods described in item 66764 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	26.40
66773	Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown for the monitoring of patients with proven low bone mineral density, and if performed, a service described in item 66752 — 1 or more tests	24.35
66776	Quantitation of products of collagen breakdown for the monitoring of patients with metabolic bone disease or Paget's disease of bone, and if performed, a service described in item 66752 — 1 or more tests	24.35
66779	Adrenaline, noradrenaline, dopamine, histamine, hydroxyindoleacetic acid (SHIAA), hydroxymethoxymandelic acid (HMMA), homovanillic acid (HVA), metanephrines, methoxyhydroxyphenylethylene glycol (MHPG), phenylacetic acid (PAA) or serotonin — quantitation — 1 or more tests	39.45
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66782	Porphyrins or porphyrins precursors — detection in plasma, red cells, urine or faeces — 1 or more tests	13.00
66785	Porphyrins or porphyrins precursors — quantitation in plasma, red cells, urine or faeces — 1 test	39.45
66788	Porphyrins or porphyrins precursors — quantitation in plasma, red cells, urine or faeces — 2 or more tests	65.00
66791	Porphyrin biosynthetic enzymes — measurement of activity in blood cells or other tissues — 1 or more tests	73.45
66794	Detection of the C282Y genetic mutation of the HFE gene and, if performed, detection of other mutations for haemochromatosis where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the patient has an elevated transferrin saturation or elevated serum ferritin on testing of repeated specimens; or</li> <li>(b) the patient has a first degree relative with haemochromatosis; or</li> <li>(c) the patient has a first degree relative with homozygosity for the C282Y genetic mutation, or with compound heterozygosity for recognised genetic mutations for haemochromatosis</li> </ul> (Item is subject to rule 21)	36.00
<b>Group P3 — Microbiology</b>		
69300	Microscopy of wet film material other than blood, from 1 or more sites, obtained directly from a patient (not cultures) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) differential cell count (if performed); or</li> <li>(b) examination for dermatophytes; or</li> <li>(c) dark ground illumination; or</li> <li>(d) stained preparation or preparations using any relevant stain or stains;</li> </ul> 1 or more tests	12.20

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69303	Culture and (if performed) microscopy to detect pathogenic micro-organisms (including fungi but excluding viruses) from nasal swabs, throat swabs, eye swabs and ear swabs (except swabs taken for epidemiological surveillance), including (if performed): (a) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or (b) the detection of antigens not elsewhere described in this table; or (c) a service described in item 69300; specimens from 1 or more sites	21.50
69306	Microscopy and culture to detect pathogenic micro-organisms (including fungi but excluding viruses) from skin or other superficial sites, including (if performed): (a) the detection of antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; or (b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or (c) a service described in items 69300, 69303, 69312, 69318 and 73810; 1 or more tests on 1 or more specimens	33.00
69309	Microscopy and culture to detect dermatophytes and other fungi causing cutaneous disease, from skin scrapings, skin biopsies, hair and nails (excluding swab specimens) and including (if performed): (a) the detection of antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; or (b) a service described in items 69300, 69303, 69306, 69312, 69318 and 73810; 1 or more tests on 1 or more specimens	47.00

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69312	Microscopy and culture to detect pathogenic micro-organisms (including fungi but excluding viruses) from urethra, vagina, cervix or rectum (except for faecal pathogens), including (if performed): (a) the detection of antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; or (b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or (c) a service described in items 69300, 69303, 69306 and 69318; 1 or more tests on 1 or more specimens	33.00
69315	Microscopy and culture to detect pathogenic micro-organisms and the detection of chlamydia from urethra, vagina, cervix or rectum and including (if performed): (a) the detection of microbial antigens; or (b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or (c) a service described in item 69300, 69303, 69306, 69312, 69318, 69363, 69369, 69370, 69372, 69375 or 73810; 1 or more tests on 1 or more specimens	64.00
69318	Microscopy and culture to detect pathogenic micro-organisms (including fungi but excluding viruses) from specimens of sputum (except when part of items 69324, 69327 and 69330), including (if performed): (a) the detection of antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; or (b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or (c) a service described in items 69300, 69303, 69306 and 69312; 1 or more tests on 1 or more specimens	33.00



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69321	Microscopy and culture of post-operative wounds, aspirates of body cavities, synovial fluid, CSF or operative or biopsy specimens, for the presence of pathogenic micro-organisms (including fungi but excluding viruses) involving aerobic and anaerobic cultures and the use of different culture media, and including (if performed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; or</li> <li>(b) the detection of antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; or</li> <li>(c) a service described in item 69300, 69303, 69306, 69312 or 69318;</li> </ul> specimens from 1 or more sites	47.00
69324	Microscopy (with appropriate stains) and culture for mycobacteria — 1 specimen of sputum, urine or other body fluid or 1 operative or biopsy specimen, including (if performed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) microscopy and culture of other bacterial pathogens isolated as a result of this procedure; or</li> <li>(b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing;</li> </ul> including a service mentioned in item 69300	42.00
69327	Microscopy (with appropriate stains) and culture for mycobacteria — 2 specimens of sputum, urine or other body fluids or operative or biopsy specimens, including (if performed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) microscopy and culture of other bacterial pathogens isolated as a result of this procedure; or</li> <li>(b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing;</li> </ul> including a service described in item 69300	83.00
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69330	Microscopy (with appropriate stains) and culture for mycobacteria — 3 specimens of sputum, urine or other body fluids or operative or biopsy specimens, including (if performed): (a) microscopy and culture of other bacterial pathogens isolated as a result of this procedure; or (b) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; including a service described in item 69300	125.00
69333	Urine examination (including serial examination) by any means other than simple culture by dip slide, including: (a) cell count; and (b) culture; and (c) colony count; and (d) (if performed) identification of cultured pathogens; and (e) (if performed) examination for pH, specific gravity, blood, albumin, urobilinogen, sugar, acetone or bile salts	20.10
69336	Microscopy of faeces for ova, cysts and parasites using concentration techniques (including the use of appropriate stains) with no more than 3 examinations on specimens collected on separate days in any 7 day period, including (if performed) a test mentioned in item 69300 — 1 examination	18.65
69339	2 examinations described in item 69336 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	37.25
69342	3 examinations described in item 69336 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	55.90

Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
69345	Culture and (if performed) microscopy without concentration techniques of faeces for faecal pathogens, using at least 2 selective or enrichment media and culture in at least 2 different atmospheres including (if performed): (a) pathogen identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing; and (b) the detection of clostridial toxins or antigens not elsewhere specified in this table; and (c) a service described in item 69300; with a maximum of 3 examinations performed on separately collected and identified specimens in any 7 day period — 1 examination	51.65
69348	2 examinations described in item 69345 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	103.30
69351	3 examinations described in item 69345 performed on separately collected and identified specimens	154.95
69354	Blood culture for pathogenic micro-organisms (other than viruses), including sub-cultures and (if performed): (a) identification of any cultured pathogen; and (b) necessary antibiotic susceptibility testing; to a maximum of 3 sets of cultures — 1 set of cultures	30.00
69357	2 sets of cultures described in item 69354	60.00
69360	3 sets of cultures described in item 69354	90.00
69363	Detection of clostridium difficile or clostridium difficile toxin (except if a service described in item 69345, 69348, 69351, 69369 or 69372 has been performed) — 1 or more tests	25.00

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69366	Test for <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> in faeces, for either: (a) the confirmation of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> colonisation: (i) where suitable biopsy material for diagnosis cannot be obtained at endoscopy in patients with peptic ulcer disease, or where the diagnosis of peptic ulcer has been made on barium meal; or (ii) in patients with a history of peptic ulcer disease or gastric neoplasia, where endoscopy is not indicated; or (b) the monitoring of the success of eradication therapy for <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> in patients with peptic ulcer disease; where any request for the test by a medical practitioner specifically identifies in writing one or more of the clinical indications for the test	34.10
69369	Detection of chlamydia by any method in specimens from 1 or more sites	27.80
69370	Detection of chlamydia by any method and Neisseria gonorrhoea by nucleic acid amplification techniques in specimens from 1 or more sites	32.80
69372	Detection of microbial antigens (except if a service described in item 69369 or 69370 has been performed) — 1 or more tests	25.00
69375	Examination for Herpes simplex virus, varicella zoster virus or cytomegalovirus by culture, including a service described in item 69369 or 69372 (if performed) — 1 or more tests	28.20
69378	Quantitation of HIV viral RNA load in plasma or serum in the monitoring of a HIV sero-positive patient not on antiretroviral therapy — 1 or more assays on 1 or more specimens in any 1 patient episode	176.00
69381	Quantitation of HIV viral RNA load in plasma or serum in the monitoring of antiretroviral therapy in a HIV sero-positive patient — 1 or more assays on 1 or more specimens in any 1 patient episode	176.00
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69382	Quantitation of HIV viral RNA load in cerebrospinal fluid in a HIV sero-positive patient — 1 or more assays on 1 or more specimens in any 1 patient episode	176.00
69384	Quantitation of 1 antibody to microbial or exogenous antigens not elsewhere described in this table — 1 test (Item is subject to rule 6)	15.30
69387	2 tests described in item 69384 (Item is subject to rule 6)	28.00
69390	3 tests described in item 69384 (Item is subject to rule 6)	42.00
69393	4 tests described in item 69384 (Item is subject to rule 6)	56.00
69396	5 tests described in item 69384 (Item is subject to rule 6)	70.00
69399	6 or more tests described in item 69384	84.00
69402	Tests described in item 69384, if rendered under a request referred to in subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) of rule 6 — each test to a maximum of 5 tests (Item is subject to rule 6)	14.00
69405	Microbiological serology during a pregnancy (except in the investigation of a clinically apparent intercurrent microbial illness during that pregnancy) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the determination of 1 of the following — rubella immune status, specific syphilis serology, hepatitis B surface antigen; and</li> <li>(b) (if performed) a service described in 1 or more of items 69384, 69414 to 69435, 69447 to 69456, 69462 and 69465</li> </ul>	15.30

