

Medicare Rebate Limitations



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Reference: Medicare Benefits Schedule July 2011

TEST	RULE
Activated Protein C Resistance (APC Resistance)	History of venous thromboembolism OR First degree relative who has a proven defect
Antithrombin (AT)	History of venous thromboembolism OR First degree relative who has a proven defect
Bile Acids	Maximum of 3 tests in a pregnancy
Cu, Zn, Mn, Se	3 tests in 6 months
Factor V Leiden PCR	Proven DVT/PE in patient OR Presence of mutation in first degree relatives
Faeces Culture	Only 1 test per 7 day period
Faeces Ova, Cysts and Parasites	Only 2 tests per 7 day period
First Trimester Screen	Not more than once in a pregnancy
Fragile X PCR Gene Test (DNA Probe)	Developmental delay or family history
Free T4 or Free T3	(Medicare rebate only applies if any of the following criteria are written in Clinical Notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSH is abnormal • Monitoring thyroid disease • Psychiatric investigations or dementia • Infertility investigation or amenorrhoea • Pituitary dysfunction suspected • On drugs interfering with thyroid function
Fructosamine	4 tests in 12 months for established diabetes
HbA1c	4 tests in 12 months for established diabetes
HbA1c (in pregnancy)	6 tests in 12 months
Hep B virus DNA – quantitative	1 test in 12 months if Hep B carrier and not on treatment 4 tests in 12 months if Hep B carrier and on treatment
Hep C Virus – genotype	1 test in 12 months for pre-treatment assessment by a specialist
Hep C virus RNA – qualitative	1 test in 12 months to confirm diagnosis 4 tests in 12 months for monitoring anti viral therapy
Hep C virus RNA – quantitative	1 test in 12 months for pre-treatment assessment by a specialist 1 test every 3 months monitoring combination etc antiviral treatment
IgE	2 tests in 12 months
Lead	3 tests in 6 months
Lipoprotein EPG	2 tests in 12 months
MTHFR (Methylene Tetrahydrofolate Reductase) Gene Mutation	Proven DVT/PE in patient OR Presence of mutation in first degree relatives
Protein C	History of venous thromboembolism OR First degree relative who has a proven defect
Protein EPG	Only 1 test per 28 day period
Protein S	History of venous thromboembolism OR First degree relative who has a proven defect
Prothrombin Gene Mutation 20210 PCR	Detection of a mutation associated with venous clotting
PSA-Total (diagnosed prostatic disease)	No limit
PSA-Total (screening)	1 test in 12 months
PSA (Total & Free)	PSA between median and upper limit of reference range – 1 request in 12 months
PSA (Total & Free)	PSA between upper limit of reference range and 10ug/L – 4 requests in 12 months
Quantiferon TB Gold	Patient who is immunosuppressed
Specific IgE (<i>in vitro</i> allergy: formerly RAST)	4 tests in 12 months
Urine Drug Screen (monitoring treatment)	36 tests in 12 months
Vitamins A, E	1 or more tests in 6 months
Vitamin B12, Serum Folate or Red Cell Folate	3 requests in 12 months (any combination of tests)

Listed above are the more commonly requested tests.
For a complete listing please refer to the Medicare Schedule.

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