



Information re Medicare Rebate changes –VITAMIN D
(Effective from 1 Sept 2015)

A Medicare rebate for Vitamin D testing can **only** be claimed if the patient's clinical history includes one of the conditions outlined below.

Note: This information **must** be documented in the clinical history on the request form.

- Has signs or symptoms of osteoporosis or osteomalacia
- Has increased alkaline phosphatase and otherwise normal liver function tests
- Has hyperparathyroidism, hypo-or hypercalcaemia, or hypophosphataemia
- Is suffering from malabsorption
- Has deeply pigmented skin, or chronic and severe lack of sun exposure for cultural, medical, occupational or residential reasons
- Is taking medication known to decrease 25OH-D levels
- Has chronic renal failure or is a renal transplant recipient
- Is less than 16 years of age and has signs or symptoms of rickets
- Has a sibling who is less than 16 years of age and has Vitamin D deficiency
- Is an infant whose mother has established Vitamin D deficiency
- Is a exclusively breastfed baby with one other risk factor mentioned above

Due to above restrictions, ACT Pathology can only bill to Medicare when the above criteria is met.

From September 1st 2015, patients who do not meet the above criteria will be issued an invoice that is Non-Medicare rebatable for \$25.55.

ACT Pathology is a division of ACT Health and any charges are based on the Health Fees Determination made under the Health Act 1993, s192 (Determination of Fees). These fees are reviewed each financial year.

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