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69408	Microbiological serology during a pregnancy (except in the investigation of a clinically apparent intercurrent microbial illness during that pregnancy) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the determination of 2 of the following — rubella immune status, specific syphilis serology or, hepatitis B surface antigen; and</li> <li>(b) (if performed) a service described in 1 or more of items 69384, 69414 to 69435, 69447 to 69456, 69462 and 69465</li> </ul>	27.15
69411	Microbiological serology during a pregnancy (except in the investigation of a clinically apparent intercurrent microbial illness during that pregnancy) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the determination of all 3 of the following — rubella immune status, specific syphilis serology and Hepatitis B surface antigen; and</li> <li>(b) (if performed) a service described in 1 or more of items 69384, 69414 to 69435, 69447 to 69456, 69462 and 69465</li> </ul>	38.15
69414	Investigation for acute Hepatitis A using: Hepatitis A IgM antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69417	Determination of immune status to Hepatitis A using: Hepatitis A IgG antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69420	Investigation for acute or resolving Hepatitis B, or testing of close, recent contacts of proven Hepatitis B infection, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and</li> <li>(b) Hepatitis B core antibody test; and</li> <li>(c) if performed, Hepatitis B e antibody test (where the Hepatitis B surface antigen test is negative and Hepatitis B core antibody test is positive)</li> </ul> (Item is subject to rule 12)	27.15

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69423	Investigation for resolution of Hepatitis B if the Hepatitis B core antibody test is positive and the Hepatitis B surface antigen test is negative, including: (a) Hepatitis B core antibody test; and (b) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and (c) Hepatitis B surface antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	38.15
69426	Determination of immune status to Hepatitis B (post exposure) using: Hepatitis B core antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69429	Determination of immune status to Hepatitis B (post vaccination) using: Hepatitis B surface antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69432	Investigation for chronic Hepatitis B or determination of carriage of Hepatitis B antigen using: Hepatitis B surface antigen test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69435	Investigation for chronic Hepatitis B or carriage of Hepatitis B antigen if the Hepatitis B surface antigen test is positive, including: (a) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and (b) Hepatitis B e antigen test (Item is subject to rule 12)	27.15
69438	Testing for Hepatitis C using: Hepatitis C antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	16.70
69441	Supplementary testing for Hepatitis C antibodies using a different Hepatitis C antibody assay on the specimen which has a reactive result on the initial Hepatitis C antibody test (Item is not subject to rule 12)	16.70
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Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
69442	Quantitation of HCV RNA load in plasma or serum in the pretreatment evaluation for antiviral therapy of a patient with chronic HCV hepatitis — where the test is requested by or on the advice of the specialist or consultant physician who manages the treatment of the patient (including a service in item 69444 or 69445) — not more than 1 patient episode in a 12 month period (Item is subject to rule 20)	176.00
69443	Nucleic acid amplification and determination of hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotype if: (a) the patient is HCV RNA positive; and (b) the patient is being evaluated for antiviral therapy of chronic HCV hepatitis; and (c) a request for the test is made by or on the advice of the specialist or consultant physician who manages the treatment of the patient; no more than 1 patient episode	200.00
69444	Detection of Hepatitis C viral RNA if at least 1 of the following criteria is satisfied: (a) the patient is Hepatitis C sero-positive and has normal liver function tests on 2 occasions at least 6 months apart; (b) the patient's serological status is uncertain after testing; (c) the test is performed for the purpose of: (i) determining the Hepatitis C status of an immunosuppressed or immunocompromised patient; or (ii) the detection of acute Hepatitis C prior to seroconversion where considered necessary for the clinical management of the patient; no more than 1 patient episode in a 12 month period (Item is subject to rule 20)	90.00



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69445	Detection of Hepatitis C viral RNA in a patient undertaking antiviral therapy for chronic HCV hepatitis (including a service described in item 69444) — not more than 4 patient episodes in a 12 month period (Item is subject to rule 20)	90.00
69447	Investigation for acute or chronic Hepatitis D in a patient with a positive Hepatitis B surface antigen test using: Hepatitis D antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	15.30
69450	Determination of immune status to Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B, including: (a) Hepatitis A IgG antibody test; and (b) Hepatitis B core antibody test or Hepatitis B surface antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	27.15
69453	Investigation for chronic viral hepatitis, or Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C carriage, including: (a) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and (b) Hepatitis C antibody test (Item is subject to rule 12)	28.55
69456	Investigation for chronic viral hepatitis, or Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C carriage, if Hepatitis B surface antigen test is positive, including: (a) Hepatitis C antibody test; and (b) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and (c) Hepatitis B e antigen test (Item is subject to rule 12)	39.55

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69459	Investigation for acute Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis D in a patient with a currently elevated transaminase level, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Hepatitis A IgM antibody test; and</li> <li>(b) Hepatitis C antibody test; and</li> <li>(c) Hepatitis B surface antigen test; and</li> <li>(d) Hepatitis B core antibody test; and</li> <li>(e) if performed, Hepatitis B e antibody test (if Hepatitis B surface antigen test is negative and Hepatitis B core antibody test is positive); and</li> <li>(f) if performed, Hepatitis D antibody test (if Hepatitis B surface antigen test is positive)</li> </ul> (Item is subject to rule 12)	50.55
69462	Determination of Hepatitis B status and testing for Hepatitis C, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Hepatitis C antibody test; and</li> <li>(b) Hepatitis B core antibody test; and</li> <li>(c) if the test mentioned in paragraph (b) is positive — Hepatitis B surface antibody test</li> </ul> (Item is subject to rule 12)	39.55
69465	Syphilis serology and any 1 of item 69435, 69438 or 69453 (Item is subject to rule 12)	38.15
69468	Investigation for acute Hepatitis A and Hepatitis C in a patient with a currently elevated transaminase level, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Hepatitis A IgM antibody test; and</li> <li>(b) Hepatitis C antibody test</li> </ul> (Item subject to rule 12)	30.20
69471	Test of cell-mediated immunity in blood for the detection of active tuberculosis or atypical mycobacterial infection in an immunosuppressed or immunocompromised patient — 1 test	34.10
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<b>Group P4 — Immunology</b>		
71057	Electrophoresis, quantitative and qualitative, of serum, urine or other body fluid all collected within a 28 day period, to demonstrate: (a) protein classes; or (b) presence and amount of paraprotein; including the preliminary quantitation of total protein, albumin and globulin — 1 specimen type	35.20
71058	Examination as described in item 71057 of 2 or more specimen types	49.85
71059	Electrophoresis and immunofixation, immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focussing of: (a) urine for detection of Bence Jones proteins; or (b) serum, plasma or other body fluid; and characterisation, if detected, of a paraprotein or cryoglobulin not previously characterised — examination of 1 specimen type (eg serum, urine or CSF)	28.80
71060	Examination as described in item 71059 of 2 or more specimen types	43.45
71062	Electrophoresis and immunofixation or immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focussing of CSF for the detection of oligoclonal bands and including if required electrophoresis of the patient's serum for comparison purposes — 1 or more tests	43.45
71064	Detection and quantitation of cryoglobulins or cryofibrinogen — 1 or more tests	20.45
71067	Quantitation of total immunoglobulins A, G, M or D by any method in serum, urine or other body fluid — 1 test	14.85
71069	2 tests described in item 71067	23.45
71071	3 or more tests described in item 71067	32.05
71073	Quantitation of all 4 immunoglobulin G subclasses — each patient episode	104.75
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71075	Quantitation of immunoglobulin E (total), with a maximum of 2 patient episodes in any 12 month period — each patient episode	26.70
71077	Quantitation of immunoglobulin E (total) in the follow up of a patient with proven immunoglobulin-E-secreting myeloma, proven congenital immunodeficiency or proven allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, with a maximum of 6 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	26.70
71079	Detection of specific immunoglobulin G or E antibodies to single or multiple potential allergens, with a maximum of 4 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	26.50
71081	Quantitation of total haemolytic complement	40.00
71083	Quantitation of complement components C3 and C4 or properdin factor B — 1 test	19.90
71085	2 tests described in item 71083	28.55
71087	3 or more tests described in item 71083	37.20
71089	Quantitation of complement components or breakdown products of complement proteins not elsewhere described in an item in this Schedule — 1 test	28.75
71091	2 tests described in item 71089	52.10
71093	3 or more tests described in item 71089	75.45
71095	Quantitation of serum or plasma eosinophil cationic protein, or both, to a maximum of 3 assays in 1 year, for monitoring the response to therapy in corticosteroid treated asthma, in a child aged less than 12 years	40.00
71097	Antinuclear antibodies — detection in serum or other body fluids, including quantitation if required	25.10
71099	Double-stranded DNA antibodies — quantitation by 1 or more methods other than the Crithidia method	26.20
71101	Antibodies to 1 or more extractable nuclear antigens — detection in serum or other body fluids	17.15
71103	Characterisation of an antibody detected in a service described in item 71101 (including that service)	51.35
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71106	Rheumatoid factor — detection by any technique in serum or other body fluids, including quantitation if required	11.15
71109	Antibodies to tissue antigens (acetylcholine receptor, adrenal cortex, cardiolipin, glomerular basement membrane, heart, histone, insulin, insulin receptor, intrinsic factor, islet cell, lymphocyte, neuron, neutrophil cytoplasm, ovary, parathyroid, platelet, salivary gland, skeletal muscle, skin basement membrane and intercellular substance, thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome or thyroid stimulating hormone receptor) — detection, including quantitation if required, of 1 antibody	34.10
71113	Detection of 2 antibodies described in item 71109	46.80
71115	Detection of 3 antibodies described in item 71109	59.50
71117	Detection of 4 antibodies described in item 71109	72.20
71119	Antibodies to tissue antigens not elsewhere specified in this table — detection, including quantitation if required, of 1 antibody	17.10
71121	Detection of 2 antibodies specified in item 71119	20.50
71123	Detection of 3 antibodies specified in item 71119	23.90
71125	Detection of 4 or more antibodies specified in item 71119	27.30
71127	Functional tests for lymphocytes — quantitation other than by microscopy of: (a) proliferation induced by 1 or more mitogens; or (b) proliferation induced by 1 or more antigens; or (c) estimation of 1 or more mixed lymphocyte reactions; including a test described in item 65066 or 65070 (if performed), up to a maximum of 2 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	174.05
71129	2 tests described in item 71127	215.00
71131	3 or more tests described in item 71127	255.95
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71135	Quantitation of neutrophil function, comprising at least 2 of the following: (a) chemotaxis; (b) phagocytosis; (c) oxidative metabolism; (d) bactericidal activity; including any test described in item 65066 or 65070 (other than nitroblue tetrazolium reduction slide test), up to a maximum of 2 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	205.25
71137	Quantitation of cell-mediated immunity by multiple antigen delayed type hypersensitivity intradermal skin testing using a minimum of 7 antigens, up to a maximum of 2 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	29.85
71139	Characterisation of 3 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations, including a total lymphocyte count by any method, on 1 or more specimens of blood, CSF or serous fluid	102.65
71141	Characterisation of 3 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations on 1 or more disaggregated tissue specimens	194.80
71143	Characterisation of 6 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations for the diagnosis (but not monitoring) of an immunological or haematological malignancy, including a service described in 1 or both of items 71139 and 71141 (if performed), on a specimen of blood, CSF, serous fluid or disaggregated tissue	256.60

