



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
**FEE FOR SERVICE OUTPATIENT
LABORATORY**
FACILITY APPROVAL CATEGORIES

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Introduction

The following is a list of Fee-for-Service (FFS) outpatient laboratory Facility Approval Categories by fee item.

For billing and payment purposes, prospective facility operators will identify in their Application for a New Approved Laboratory Facility what Facility Approval Category or level of Fee-for-Service outpatient laboratory service a facility is resourced to provide.

The Laboratory Services Act requires that the laboratory facility that is the subject of a proposed approval must be accredited to a standard satisfactory to the minister. The Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) has been established as the accreditation standard by the minister.

As part of the facility Approval process, the minister assigns one or more Category levels to each approved laboratory facility, reflecting the laboratory services (benefits) the facility is authorized to provide. These Categories are intended to correspond with the DAP accreditation disciplines.

For example, a “Category 1 facility” would only be approved to provide, and subsequently submit claims to the minister for, laboratory services corresponding to the fee items (tests and procedures) listed under Category 1.

Operators may only submit claims for fee items listed under the Category approved for that facility. If the capability or capacity of an approved laboratory facility is changed, a new Facility Category may be assigned by the minister.

Facility Approval Categories and associated laboratory medicine fee items include:

- Category 1 - General laboratory tests and procedures
- Category 2A - Hematology
- Category 2B - Microbiology
- Category 2C - Clinical Chemistry
- Category 2M - Category 3 minus all Microbiology fee items
- Category 3 - Full Approval minus the Specialty Categories

Categories 2A through Category 3 also include approval to conduct Category 1 tests. Category 3 includes Categories 1 and 2 plus the remainder of tests and procedures in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees, unless specifically excluded, as certain fee items could be restricted to specialty sites.

The following Specialty Categories and associated fee items are specifically excluded from Category 3:

- Category 2G - Cytogenetics
- Category 2V - Virology
- Category 2S - Specialized

FACILITY APPROVAL CATEGORIES AND ASSOCIATED FEE ITEMS

FACILITY CATEGORY 1 – GENERAL LABORATORY TESTS AND PROCEDURES

90000	Venepuncture
90115	Examination – Eosinophils /Secretions/Excretions
90225	Haemoglobin – cyanmethaemoglobin method, and/or haematocrit
90512	Secretion smear for eosinophils
90515	Sedimentation rate
90640	Candida Culture
90670	Fungus, direct examination, KOH preparation
90740	Stained Smear
90785	Trichomonas and/or Candida, direct examination
90795	Examination for pinworm ova
90837	Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV) Test
91700	Glucose – semiquantitative (dipstick analysed visually or by reflectance meter)
92005	Occult Blood – faeces
92007	Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) – For Sample Collection Only
92108	Pregnancy Test, immunologic – urine
92382	Urinalysis – Complete diagnostic, semi-quant and micro
92385	Urinalysis – Chemical or any part of (screening)
92391	Urinalysis – Microscopic examination of centrifuged deposit
93170	Sperm, Seminal examination for presence or absence

FACILITY CATEGORY 2A – HEMATOLOGY – includes Category 1 tests

90080	Direct antiglobulin (Coombs') test, polyspecific performed other than as part of a cross-match procedure
90170	Fibrin/fibrinogen degradation products
90205	Hematology Profile (to include automated Hbg, WBC, Hct, RBC indices and differential white cell count when indicated)
90305	Infectious mononucleosis - slide agglutination
90315	Latex test (rheumatoid factor)
90370	Partial thromboplastin time (PTT) substitution test
90400	Platelet estimation on film
90440	Prothrombin Time
90465	RBC morphology including platelet estimation
90490	Reticulocyte count and/or Heinz bodies
90525	Sickle cell identification
90545	Thrombin time

FACILITY CATEGORY 2B – MICROBIOLOGY – includes Category 1 tests

90615	Antibiotic susceptibility test
90620	Biochemical identification of micro-organism – per organism
90720	Routine culture
90736	Cervical Culture
90737	Vaginal Culture
90738	Urethral Culture
90739	Combined Vagino-Anorectal or Vaginal Culture
90741	Genital Culture – Other Site

90745	Stool culture (to include Campylobacter identification)
90750	Biochemical identification of micro-organism in stool
90751	Molecular identification, stool isolate
90760	Streptococci – rapid test
90775	Throat or nose culture
90780	Throat or nose culture – each additional culture
90790	Urine colony count culture

FACILITY CATEGORY 2C – CLINICAL CHEMISTRY – includes Category 1 tests

91000	Primary base fee
91005	Split base fee (collecting facility)
91010	Split base fee (referral facility)
91040	Albumin – serum/plasma
91042	Albumin – transudate/exudate
91065	Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)
91070	Alkaline phosphatase
91125	Amylase – cyst
91126	Amylase – serum/plasma
91127	Amylase – transudate/exudate
91210	Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)
91235	Bicarbonate – serum/plasma
91245	Bilirubin, total – serum/plasma
91250	Bilirubin, direct
91326	Calcium – total, serum/plasma
91328	Calcium – urine random
91355	Cells, count – CSF and other body fluids
91356	Cell differential – CSF and other body fluids
91366	Chloride – serum/plasma
91368	Chloride – urine random
91369	Chloride – whole blood
91375	Cholesterol, total
91415	Creatine kinase (phosphokinase)
91420	Creatinine – random urine
91421	Creatinine – time urine collection
91690	Glucose – gestational assessment
91695	Glucose Tolerance Test – Gestational Protocol
91705	Glucose quantitative – CSF
91706	Glucose – joint fluid
91707	Glucose – serum/plasma
91708	Glucose – transudate/exudate
91715	Glucose tolerance test, 2 to 5 hours
91725	Glutamyl transpeptidase (GTP)
91780	High density lipoproteins cholesterol (HDL cholesterol)
91896	Lactate - whole blood
91900	Lactate dehydrogenase – CSF
91901	Lactate dehydrogenase – serum/plasma
91902	Lactate dehydrogenase – transudate/exudates
91930	Lipase
92006	Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) – Analysis Only
92045	pH, pCO ₂ , and pO ₂

