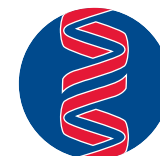


# Medicare Testing Criteria or Limitations



Reference: Medicare Benefits Schedule November 2009

TEST	RULE
Bile Acids	Maximum of 3 tests per pregnancy
Cardiac Markers	Only 1 test per 24 hour period
Cu, Zn, Mg, Se, Al	3 tests in 6 months
Faeces Culture Faeces Ova, Cysts and Parasites	Only 1 request per 7 day period Only 2 tests per 7 day period
First Trimester Screen	Not more than once in a pregnancy
Free T4 or Free T3	<b>(Medicare rebate only applies if any of the following criteria are written in Clinical Notes):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSH is abnormal</li> <li>• Monitoring thyroid disease</li> <li>• Psychiatric investigations or dementia</li> <li>• Infertility investigation or amenorrhoea</li> <li>• Pituitary dysfunction suspected</li> <li>• On drugs interfering with thyroid function.</li> </ul>
Fructosamine	4 tests in 12 months
HbA1c	4 tests in 12 months
HbA1c (in pregnancy)	6 tests in 12 months
HCV (Genotype)	1 test in 12 months
Hep B DNA	1 request in 12 months if Hep B carrier and not on treatment 4 requests in 12 months if Hep B carrier and on treatment
Hep C Viral RNA	1 test in 12 months to confirm diagnosis 4 tests in 12 months for monitoring anti viral therapy
IgE	2 tests in 12 months
Lead	3 tests in 6 months
Lipoprotein EPG	2 tests in 12 months
Protein EPG	Only 1 test per 28 day period
PSA-Total (diagnosed prostatic disease)	No limit
PSA-Total (screening)	1 test in 12 months
Specific IgE ( <i>in vitro</i> allergy: formerly RAST)	4 requests in 12 months
Urine Drug Screen (monitoring treatment)	36 tests in 12 months
Vitamins A, B1, B2, B3, B6, C & E	1 request for any, or all, in 6 months
Vitamin B12 or Red Cell Folate	3 tests in 12 months (any combination)