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71145	Characterisation of 6 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations for the diagnosis (but not monitoring) of an immunological or haematological malignancy, including a service described in 1 or more of items 71139, 71141 and 71143 (if performed) on 2 or more specimens of disaggregated tissues or 1 specimen of disaggregated tissue and 1 or more specimens of blood, CSF or serous fluid	418.95
71147	HLA-B27 typing	40.00
71149	Complete tissue typing for 4 HLA-A and HLA-B Class I antigens (including any separation of leucocytes), including (if performed) a service described in item 71147	106.85
71151	Tissue typing for HLA-DR, HLA-DP and HLA-DQ Class II antigens (including any separation of leucocytes) — phenotyping or genotyping of 2 or more antigens	117.30
<b>Group P5 — Tissue pathology</b>		
72813	Examination of complexity level 2 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 1 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	79.00
72816	Examination of complexity level 3 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 1 separately identified specimen (Item is subject to rule 14)	84.50
72817	Examination of complexity level 3 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 2 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	94.50
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72823	Examination of complexity level 4 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 1 separately identified specimen (Item is subject to rule 14)	95.00
72824	Examination of complexity level 4 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 2 to 4 separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	138.00
72825	Examination of complexity level 4 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 5 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	176.00
72830	Examination of complexity level 5 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 1 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	160.00
72836	Examination of complexity level 6 biopsy material with 1 or more tissue blocks, including specimen dissection, all tissue processing, staining, light microscopy and professional opinion or opinions — 1 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	190.00
72844	Enzyme histochemistry of skeletal muscle for investigation of primary degenerative or metabolic muscle diseases or of muscle abnormalities secondary to disease of the central or peripheral nervous system — 1 or more tests	30.00



Item	Pathology service	Fee (\$)
72846	Immunohistochemical examination of biopsy material by immunofluorescence, immunoperoxidase or other labelled antibody techniques with multiple antigenic specificities per specimen — 1 to 3 antibodies (Item is subject to rule 14)	42.00
72847	Immunohistochemical examination of biopsy material by immunofluorescence, immunoperoxidase or other labelled antibody techniques with multiple antigenic specificities per specimen — 4 or more antibodies (Item is subject to rule 14)	56.00
72851	Electron microscopic examination of biopsy material — 1 separately identified specimen (Item is subject to rule 14)	180.00
72852	Electron microscopic examination of biopsy material — 2 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	240.00
72855	Intraoperative frozen section diagnosis of biopsy material — 1 separately identified specimen (Item is subject to rule 14)	180.00
72856	Intraoperative frozen section diagnosis of biopsy material — 2 or more separately identified specimens (Item is subject to rule 14)	240.00
<b>Group P6 — Cytology</b>		
73043	Cytology (including serial examinations) of nipple discharge or smears from skin, lip, mouth, nose or anus for detection of precancerous or cancerous changes — 1 or more tests	19.80
73045	Cytology (including serial examinations) for malignancy (other than an examination mentioned in item 73053), including any Group P5 service (if performed), 1 or more tests on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) specimens resulting from washings or brushings from sites not specified in item 73043; or</li> <li>(b) a single specimen of sputum or urine; or</li> <li>(c) 1 or more specimens of other body fluids;</li> </ul>	45.00

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73047	Cytology of a series of 3 sputum or urine specimens for malignant cells	90.00
73049	Cytology of material obtained directly from a patient by fine needle aspiration of solid tissue, or tissues	65.00
73051	Cytology of material obtained directly from a patient by fine needle aspiration of solid tissue, or tissues, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the aspiration is performed by a recognised pathologist; or</li> <li>(b) a recognised pathologist attends the aspiration and performs a cytological examination during the attendance</li> </ul>	163.85
73053	Cytology of smears from cervix — each examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) for detection of precancerous or cancerous changes in women with no symptoms, signs or recent history suggestive of cervical neoplasia; or</li> <li>(b) due to an unsatisfactory smear taken for paragraph (a); or</li> <li>(c) if there is inadequate information provided to use item 73055</li> </ul>	18.50
73055	Cytology of smears from cervix— each examination, in association with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the management of previously detected abnormalities including precancerous or cancerous conditions; or</li> <li>(b) the investigation of women with symptoms, signs or recent history suggestive of cervical neoplasia</li> </ul>	18.50
73057	Cytology of smears from vagina, not associated with item 73053 or 73055 nor to monitor hormone replacement therapy — each test	18.50
73059	Immunocytochemical examination of material obtained by procedures described in items 73045, 73047, 73049 and 73051 for the characterisation of a malignancy by immunofluorescence, immunoperoxidase or other labelled antibody techniques with multiple antigenic specificities per specimen — 1 to 3 antibodies	42.00

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73060	Immunocytochemical examination of material obtained by procedures described in items 73045, 73047, 73049 and 73051 for the characterisation of a malignancy by immunofluorescence, immunoperoxidase or other labelled antibody techniques with multiple antigenic specificities per specimen — 4 or more antibodies	56.00
<b>Group P7 — Cytogenetics</b>		
73287	Chromosome studies, including preparation, count, karyotyping and identification by banding techniques or fragile X-site determination of 1 or more of any tissue or fluid except blood — 1 or more tests	354.00
73289	Chromosome studies, including preparation, count, karyotyping and identification by banding techniques or fragile X-site determination of blood — 1 or more tests	322.00
<b>Group P8 — Infertility and pregnancy tests</b>		
73521	Semen examination for presence of spermatozoa or examination of cervical mucus for spermatozoa (Huhner's test)	9.50
73523	Semen examination (other than post-vasectomy semen examination), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) measurement of volume, sperm count and motility; and</li> <li>(b) examination of stained preparations; and</li> <li>(c) morphology; and</li> <li>(d) (if performed) differential count and 1 or more chemical tests;</li> </ul> no more than 4 patient episodes in a 12 month period — each patient episode	41.20
73525	Sperm antibodies — sperm-penetrating ability — 1 or more tests	28.00
73527	Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) — detection in serum or urine by 1 or more methods, including serial dilution (if performed) for diagnosis of pregnancy — 1 or more tests	9.90
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73529	Human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG), quantitation in serum by 1 or more methods (except by latex, membrane, strip or other pregnancy test kit) for diagnosis of threatened abortion, or follow up of abortion or diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy, including any services performed in item 73527 — 1 test	28.25
<b>Group P9 — Simple basic pathology tests</b>		
73801	Semen examination for presence of spermatozoa	6.75
73802	Leucocyte count, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, examination of blood film (including differential leucocyte count), haemoglobin, haematocrit or erythrocyte count — 1 test	4.45
73803	2 tests described in item 73802	6.20
73804	3 or more tests described in item 73802	7.95
73805	Microscopy of urine, whether stained or not, or catalase test	4.45
73806	Pregnancy test by 1 or more immunochemical methods	9.90
73807	Microscopy for wet film other than urine, including any relevant stain	6.75
73808	Microscopy of Gram-stained film, including (if performed) a service described in item 73805 or 73807	8.45
73809	Chemical tests for occult blood in faeces by reagent stick, strip, tablet or similar method	2.30
73810	Microscopy for fungi in skin, hair or nails — 1 or more sites	6.75
73811	Mantoux test	10.95
<b>Group P10 — Patient episode initiation</b>		
73901	Initiation of a patient episode that consists only of a service described in item 73053, 73055 or 73057 from a person who is not in a recognised hospital or a prescribed laboratory	8.00

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73903	Initiation of a patient episode that consists only of 1 or more services described in items 72813, 72816, 72817, 72823, 72824, 72825, 72830 and 72836 from a person who is an in-patient of a hospital other than a recognised hospital	14.30
73905	Initiation of a patient episode that consists only of 1 or more services described in items 72813, 72816, 72817, 72823, 72824, 72825, 72830 and 72836 from a person who is not an in-patient of a private hospital and not a patient of a recognised hospital	8.00
73907	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905 or in Group P9) if the specimen is collected in a licensed collection centre	17.15
73909	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905 or in Group P9) if the specimen is collected by an approved pathology practitioner or an employee of an approved pathology authority from a person who is an in-patient of a hospital other than a recognised hospital	17.15
73910	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905 or in Group P9) if the specimen is collected by an approved pathology practitioner or an employee of an approved pathology authority from a person in the place where the person was residing	10.50
73912	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905 or in Group P9) if the specimen is collected by an approved pathology practitioner or an employee of an approved pathology authority from a person in a nursing home or institution	17.15
73913	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905, 73907 or items in Group P9) if the specimen is collected from the person by the person	10.10
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73915	Initiation of a patient episode by collection of a specimen for a service (other than a service described in item 73901, 73903, 73905 or items in Group P9) if the specimen is collected by or on behalf of the treating practitioner	10.10
<b>Group P11 — Specimen referred</b>		
73921	Receipt of a specimen by an approved pathology practitioner of an approved pathology authority from another approved pathology practitioner of a different approved pathology authority or another approved pathology authority  (Item is subject to subrules 15 (9) and 17 (3))	10.50

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Test	Abbreviation	Item
Abnormal haemoglobins	AH	65117
Acid phosphatase	ACP	66500
Acetoacetate	ACAT	66500
Acetylcholine receptor — tissue antigens — antibodies	ARA	71109
Actinomycetes — microbial antibody testing	ACT	69384
Activated Protein C resistance	APC	65132-36, 65142, 65171
Adenovirus — microbial antibody testing	ADE	69384
Adrenal cortex — tissue antigens — antibodies	ADR	71109
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)	ACTH	66695
AFB microscopy and culture of sputum — 1 specimen	AFB1	69324
AFB microscopy and culture of sputum — 2 specimens	AFB2	69327
AFB microscopy and culture of sputum — 3 specimens	AFB3	69330
Alanine aminotransferase	ALT	66500
Albumin	ALB	66500
Alcohol (ethanol)	ETOH	66626
Aldosterone	ALDS	66695
Alkaline phosphatase	ALP	66500
Alkaline phosphatase — isoenzymes	ALPI	66641
Alpha-1-antitrypsin	AAT	66635
Alpha-fetoprotein	AFP	66650-53, 66740-43
Aluminium	AL	66672-73
Aluminium — renal dialysis	ALR	66671
Amino acids	AA	66752