92100	Potassium – serum/plasma
92102	Potassium – urine random
92103	Potassium – whole blood
92110	Pregnancy Test – Serum
92145	Proteins – total, quantitative – CSF etc
92146	Proteins – timed urine collection
92147	Proteins – total, joint fluid
92148	Proteins – total, serum or plasma
92149	Proteins – total, transudate/exudate
92151	Purine, Pyrimidine and Creatinine Disorder Screen
92230	Sodium – random urine
92231	Sodium – serum/plasma
92233	Sodium – whole blood
92350	Triglycerides – serum/plasma
92351	Triglycerides – transudate/exudate
92355	Troponin
92366	Urea – CSF
92368	Urea – serum/plasma
92369	Urea – urine random
92370	Urea – whole blood
92375	Uric acid – random urine
92376	Uric acid – serum/plasma
92377	Uric acid – synovial fluid
92390	Urinalysis, macroscopic, to include any/all of dipstick, specific gravity, visual
92395	Urinalysis, microscopic
92396	Microalbumin, semiquantitative
92397	Protein creatinine ratio, urine
92503	Amphetamines
92505	Benzodiazepines
92506	Tetrahydrocannabinoids (THC)
92507	Cocaine/Cocaine metabolite
92508	Ethanol
92510	Methadone metabolite
92511	Opiates
92513	Methadone
92514	Oxycodone, screening assay
92518	Fentanyl, urine screening immunoassay
92550	Urine, drug use screen - per analyte

FACILITY CATEGORY 2M – Category 3 minus all Microbiology fee items contained in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees– includes Category 1 tests

FACILITY CATEGORY 3 – FULL APPROVAL: includes Categories 1 and 2 plus the remainder of tests and procedures in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees, unless specifically excluded, as certain fee items could be restricted to specialty sites.

The following Categories and associated fee items are **specifically excluded from Category 3**:

FACILITY CATEGORY 2G – CYTOGENETICS

93015	Cytogenetic analysis of short term blood culture (lymphocytes)
93020	Cytogenetic analysis of bone marrow/malignant effusion
93025	Cytogenetic analysis of chorionic villus sampling
93030	Cytogenetic analysis of cultured amniotic fluid
93035	Cytogenetic analysis of cultured tissue (skin, amnion etc)
93040	Cytogenetic analysis of prenatal foetal blood sample
93045	Cytogenetic analysis of solid tumours
93047	Immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region somatic hyper-mutational status (IGHV-MA)
93048	Telomere Length testing for Telomere Biology Disorders (TBDs) 2-panel assay, by flow cytometry – fluorescent in-situ hybridization (Flow-FISH)
93049	Telomere Length testing for Telomere Biology Disorders (TBDs) 2-panel assay, by flow cytometry – fluorescent in-situ hybridization (Flow-FISH)
93050	Cytogenetic analysis using fluorescent in-situ hybridization
93051	Cytogenetic analysis/fluorescence in situ, single
93053	Cytogenetic analysis/fluorescence, uncultured
93055	Special staining (Giemsa II, DAPI/SCE, NOR)
93060	Special banding (Q-, R-, C-)
93065	Amniotic cell culture grown for biochemical analysis only
93070	Chromosomal breakage studies
93075	Investigation of chromosomal mosaicism
93080	High resolution chromosome analysis

FACILITY CATEGORY 2V – VIROLOGY

90815	Serological tests - 1 to 3 antigens
90820	Serological tests - 4 or more antigens
90830	Virus isolation
90831	Hepatitis B virus (HBV) identification by nucleic acid amplification, direct-quantification
90832	BK Polyoma virus identification by nucleic acid amplification, direct-quantification
90833	Cytomegalovirus viral (CMV) identification by nucleic acid amplification, direct-quantification
90835	HBV drug resistance mutation analysis
90836	Congenital Cytomegalovirus PCR tests (cCMV)

FACILITY CATEGORY 2S – SPECIALIZED

90127	Factor V Leiden/PGM – 1 st Gene
90128	Factor V Leiden/PGM – 2 nd Gene
90600	Acid Fast organisms – culture
91037	Acylcarnitine profiling
91096	Alpha-iduronidase, white blood cells
91180	Apoprotein E genotyping
91191	Aryl sulfatase A – white blood cells
91216	B-galactosidase – white blood cells
91221	B-glucosidase – white blood cells
91430	Culturing skin fibroblasts for biochemical or DNA analysis
91635	Fecal Elastase
91666	Galactocerebrosidase – white blood cells

91775 Hexosaminidase – serum
91777 Hexosaminidase, white blood cells
91805 I_gF- I (Somatomedin – C)
91992 Mitochondrial preparation – muscle
92010 Organic Acids
92195 Respiratory chain enzymes - muscle
92251 Sphingomyelinase – white blood cells
92277 Thiopurine Metabolites
92346 Transferrin Isoelectric focusing (qualitative)
92425 Very long chain fatty acids
92430 Vitamin A
92435 Vitamin B1
92440 Vitamin B2
92465 Vitamin E
92467 White blood cell preparation for lysosomal enzyme testing