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Amiodarone	AMIO	66611
Amitriptyline	AMIT	66611
Ammonia	NH3	66500
Amniotic fluid examination	AFE	66749
Amylase	AMS	66500
Amylobarb	AMYL	66611
Androstenedione	ANDR	66695
Angiotensin converting enzyme	ACE	66758
Antibiotic and antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents — quantitation	QAA	66611
Antibodies to extractable nuclear antigens — characterisation of antibodies if positive ENA	ENAP	71103
Antibodies to extractable nuclear antigens — detection	ENA	71101
Antibodies to nuclear antigens — detection	ANA	71097
Antibodies to nuclear antigens — quantitation and measurement of DNA binding if positive ANA	ANAP	71099
Antibodies to tissue antigens — acetylcholine receptor	ARA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — adrenal cortex	ADR	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — anca anti-myeloperoxidase	AAMP	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — anca anti-PR3	APR3	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — anti-actin	AACT	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — anti-endomysial	AEDM	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — cardiolipin	ACL	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — centromere	ACA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — gastric parietal cell	PCA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — gliadin IgA	GLIA	71119



Test	Abbreviation	Item
Antibodies to tissue antigens — glomerular basement membrane	GBA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — heart	AHE	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — histone	AHI	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — insulin receptor antibodies	INSA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — intercellular cement substance of skin	ICCS	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — intrinsic factor	AIF	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — islet cell	AIC	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — Jo-1	JO1	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — keratin	KERA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — liver/kidney microsomes	LKA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — lymphocyte	ALY	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — mitochondria	MA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — neuron	ANE	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — neutrophil cytoplasm	ANCA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — ovary	AOV	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — parathyroid	PTHA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — platelet	APA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — PM-Scl	PM1	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — reticulin	RCA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — salivary gland	ASG	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — Scl-70	SCL	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — skeletal muscle	SLA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — skin basement membrane	SKA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — smooth muscle	SMA	71119
Antibodies to tissue antigens — thyroglobulin	ATG	71109

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Antibodies to tissue antigens — thyroid microsome	TMA	71109
Antibodies to tissue antigens — TSH receptor antibody test	TSHA	71109
Antibody testing, microbial (see Microbial)		
Antigen testing, microbial (see Microbial)		
Antithrombin III	ATH	65132-36, 65142, 65171
Anti-Xa activity	QAXA	65147
Anus — cytology on specimens from	SMCY	73043
Apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio	APO	66536
Arginine infusion	ARIN	66689
Arsenic	AS	66672-73
Aspartate aminotransferase	AST	66500
Aspergillus — microbial antibody testing	ASP	69384
Avian precipitins (bird fancier's disease) — microbial antibody testing	APP	69384
B12 vitamin	B12	66599
Barbiturate	BARB	66611
Beryllium	BE	66672-73
Beta-2-microglobulin	BMIC	66629
Beta-hydroxybutyrate	BHYB	66500
Bicarbonate	HCO3	66500
Bilirubin (all fractions)	BILI	66500
Bilirubin (all fractions) — in urine	UBIL	66500
Bilirubin (all fractions) — neonatal	BILN	66749
Bird fancier's disease (see avian precipitins)	APP	69384
Blastomyces — microbial antibody testing	BLM	69384
Blood — compatability testing	XMAT	65099-108
Blood — culture	BC	69354-60

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Blood — faecal occult	FOB	66764-70
Blood — film	BF	65066
Blood — full examination	FBE	65070
Blood — gases	GAS	66566
Blood — group and blood group antibodies	BGAB	65096
Blood — group antibodies	BGA	65111
Blood — group systems	BGS	65093
Blood — grouping — ABO and RH (D antigen)	BG	65090
Blood — viscosity	VISC	65060
Body cavities — aspirations of — microscopy and culture of material from	MCPO	69321
Body fluids — cytology	BFCY	73045
Bone — low mineral densities	CBLB	66773
Bone — metabolic bone disease	CBMB	66776
Bone marrow examination — aspirate	BMEA	65087
Bone marrow examination — trephine	BMET	65084
Bordetella pertussis — microbial antibody testing	BOR	69384
Borrelia burgdorferi — microbial antibody testing	BOB	69384
Breath hydrogen test	BHT	66674
Bromide	BRMD	66611
Brucella — microbial antibody testing	BRU	69384
C-I esterase inhibitor — functional	CEIF	66647
C-I esterase inhibitor — quantitation	CEIQ	66644
CA-15.3 antigen	CA15	66650
CA-19.9 antigen	CA19	66650
CA-125 antigen	C125	66650
Cadmium	CD	66672-73
Caeruloplasmin	CPLS	66632

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Calcitonin	CALT	66695
Calcium — ionised	ICA	66584
Calcium (total or corrected for albumin)	CA	66500
Calculus analysis	CALC	66590
Campylobacter jejuni — microbial antibody testing	CAM	69384
Candida — microbial antibody testing	CAN	69384
Carbamazepine (Tegretol)	CARB	66611
Carboxyhaemoglobin	COHB	65117
Carcinoembryonic antigen	CEA	66650
Cardiac enzymes	CE	66506
Cardiolipin — tissue antigens — antibodies	ACL	71109
Catecholamines	CAT	66779
Cell mediated immunity — delayed type — hypersensitivity test	CMI	71137
Cell-mediated immunity in blood	CMIB	69471
Centromere — tissue antigens — antibodies	ACA	71119
Cervix — cytology — abnormalities	CCRA	73055
Cervix — cytology — routine	CCR	73053
Cervix — microscopy and culture of material from	MCGR	69312
Cervix — microscopy and culture of material from	MCCH	69315
Characterisation of antibodies if positive ENA	ENAP	71103
Chemicals, toxic (ingested or absorbed) — assays	DRGO	66623
Chlamydia — investigation by any method	CHLM	69369
Chlamydia — investigation by any method and N gonorrhoea by NAA methods	CHGO	69370
Chlamydia — microbial antibody testing	CHL	69384
Chlamydia — microbial antigen testing	MCCH	69315, 69369
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Chloral hydrate	CHHY	66611
Chlorazepate	CHZP	66611
Chloride	CL	66500
Chloroquine	CLOQ	66611
Chlorpromazine	CHLO	66611
Cholesterol	CHOL	66521
Cholesterol — HDL	HDLC	66536
Cholinesterase	CHSE	66758
Chorionic gonadotrophin — quantitation	HCG	66560-53, 66740, 73529
Chorionic gonadotrophin — detection for pregnancy diagnosis	HCGP	73527-29
Chromium	CR	66672-73
Chromosome identification — studies — blood	CSB	73289
Chromosome identification — studies — other than blood	CS	73287
Chromosome identification and banding		73287-89
Cimetidine	CMTD	66611
Clobazam	CLOB	66611
Clomipramine	CLOM	66611
Clonazepam (Rivotril)	CLON	66611
Clostridium difficile — microbial antigen testing	CLDT	69363
Coagulation factor inhibitors by Bethesda assay	BETH	65159
Coagulation — factors (see individual factors)		
Coagulation — studies	COAG	65120
Coccidioides — microbial antibody testing	CCC	69384
Cold agglutinins	CAG	65114
Collagen — low bone	CBLB	66773
Collagen — metabolic disease	CBMB	66776
Compatibility testing	XMAT	65099-108

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Complement, total haemolytic	COM	71081
Complement, total haemolytic — components C3	C3	71083
Complement, total haemolytic — components C4	C4	71083
Complement, total haemolytic — other components	COMP	71089
Complement, total haemolytic — properdin factor B	PFB	71083
Copper	CU	66669-70
Cortisol	CORT	66695
Coxsackie B1-6 — microbial antibody testing	COX	69384
C-Peptide	CPEP	66695
C-reactive protein	CRP	66500
Creatine kinase	CK	66500
Creatine kinase — isoenzymes	CKI	66518
Creatine kinase — isoenzymes (electrophoresis)	CKIE	66518
Creatinine	C	66500
Cryofibrinogen — detection and quantitation	CFID	71064
Cryoglobulins — characterisation by electrophoresis and immunoelectrophoresis or immunofixation or isoelectric focussing	RYO	71059
Cryoglobulins — detection and quantitation	CGLD	71064
Cryptococcal antigen — microbial antigen testing	CRYN	69372
Cryptococcus — microbial antibody testing	CRY	69384
CSF — microscopy and culture of material from	MCPO	69321
CSF antigens — group B streptococcus	STB	69372
CSF antigens — Haemophilus influenzae	HI	69372
CSF antigens — Neisseria meningitidis	NMG	69372
CSF antigens — Streptococcus pneumoniae	SPN	69372
Cultural examination of faeces	FCS	69345-51

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Cyclic AMP	CAMP	66695
Cyclosporin A	CLSA	66611
Cystine — qualitative	UCYS	66752
Cystine — quantitative	CYST	66752
Cytology — fine needle aspiration of solid tissues	FNCY	73049
Cytology — fine needle aspiration of solid tissues — aspiration or attendance by a pathologist	FNCP	73051
Cytology — from 3 sputum or urine specimens	SPCY	73047
Cytology — from body fluids, sputum (1 specimen), urine, washings or brushings	BFCY	73045
Cytology — from cervix — abnormalities	CCRA	73055
Cytology — from cervix — routine	CCR	73053
Cytology — from skin, nipple discharge, lip, mouth, nose or anus	SMCY	73043
Cytology — from vagina	CVO	73057
Cytomegalovirus — microbial antibody testing	CMV	69384
Cytomegalovirus serology in pregnancy — microbial antibody testing	CMVP	69405-11
D vitamin	VITD	66608
D-dimer test	DD	65120
Dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate (DHEAS)	DHEA	66695
Dengue — microbial antibody testing	DEN	69384
11-Deoxycortisol	DCOR	66695
Desipramine	DESI	66611
Determination HepB/HepC	HBC	69462
Dexamethasone	DXST	66686
Dexamethasone — suppression test	DEXA	66686
DHEAS (Dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate)	DHEA	66695
Diazepam	DIAZ	66611

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Differential cell count	DIFF	65070
Digoxin	DIG	66611
Dihydrotestosterone	DHTS	66695
Diphenylhydantoin (Dilantin)	DIL	66611
Diphtheria — microbial antibody testing	DIP	69384
Direct Coombs test	CMBS	65114
Disopyramide (Rythmodan)	DISO	66611
DNA binding — quantitation and measurement if positive ANA	ANAP	71099
DNA, double-stranded antibodies	DNAD	71099
Donath Landsteiner antibody test	DLAT	65075
Down's syndrome and neural tube defects	NTDD	66740
Doxepin hydrochloride	DOXE	66611
Drugs — abuse treatment programme — assay	DATP	66626
Drugs — inappropriate dosage — assay	DRGO	66623
Drugs — therapeutic — assay (see individual drugs)		66611
Drugs not listed must be written in full		
Dynamic function tests	GHSE	66686
Ear — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSW	69303
Echinococcus — microbial antibody testing	ECC	69384
Echis test	ECHI	65120
Echo-coxsackie group — microbial antibody testing	ECH	69384
Electrolytes	E	66509
Electron microscopy of biopsy material	EM	72851-52
Electrophoresis, and immunofixation or immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focussing — characterisation of cryoglobulins	RYO	71059



Test	Abbreviation	Item
Electrophoresis, and immunofixation or immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focussing — characterisation of paraprotein	PRYO	71059
Electrophoresis, to demonstrate — creatine kinase isoenzymes	CKIE	66518
Electrophoresis, to demonstrate — lactate dehydrogenase isoenzymes	LDI	66641
Electrophoresis, to demonstrate — lipoprotein subclasses	LEPG	66539
Electrophoresis, to demonstrate — quantitation of protein classes, or paraprotein	EPPI	71057-58
Elements (see individual elements)		
Entamoeba histolytica — microbial antibody testing	AMO	69384
Enzyme assays of solid tissue or tissues	ENZS	66683
Enzyme histochemistry of skeletal muscle	EHSK	72844
Eosinophil cationic protein	ECP	71095
Epstein Barr virus — microbial antibody testing	EBV	69384
Erythrocyte — assessment of haemolysis	ERYH	65075
Erythrocyte — assessment of metabolic enzymes	ERYM	65075
Erythrocyte — count	RCC	65070
Erythrocyte — sedimentation rate	ESR	65060
Ethosuximide (Zarontin)	ETHO	66611
Euglobulin clot lysis time	ECLT	65140
Extractable nuclear antigens — detection of antibodies to	ENA	71101
Eye — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSW	69303
Factor II	FII	65150
Factor IX	FIX	65150
Factor V	FV	65150
Factor V Leiden mutation	FVLM	65168, 65174

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Factor VII	FVII	65150
Factor VIII	VIII	65150
Factor X	FX	65150
Factor XI	FXI	65150
Factor XII	FXII	65150
Factor XIII	XIII	65150
Factor XIII deficiency test	F13D	65120
Faecal antigen test for <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	FAHP	69366
Faecal blood	FOB	66764-70
Faecal fat	FFAT	66674
Faecal fat — haemoglobin	FFH	66764
Faecal fat — reducing substances	FRS	66761
Faeces — culture	FCS	69345-51
Faeces — microscopy for parasites	OCP	69336-42
Ferritin (see also Iron studies)	FERR	66593
Fibrin monomer	FM	65120
Fibrinogen	FIB	65120
Fibrinogen — degradation products	FDP	65120
Fitzgerald factor	FGF	65150
Flecainide	FLEC	66611
Fletcher factor	FF	65150
Fluorescent treponemal antibody — absorption test (FTA-ABS) — microbial antibody testing	FTA	69384
Fluoxetine	FLUX	66611
Foetal red blood cells — Kliehauer	KLEI	65162
Folate — red cell	RCF	66599
Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)	FSH	66695
Frozen section diagnosis of biopsy material	FS	72855-56
Fructosamine	FRUC	66557

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Full blood examination	FBE	65070
Gamma glutamyl transpeptidase	GGT	66500
Gastric parietal cell — tissue antigens — antibodies	PCA	71119
Gastrin	GAST	66695
Gliadin IgA — tissue antigens — antibodies	GLIA	71119
Globulin	GLOB	66500
Glomerular basement membrane — tissue antigens — antibodies	GBA	71109
Glucagon	GLGO	66695
Glucagon stimulation test	GSTC	66689
Glucose	GLUC	66500
Glucose — tolerance test	GTT	66542
Glycolated haemoglobin (Hb Alc)	GHB	66551
Glycosylated haemoglobin (Hb Alc)	GHB	66551
Gold	AU	66672-73
Gonadotrophin	GRHS	66689
Group B streptococcus — CSF antigens	STB	69372
Group B streptococcus — microbial antigen testing	STB	69372
Group P9 — simple basic pathology tests		73801-11
Growth hormone	GH	66695
Growth hormone — stimulation by exercise or L-dopa	GHSE	66686
Growth hormone — suppression by dexamethasone or glucose	GHSG	66686
Haematocrit	HCT	65070
Haemochromatosis	FEUP	66794
Haemoglobin	HB	65060
Haemoglobinopathy tests	HMGP	65081

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Haemophilus influenzae — CSF antigens	HI	69372
Haemophilus influenzae — microbial antibody testing	HUS	69384
Haemophilus influenzae — microbial antigen testing	HI	69372
Haloperidol	HALO	66611
Haptoglobins	HGLB	66632
HDL cholesterol	HDLC	66536
Heart — tissue antigens — antibodies	AHE	71109
Heparin — test	HEPR	65144
Hepatitis — acute	HAVM	69414
Hepatitis — chronic viral	HBCS	69453
Hepatitis — chronic viral	HBCE	69456
Hepatitis A — immune status	HAVG	69417
Hepatitis A and B — immune status	HABI	69450
Hepatitis A, B or C — acute	HVU	69459
Hepatitis B — acute or resolving	HBAR	69420
Hepatitis B — chronic or carriage of Hepatitis B antigen	HBSA	69432
Hepatitis B — chronic or carriage of Hepatitis B antigen	HBSE	69435
Hepatitis B — immune status — post exposure	HBIC	69426
Hepatitis B — immune status — post vaccination	HBIS	69429
Hepatitis B — resolving	HBR	69423
Hepatitis B and A — immune status	HABI	69450
Hepatitis C — detection	RNAC	69444
Hepatitis C — Hep. C antibody test	HCV	69438
Hepatitis D — acute or chronic	HDV	69447
Hepatitis serology — in pregnancy	HEPP	69405-11

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Herpes simplex virus — direct detection from clinical material	HSV	69375
Herpes simplex virus — investigation by culture	HSVC	69375
Herpes simplex virus — microbial antibody testing	HPA	69384
Herpes simplex virus — microbial antigen testing	HSV	69375
Heterophil antibodies	IM	65114
HIAA (hydroxyindoleacetic acid)	HLAA	66779
Histamine	HIAM	66779
Histone — tissue antigens — antibodies	AHI	71109
Histopathology of biopsy material	HIST	72813-36
Histoplasma — microbial antibody testing	HIP	69384
HIV — antiretroviral therapy	TVLT	69381
HIV — cerebrospinal fluid	CVLT	69382
HIV — monitoring	MVLT	69378
HLA typing — HLA class 1	HLA1	71149
HLA typing — HLA class 2	HLA2	71151
HLA typing — HLA-B27	HLAB	71147
HMMA (hydroxy-3-methoxymandelic acid, previously known as VMA)	HMMA	66779
HMPG (hydroxy-methoxy phenylethylene glycol)	HMPG	66779
Homovanillic acid	HVA	66779
Hormones — stimulation by exercise or L-dopa	GHSE	66686
Hormone receptor assay — breast	HRA	66662
Hormone receptor assay — ovary	HRO	66662
Hormones — 11 deoxycortisol	DCOR	66695
Hormones — adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ACTH	66695
Hormones — aldosterone	ALDS	66695

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Hormones — androstenedione	ANDR	66695
Hormones — calcitonin	CALT	66695
Hormones — cortisol	CORT	66695
Hormones — C-Peptide	CPEP	66695
Hormones — cyclic AMP	CAMP	66695
Hormones — dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate (DHEAS)	DHEA	66695
Hormones — dihydrotestosterone	DHTS	66695
Hormones — follicle stimulating hormone	FSH	66695
Hormones — gastrin	GAST	66695
Hormones — glucagon	GLGO	66695
Hormones — gonadotrophin	GRHS	66689
Hormones — growth hormone	GH	66695
Hormones — growth hormone — stimulation by exercise or L-dopa	GHSE	66686
Hormones — growth hormone — suppression by dexamethasone or glucose	GHSG	66686
Hormones — hormone receptor assay — breast	HRA	66662
Hormones — hormone receptor assay — ovary	HRO	66662
Hormones — human chorionic gonadotrophin — quantitation	HCG	66650-53, 66740, 73529
Hormones — human chorionic gonadotrophin — detection for pregnancy diagnosis	HCGP	73527, 73529
Hormones — human placental lactogen	HPL	66746
Hormones — hydroxyprogesterone	OHP	66695
Hormones — insulin	INS	66695
Hormones — insulin, hypoglycaemia test	INHY	66689
Hormones — luteinizing hormone	LH	66695
Hormones — oestradiol	E2	66695
Hormones — oestriol	E3	66740, 66746

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Hormones — oestrone	E1	66695
Hormones — parathyroid hormone	PTH	66695
Hormones — pentagastrin	PSTR	66689
Hormones — progesterone	PROG	66695
Hormones — prolactin	PROL	66695
Hormones — renin	REN	66695
Hormones — sex hormone binding globulin	SHBG	66695
Hormones — somatomedin	SOMA	66695
Hormones — suppression by dexamethasone or glucose	GHSG	66686
Hormones — testosterone	TES	66695
Hormones — urine steroid fraction or fractions	USF	66695
Hormones — vasoactive intestinal peptide	VIP	66695
Hormones — vasopressin	ADH	66695
Hormones and hormone binding proteins (see individual hormones and proteins)		66695
Huhner's test	HT	73521
Human chorionic gonadotrophin — quantitation	HCG	66650-53, 66740, 73529
Human chorionic gonadotrophin — detection for pregnancy diagnosis	HCGP	73527, 73529
Human placental lactogen	HPL	66746
HVA (homovanillic acid)	HVA	66779
Hydatid — microbial antibody testing	HYD	69384
Hydroxy methoxy phenylethylene glycol	HMPG	66779
Hydroxy-3-methoxymandelic acid, previously known as VMA)	HMMA	66779
Hydroxychloroquine	HOCQ	66611
Hydroxyindoleacetic acid	HIAA	66779
Hydroxyprogesterone	OHP	66695

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Hydroxyproline	HYDP	66752
Imipramine	IMIP	66611
Immediate frozen section diagnosis of biopsy material	FS	72855-856
Immunocyto. 1-3 antibodies	ICC	73059
Immunocyto. 4+ antibodies	ICC1	73060
Immunoelectrophoresis and electrophoresis — characterisation of cryoglobulins	RYO	71059
Immunoelectrophoresis and electrophoresis — characterisation of paraprotein	PPRO	71059
Immunoglobulins — A	IGA	71067
Immunoglobulins — D	IGD	71067
Immunoglobulins — E (total)	IGE	71075-79
Immunoglobulins — G	IGG	71067
Immunoglobulins — G, 4 subclasses	SIGG	71073
Immunoglobulins — M	IGM	71067
Immunohistochemical investigation of biopsy material	HIS	72846-47
Infectious mononucleosis	IM	69384
Influenza A — microbial antibody testing	FLA	69384
Influenza B — microbial antibody testing	FLB	69384
Insulin	INS	66695
Insulin — hypoglycaemia test	INHYP	66689
Insulin — tissue antigens — antibodies	AINS	71109
Insulin receptor antibodies — tissue antigens — antibodies	INSA	71109
Intercellular cement substance of skin — tissue antigens — antibodies	ICCS	71109
Intestinal disaccharidases	INTD	66680
Intrinsic factor — tissue antigens — antibodies	AIF	71109
Invest. HepA/HepC	HAC	69468



Test	Abbreviation	Item
Iron studies (iron, transferrin and ferritin)	IS	66596
Islet cell — tissue antigens — antibodies	AIC	71109
Isoelectric focussing and electrophoresis — characterisation of cryoglobulins	RYO	71059
Isoelectric focussing and electrophoresis — characterisation of paraprotein	PPRO	71059
Jo-1 — tissue antigens — antibodies	JO1	71119
Keratin — tissue antigens — antibodies	KERA	71119
Kleihauer test	KLEI	65162
Lactate	LACT	66500
Lactate — dehydrogenase	LDH	66500
Lactate — dehydrogenase isoenzymes	LDI	66641
Lamellar body phospholipid	LBPH	66749
Lead	PB	66665
Lecithin/sphingomyelin ratio (amniotic fluid)	LS	66749
Legionella pneumophila — serogroup 1 — microbial antibody testing	LP1	69384
Legionella pneumophila — serogroup 2 — microbial antibody testing	LP2	69384
Leishmaniasis — microbial antibody testing	LEI	69384
Leptospira — microbial antibody testing	LEP	69384
Leucocyte count	WCC	65070
Leucocyte count — 3 surface markers — blood, CSF, serous fluid	LMH3	71139
Leucocyte count — 3 surface markers — tissue	LMT3	71141
Leucocyte count — 6 surface markers — blood, CSF, serous fluid and tissue(s)	LMHT	71145
Leucocyte count — 6 surface markers — blood, CSF, serous fluid or tissue	LM6	71143
Lignocaine	LIGN	66611
Lip — cytology on specimens from	SMCY	73043

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Lipase	LIP	66500
Lipid studies	FATS	66521
Lipoprotein subclasses — electrophoresis	LEPG	66539
Listeria — microbial antibody testing	LIS	69384
Lithium	LI	66611
Liver function tests	LFT	66515
Liver/kidney microsomes — tissue antigens — antibodies	LKA	71119
Lupus anticoagulant	LUPA	65132-37, 65142
Luteinizing hormone	LH	66695
Lymphocyte — tissue antigens — antibodies	ALY	71109
Lymphocytes — functional tests — 1 test	LF1	71127
Lymphocytes — functional tests — 2 tests	LF2	71129
Lymphocytes — functional tests — 3 tests	LF3	71131
Magnesium	MG	66500
Mammary serum antigen	MSA	66650
Manganese	MN	66669-70
Mantoux test	MANT	73811
Measles — microbial antibody testing	MEA	69384
Mercury	HG	66672-73
Metabolic bone disease	CBMB	66776
Metalbumin detection (Schumm's test)	SCHM	65117
Metanephrines	MNEP	66779
Methadone	MTDN	66611
Methotrexate	MTTA	66611
Methsuximide	MSUX	66611
Metronidazole	MRDZ	66611
Mexiletine (Mexitil)	MEX	66611

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Mianserin	MIAS	66611
Microalbumin	MALB	66560
Microbial antibody testing — actinomycetes	ACT	69384
Microbial antibody testing — adenovirus	ADE	69384
Microbial antibody testing — aspergillus	ASP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — avian precipitins (bird fancier's disease)	APP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Blastomyces	BLM	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Bordetella pertussis	BOR	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Borrelia burgdorferi	BOB	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Brucella	BRU	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Campylobacter jejuni	CAM	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Candida	CAN	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Chlamydia	CHL	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Coccidioides	CCC	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Coxsackie B1-6	COX	69384
Microbial antibody testing — cryptococcus	CRY	69384
Microbial antibody testing — cytomegalovirus	CMV	69384
Microbial antibody testing — cytomegalovirus serology in pregnancy	CMVP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — dengue	DEN	69384
Microbial antibody testing — diphtheria	DIP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — echinococcus	ECC	69384
Microbial antibody testing — echo-coxsackie group	ECH	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Entamoeba histolytica	AMO	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Epstein Barr virus	EBV	69384

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Microbial antibody testing — fluorescent treponemal antibody — absorption test (FTA-ABS)	FTA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Haemophilus influenzae	HUS	69384
Microbial antibody testing — hepatitis C	HCV	69438
Microbial antibody testing — herpes simplex virus	HPA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Histoplasma	HIP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — hydatid	HYD	69384
Microbial antibody testing — infectious mononucleosis	IM	69384
Microbial antibody testing — influenza A	FLA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — influenza B	FLB	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Legionella pneumophila — serogroup 1	LP1	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Legionella pneumophila — serogroup 2	LP2	69384
Microbial antibody testing — leishmaniasis	LEI	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Leptospira	LEP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Listeria	LIS	69384
Microbial antibody testing — measles	MEA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Micropolyspora faeni	MIC	69384
Microbial antibody testing — mumps	MUM	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Murray Valley encephalitis	MVE	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Mycoplasma pneumoniae	MYC	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Neisseria meningitidis	MEN	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Newcastle disease	NCD	69384

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Microbial antibody testing — parainfluenza 1	PF1	69384
Microbial antibody testing — parainfluenza 2	PF2	69384
Microbial antibody testing — parainfluenza 3	PF3	69384
Microbial antibody testing — paratyphi	PTY	69384
Microbial antibody testing — pertussis	PER	69384
Microbial antibody testing — poliomyelitis	PLO	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Proteus OX 19	POX	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Proteus OXK	POK	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Q fever	QFF	69384
Microbial antibody testing — rapid plasma reagin test	RPR	69384
Microbial antibody testing — respiratory syncytial virus	RSV	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Ross River virus	RRV	69384
Microbial antibody testing — rubella	RUB	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Salmonella typhi (H)	SAH	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Salmonella typhi (O)	SAO	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Schistosoma	STO	69384
Microbial antibody testing — streptococcal serology — anti-DNASE B titre	ADNB	69384
Microbial antibody testing — streptococcal serology — anti-streptolysin O titre	ASOT	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Streptococcus pneumoniae	PCC	69384
Microbial antibody testing — tetanus	TET	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Thermoactinomyces vulgaris	THE	69384
Microbial antibody testing — thermopolyspora	TPS	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Toxocara	TOC	69384

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Microbial antibody testing — toxoplasma	TOX	69384
Microbial antibody testing — TPHA (Treponema pallidum haemagglutination test)	TPHA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Treponema pallidum haemagglutination test	TPHA	69384
Microbial antibody testing — trichinosis	TOS	69384
Microbial antibody testing — typhus, Weil-Felix	TYP	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Varicella zoster	VCZ	69384
Microbial antibody testing — VDRL (Venereal Disease Research Laboratory)	VDRL	69384
Microbial antibody testing — Yersinia enterocolitica	YER	69384
Microbial antigen testing — Chlamydia	MCCH	69315, 69369
Microbial antigen testing — Clostridium difficile	CLDT	69363
Microbial antigen testing — group B streptococcus	STB	69372
Microbial antigen testing — Haemophilus influenzae	HI	69372
Microbial antigen testing — herpes simplex virus	HSV	69375
Microbial antigen testing — Neisseria gonorrhoeae	GON	69372
Microbial antigen testing — Neisseria meningitidis	NMG	69372
Microbial antigen testing — respiratory syncytial virus	RSVN	69372
Microbial antigen testing — Streptococcus pneumoniae	SPN	69372
Microbial antigen testing — Varicella zoster	VCZN	69375
Micropolyspora faeni	MIC	69384
Microscopic examination of — faeces for parasites	OCP	69336-42
Microscopic examination of — wet film material other than blood	MWFM	69300

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Microscopy and culture of — material from nose, throat, eye or ear	MCSW	69303
Microscopy and culture of — material from skin	MCSK	69309
Microscopy and culture of — postoperative wounds, aspirates of body cavities	MCPO	69321
Microscopy and culture of — superficial sites	MCSS	69306
Microscopy and culture of — urethra, vagina, cervix or rectum	MCGR	69312
Microscopy and culture of — specimens of sputum	MCSP	69318
Microscopy and culture of — specimens of sputum, urine or other body fluids for mycobacteria — 1 specimen	AFB1	69324
Microscopy and culture of — specimens of sputum, urine or other body fluids for mycobacteria — 2 specimens	AFB2	69327
Microscopy and culture of — specimens of sputum, urine or other body fluids for mycobacteria — 3 specimens	AFB3	69330
Microscopy and culture to detect pathogenic micro-organisms including chlamydia	MCCH	69315
Microscopy, culture, identification and sensitivity of urine	UMCS	69333
Mitochondria — tissue antigens — antibodies	MA	71119
Mouth — cytology on specimens from	SMCY	73043
Mumps — microbial antibody testing	MUM	69384
Murray Valley encephalitis — microbial antibody testing	MVE	69384
Mycobacteria microscopy and culture of sputum — 1 specimen	AFB 1	69324
Mycobacteria microscopy and culture of sputum — 2 specimens	AFB 2	69327
Mycobacteria microscopy and culture of sputum — 3 specimens	AFB 3	69333

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Mycoplasma pneumoniae — microbial antibody testing	MYC	69384
Myoglobin	MYOG	66518
N-acetyl procainamide	NAPC	66611
Neisseria gonorrhoeae by NAA techniques and chlamydia by any method	CHGO	69370
Neisseria gonorrhoeae — microbial antigen testing	GON	69372
Neisseria meningitidis — antigens	NMG	69372
Neisseria meningitidis — microbial antibody testing	MEN	69384
Neisseria meningitidis — microbial antigen testing	NMG	69372
Neural tube defects and Down's syndrome	NTDD	66740
Neuron — tissue antigens — antibodies	ANE	71109
Neutrophil cytoplasm — tissue antigens — antibodies	ANCA	71109
Neutrophil functions	NFT	71135
Newcastle disease — microbial antibody testing	NCD	69384
Nickel	NI	66672-73
Nipple discharge — cytology on specimens from	SMCY	73043
Nitrazepam	NTR	66611
Nordothiepin	NDIP	66611
Norfluoxetine	NFLE	66611
Nortriptyline	NORT	66611
Nose — cytology on specimens from	SMCY	73043
Nose — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSW	69303
Nuclear antigens — detection of antibodies to	ANA	71097
Oestradiol	E2	66695
Oestriol	E3	66740, 66746
Oestrone	E1	66695



Test	Abbreviation	Item
Oligoclonal proteins	OGP	71062
Op/biopsy specimens — microscopy and culture of material from	MCPO	69321
Oral glucose challenge test — gestational diabetes	OGCT	66545
Oral glucose tolerance test — gestational diabetes	GTTP	66542
Osmolality, serum or urine	OSML	66563
Ovary — tissue antigens — antibodies	AOV	71109
Oxalate	OXAL	66752
Oxazepam	OXAZ	66611
PAA (phenyl acetic acid)	PAA	66779
Palmitic acid in amniotic fluid	PALM	66749
Pap smear	CCR	73053
Papanicolaou test	CCR	73053
Paracetamol	PARA	66611
Parainfluenza 1 — microbial antibody testing	PF1	69384
Parainfluenza 2 — microbial antibody testing	PF2	69384
Parainfluenza 3 — microbial antibody testing	PF3	69384
Paraprotein characterisation — by electrophoresis and immunoelectrophoresis or immunofixation or isoelectric focussing	PPRO	71059
Paraprotein quantitation — by electrophoresis	EPPI	71057
Paraprotein characterisation — on concurrently collected serum or urine	PPSU	71060
Paraquat	PARQ	66611
Parasites — microscopic examination of faeces	OCP	69336-42
Parathyroid — tissue antigens — antibodies	PTHA	71109
Parathyroid hormone (PTH)	PTH	66695
Paratyphi — microbial antibody testing	PTY	69384
Partial thromboplastin time	PTT	65120

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Patient episode initiation fees	PEI	73901-15
Pentagastrin	PSTR	66689
Pentobarbitone	PENT	66611
Perhexiline	PHEX	66611
Pertussis — microbial antibody testing	PER	69384
Phenobarbitone	PHBA	66611
Phensuximide	PHEN	66611
Phenylacetic acid	PAA	66779
Phenytoin	PHEY	66611
Phosphate	PHOS	66500
Phosphatidylglycerol	PTGL	66749
Plasminogen	PLAS	65139
Platelet — tissue antigens — antibodies	APA	71109
Platelet — aggregation	PLTG	65144
Platelet — count	PLTC	65070
PM-Sc1 — tissue antigens — antibodies	PM1	71119
Poliomyelitis — microbial antibody testing	PLO	69384
Porphobilinogen in urine	UPG	66782
Porphyrins — quantitative test, 1 or more fractions	PR	66785
Porphyrins in urine — qualitative test	UPR	66782
Potassium	K	66500
Prealbumin	PALB	66632
Prednisolone	PRED	66611
Pregnancy serology — 1 test	MSP1	69405
Pregnancy serology — 2 tests	MSP2	69408
Pregnancy serology — 3 tests	MSP3	69411
Pregnancy testing		73806
Pregnancy testing — HCG detection	HCG	73527, 73529

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Pregnancy testing — diagnosis of Down's syndrome and neural tube defect	NTDD	66740
Pregnancy testing — HCG quantitation	HCG	73529
Primidone	PRIM	66611
Procainamide	PCAM	66611
Progesterone	PROG	66695
Prolactin	PROL	66695
Prominal	PROM	66611
Propranolol	PPNO	66611
Prostatic acid phosphatase	ACP	66656
Prostate specific antigen	PSA	66656
Protein — C	PROC	65132-36, 65142, 65171
Protein — S	PROS	65132-36, 65142, 65171
Protein, quantitation of — alpha fetoprotein	AFP	66650-53, 66740, 66743
Protein, quantitation of — alpha-1-antitrypsin	AAT	66635
Protein, quantitation of — beta-2-microglobulin	BMIC	66629
Protein, quantitation of — caeruloplasmin	CPLS	66632
Protein, quantitation of — C-1 esterase inhibitor	CEI	66644
Protein, quantitation of — classes or presence and amount of paraprotein by electrophoresis	EPPI	71057
Protein, quantitation of — ferritin (see also Iron studies)	FERR	66593
Protein, quantitation of — for Down's syndrome/neural tube defect testing	NTDD	66740
Protein, quantitation of — haptoglobins	HGLB	66632
Protein, quantitation of — microalbumin	MALB	66560
Protein, total — quantitation of	PROT	66500
Proteus OX 19 — microbial antibody testing	POX	69384

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Proteus OXK — microbial antibody testing	POK	69384
Prothrombin gene mutation	PGM	65168, 65174
Prothrombin time	PT	65120
Pyruvate	PVTE	66500
Q fever — microbial antibody testing	QFF	69384
Quinalbarb	QUIB	66611
Quinidine	QUIN	66611
Quinine	QNN	66611
Rapid plasma reagin test — microbial antibody testing	RPR	69384
RAST	RAST	71079
Rectum — microscopy and culture of material from	MCGR	69312
Rectum — microscopy and culture of material from	MCCH	69315
Red blood cells — Kleihauer	KLEI	65162
Red cell folate and serum B12	B12F	66602
Red cell folate and serum B12 and serum folate if required	B12F	66602
Red cell folate and serum folate	RCF	66599
Red cell porphyrins — qualitative test	RCP	66782
Referred specimen fee		73921
Renin	REN	66695
Reptilase test	REPT	65120
Respiratory syncytial virus — microbial antibody testing	RSV	69384
Respiratory syncytial virus — microbial antigen testing	RSVN	69372
Reticulin — tissue antigens — antibodies	RCA	71119
Reticulocyte count	RETC	65072
Rheumatoid factor	RF	71106

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Rheumatoid factor — quantitation	RFQ	71106
Ross River virus — microbial antibody testing	RRV	69384
RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) — microbial antibody testing	RSV	69384
RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) — microbial antigen testing	RSVN	69372
Rubella — serology	RUB	69384
Salicylate (aspirin)	SALI	66611
Salivary gland — tissue antigens — antibodies	ASG	71109
Salmonella typhi (H) — microbial antibody testing	SAH	69384
Salmonella typhi (O) — microbial antibody testing	SAO	69384
Schistosoma — microbial antibody testing	STO	69384
Scl-70 — tissue antigens — antibodies	SCL	71119
Secretin	SSGR	66689
Selenium	SE	66669-70
Semen examination	SEE	73523
Semen examination — for spermatozoa (post vasectomy)	SES	73521
Serology — in pregnancy (see Pregnancy serology)		
Serotonin	5HT	66779
Serum — B12	B12	66599
Serum — folate (with B12 red cell folate)	B12F	66602
Serum — folate (with B12)	B12	66599
Sex hormone binding globulin	SHBG	66695
Skeletal muscle — tissue antigens — antibodies	SLA	71109
Skin — cytology	SMCY	73043
Skin — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSS	69306
Skin — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSK	69309

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Skin basement membrane — tissue antigens — antibodies	SKA	71109
Smooth muscle — tissue antigens — antibodies	SMA	71119
Snake venom	HISS	66623
Sodium	NA	66500
Solid tissue or tissues — chemical assays	ENZS	66683
Solid tissue or tissues — cytology of fine needle aspiration	FNCY	73049
Solid tissue or tissues — cytology of fine needle aspiration by, or in presence of pathologist	FNCP	73051
Somatomedin	SOMA	66695
Sotalol	SALL	66611
Specific IgE or IgG antibodies	RAST	71079
Specimen referred fee		73921
Sperm antibodies	SAB	73525
Sperm antibodies — penetrating ability	SPA	73525
Sputum — cytology (1 specimen)	BFCY	73045
Sputum — cytology (3 specimens)	SPCY	73047
Sputum — for mycobacteria — 1 specimen	AFB1	69324
Sputum — for mycobacteria — 2 specimens	AFB2	69327
Sputum — for mycobacteria — 3 specimens	AFB3	69330
Sputum — microscopy and culture of specimens	MCSP	69318
Stelazine	STEL	66611
Steroid fraction or fractions in urine	USF	66695
Streptococcal serology — anti-DNASE B titre — microbial antibody testing	ADNB	69384
Streptococcal serology — anti-streptolysin O titre — microbial antibody testing	ASOT	69384
Streptococcus — Group B	STB	69372
Streptococcus pneumoniae — CSF antigens	SPN	69372

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Streptococcus pneumoniae — microbial antibody testing	PCC	69384
Streptococcus pneumoniae — microbial antigen testing	SPN	69372
Strontium	SR	66672-73
Stypven test	STYP	65120
Sugar water test	SWT	65075
Sulthiame (Ospolot)	SUL	66611
Supplementary testing for Hepatitis C antibodies	HCST	69441
Synacthen stimulation test	SYNS	66689
Syphilis serology	STS	69387
Syphilis serology with 1 of item 69435, 69438 or 69453	SHV	69465
Testosterone	TES	66695
Tetanus — microbial antibody testing	TET	69384
Thalassaemia studies	TS	65078
Theophylline	THEO	66611
Thermoactinomyces vulgaris — microbial antibody testing	THE	69384
Thermopolyspora — microbial antibody testing	TPS	69384
Thiopentone	TOPO	66611
Thioridazine	THIO	66611
Throat — microscopy and culture of material from	MCSW	69303
Thrombin time	TT	65120
Thrombophilia testing — see individual thrombophilia tests		
Thyroglobulin	TGL	66650
Thyroglobulin — tissue antigens — antibodies	ATG	71109
Thyroid function tests (including TSH)	TFT	66719

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Thyroid microsome — tissue antigens — antibodies	TMA	71109
Thyroid stimulating hormone (if requested on its own, or as a preliminary test to thyroid function testing)	TSH	66716
Thyroid stimulating hormone (if requested with other hormones referred to in item 66695)	TSH	66722-34
Thyrotrophin releasing hormone test	TRH	66689
Total protein	PROT	66500
Toxocara — microbial antibody testing	TOC	69384
Toxoplasma — microbial antibody testing	TOX	69384
TPHA (Treponema pallidum haemagglutination test) — microbial antibody testing	TPHA	69384
Treponema pallidum haemagglutination test — microbial antibody testing	TPHA	69384
Trichinosis — microbial antibody testing	TOS	69384
Triglycerides	TRIG	66521
Trimipramine	TRIM	66611
Troponin	TROP	66518
Tryptic activity in faeces	TAF	66677
TSH receptor antibody test — tissue antigens — antibodies	TSHA	71109
Tuberculosis	MANT	73811
Tumour markers — CA-15.3 antigen	CA15	66650
Tumour markers — CA-19.9 antigen	CA19	66650
Tumour markers — CA-125 antigen	C125	66650
Tumour markers — carcinoembryonic antigen	CEA	66650
Tumour markers — mammary serum antigen	MSA	66650
Tumour markers — prostate specific antigen	PSA	66656
Tumour markers — prostatic acid phosphatase — 1 or more fractions	ACP	66656



Test	Abbreviation	Item
Tumour markers — thyroglobulin	TGL	66650
Typhus, Weil-Felix — microbial antibody testing	TYP	69384
Urate	URAT	66500
Urea	U	66500
Urea, electrolytes, creatinine	U&E	66515
Urethra — microscopy and culture of material from	MCGR	69312
Urethra — microscopy and culture of material from	MCCH	69315
Urine — acidification test	UAT	66587
Urine — catalase test	UCAT	73805
Urine — cystine (cysteine)	UCYS	66782
Urine — cytology — on 1 specimen	BFCY	73045
Urine — cytology — on 3 specimens	SPCY	73047
Urine — haemoglobin	UHB	66782
Urine — microscopy, culture, identification and sensitivity	UMCS	69333
Urine — porphobilinogen	UPG	66782
Urine — porphyrins — qualitative test	UPR	66782
Urine — steroid fraction or fractions	USF	66695
Urine — urobilinogen	UUB	66782
Vagina — microscopy and culture of material from	MCGR	69312
Vagina — microscopy and culture of material from	MCCH	69315
Vagina — cytology on specimens from	CVO	73057
Valproate (Epilim)	VALP	66611
Vancomycin	VAN	66611
Varicella zoster — microbial antibody testing	VCZ	69384
Varicella zoster — microbial antigen testing	VCZN	69372

Test	Abbreviation	Item
Vasoactive intestinal peptide	VIP	66695
Vasopressin	ADH	66695
VDRL (Venereal Disease Research Laboratory) — microbial antibody testing	VDRL	69384
Viscosity of blood or plasma	VISC	65060
Vitamins — B12	B12	66599
Vitamins — D	VITD	66608
Vitamins — folate	RCF	66599
Vitamins — quantitation of A, B1, B2, B3, B6, C or E	VIT	66605
VMA (see HMMA)		
Von Willebrand's factor	VWF	65150
Von Willebrand's factor antigen	VWA	65150
Warfarin	WFR	66611
Yersinia enterocolitica — microbial antibody testing	YER	69384
Zinc	ZN	66667-70

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Specimen type	Complexity level
Adrenal resection, neoplasm	5
Adrenal resection, not neoplasm	4
Anus, all specimens not otherwise specified	3
Anus, neoplasm, biopsy	4
Anus, neoplasm, radical resection	6
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Artery, all specimens not otherwise specified	3
Artery, biopsy	4
Bartholin's gland — cyst	3
Bile duct, resection — all specimens	6
Bone, biopsy, curettings or fragments — lesion	5
Bone, biopsy or curettings quantitation — metabolic disease	6
Bone, femoral head	4
Bone, resection, neoplasm — all sites and types	6
Bone marrow, biopsy	4
Bone — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Brain neoplasm, resection — cerebello-pontine angle	4
Brain or meninges, biopsy — all lesions	5
Brain or meninges, not neoplasm — temporal lobe	6
Brain or meninges, resection — neoplasm (intracranial)	5
Brain or meninges, resection — not neoplasm	4
Branchial cleft, cyst	4
Breast, excision biopsy, guidewire localisation — non-palpable lesion	6
Breast, excision biopsy, or radical resection, malignant neoplasm — all specimen types	6

Specimen type	Complexity level
Breast, incision biopsy or needle biopsy, malignant neoplasm — all specimen types	4
Breast tissue — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Bronchus, biopsy	4
Carotid body — neoplasm	5
Cholesteatoma	3
Digits, amputation — not traumatic	4
Digits, amputation — traumatic	2
Ear, middle and inner — not cholesteatoma	4
Endocrine neoplasm — not otherwise specified	5
Extremity, amputation or disarticulation — neoplasm	6
Extremity, amputation — not otherwise specified	4
Eye, conjunctiva — biopsy or pterygium	3
Eye, cornea	4
Eye, enucleation or exenteration — all lesions	5
Eye — not otherwise specified	4
Fallopian tube, biopsy	4
Fallopian tube, ectopic pregnancy	4
Fallopian tube, sterilization	2
Fetus with dissection	6
Foreskin — new born	2
Foreskin — not new born	3
Gallbladder	3
Gallbladder and porta hepatis-radical resection	6
Ganglion cyst, all sites	3
Gum or oral mucosa, biopsy	4
Heart valve	4
Heart — not otherwise specified	5
Hernia sac	2

Specimen type	Complexity level
Hydrocele sac	2
Jaw, upper or lower, including bone — radical resection for neoplasm	6
Joint and periarticular tissue, without bone — all specimens	3
Joint tissue, including bone — all specimens	4
Kidney, biopsy including transplant	5
Kidney, nephrectomy transplant	5
Kidney, partial or total nephrectomy or nephroureterectomy — neoplasm	6
Kidney, partial or total nephrectomy — not neoplasm	4
Large bowel (including rectum), biopsy — all sites	4
Large bowel, colostomy — stoma	3
Large bowel (including rectum), polyp	4
Large bowel, segmental resection — colon, not neoplasm	5
Large bowel (including rectum), segmental resection, neoplasm	6
Larynx, biopsy	4
Larynx, partial or total resection	5
Larynx, resection with nodes or pharynx or both	6
Lip, biopsy or wedge resection	4
Liver, hydatid cyst — resection for trauma	4
Liver, total or subtotal hepatectomy	6
Liver — all specimens not otherwise specified	5
Lung, needle or transbronchial biopsy	4
Lung, resection — neoplasm	6
Lung, wedge biopsy	5
Lung segment, lobe or total — not neoplasm	5
Lymph node, biopsy — all sites	4
Lymph nodes, regional resection — all sites	5
Mediastinum mass	5
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Specimen type	Complexity level
Muscle, biopsy	5
Nasopharynx or oropharynx, biopsy	4
Nerve, biopsy neuropathy	5
Nerve, neurectomy or removal of neoplasm	4
Nerve — not otherwise specified	3
Nose, mucosal biopsy	4
Nose or sinuses, polyps	3
Odontogenic neoplasm	5
Odontogenic or dental cyst	4
Oesophagus, biopsy	4
Oesophagus, diverticulum	3
Oesophagus, partial or total resection	6
Omentum, biopsy	4
Ovary with or without tube — neoplasm	5
Ovary with or without tube — not neoplasm	4
Pancreas, biopsy	5
Pancreas, cyst	4
Pancreas, subtotal or total with or without splenectomy	6
Parathyroid gland(s)	4
Penisectomy with node dissection	5
Penisectomy — simple	4
Peritoneum, biopsy	4
Pituitary neoplasm	4
Placenta — not third trimester	4
Placenta — third trimester, abnormal pregnancy or delivery	4
Pleura or pericardium, biopsy or tissue	4
Products of conception, spontaneous or missed abortion	4
Products of conception, termination of pregnancy	3
Prostate, radical resection	6

Specimen type	Complexity level
Prostate — all types of specimen not otherwise specified	4
Retroperitoneum, neoplasm	5
Salivary gland, Mucocoele	3
Salivary gland, neoplasm — all sites	5
Salivary gland — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Sinus, front nasal, ethmoidectomy	6
Sinus, paranasal, biopsy	4
Sinus, paranasal, resection — neoplasm	5
Skin, biopsy — blistering skin diseases	5
Skin, biopsy — inflammatory dermatosis	5
Skin, eyelid, wedge resection	4
Skin, local resection — orientation or margins, at least 5 cm long	4
Skin, resection of malignant melanoma with full evaluation including measurement of Breslow thickness and Clark level	5
Skin — all specimens not otherwise specified including all neoplasms and cysts	3
Small bowel, diverticulum	3
Small bowel, resection — neoplasm	6
Small bowel — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Soft tissue, extensive resection at least 5 cm long — neoplasm	6
Soft tissue, lipoma and variants	3
Soft tissue, neoplasm, not lipoma — all specimens	5
Soft tissue — not otherwise specified	4
Spleen	5
Stomach, endoscopic biopsy or endoscopic polypectomy	4
Stomach, resection, neoplasm — all specimens	6
Stomach — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Tendon or tendon sheath, giant cell neoplasm	4

Specimen type	Complexity level
Tendon or tendon sheath — not otherwise specified	3
Testis, biopsy	5
Testis and adjacent structures, castration	2
Testis and adjacent structures, neoplasm with or without nodes	5
Testis and adjacent structures, vas deferens sterilization	2
Testis and adjacent structures — not otherwise specified	3
Thymus — not otherwise specified	5
Thyroglossal duct — all lesions	4
Thyroid — all specimens	5
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, abscess	3
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, haematoma	3
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, malignant neoplasm with regional nodes	6
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, neoplasm local	4
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, pilonidal cyst or sinus	3
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, thrombus or embolus	3
Tissue or organ not otherwise specified, veins varicosity	3
Tissue or organ — all specimens not otherwise specified	3
Tongue, biopsy	4
Tongue or tonsil, neoplasm local	5
Tongue or tonsil, neoplasm with nodes	6
Tonsil, biopsy — excluding resection of whole organ	4
Tonsil or adenoids or both	2
Trachea, biopsy	4
Ureter, biopsy	4
Ureter, resection	5
Urethra, biopsy	4



Specimen type	Complexity level
Urethra, resection	5
Urinary bladder, partial or total with or without prostatectomy	6
Urinary bladder, transurethral resection of neoplasm	5
Urinary bladder — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Uterus, cervix, curettings or biopsy	4
Uterus, cervix cone, biopsy (including LEEP or LLETZ biopsy)	5
Uterus, endocervix, polyp	3
Uterus, endometrium, polyp	3
Uterus with or without adnexa, malignant neoplasm — all specimen types not otherwise specified	5
Uterus with or without adnexa, neoplasm, Wertheim's or pelvic clearance	6
Uterus and/or cervix — all specimens not otherwise specified	4
Vagina, biopsy	4
Vagina, radical resection	6
Vaginal mucosa, incidental	3
Vulva or labia, biopsy	4
Vulval, subtotal or total with or without nodes	6

### Note

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 1 2000. 1 November