



## 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                     |
| 90235 | Haemoglobin – other methods   |
| 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                     |
| 93120 | ECG tracing, without interpretation (technical fee) <sup>1</sup>                |
| 93170 | Sperm, Seminal examination for presence or absence                              |

### FACILITY CATEGORY 2A – HEMATOLOGY – includes Category 1 tests

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 90060 | Clot retraction   |
| 90080 | Direct antiglobulin (Coombs') test, polyspecific performed other than as part of a cross-match procedure              |
| 90090 | Eosinophil count  |
| 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   |
| 90415 | Preparation of plasma, per unit   |
| 90440 | Prothrombin Time  |
| 90460 | RBC antibody detection, per tube  |
| 90465 | RBC morphology including platelet estimation  |
| 90490 | Reticulocyte count and/or Heinz bodies  |
| 90495 | Rh(D) typing  |
| 90525 | Sickle cell identification  |
| 90545 | Thrombin time   |

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<sup>1</sup> While fee item 93120 ECG tracing is primarily a Medical Services Commission fee item, approved specimen collection stations may continue to offer ECG services (technical fee) and laboratory operators may continue to submit claims for this service.

## **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 Vagnio-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   |
| 90791 | Pneumocystis jirovecii Pneumonia (PJP) by Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) |

## **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                  |
| 91128 | Amylase – urine                               |
| 91210 | Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)              |
| 91235 | Bicarbonate – serum/plasma                    |
| 91236 | Bicarbonate – urine                           |
| 91240 | Bile pigments and salts, qualitative – urine  |
| 91245 | Bilirubin, total – serum/plasma               |
| 91246 | Bilirubin, total – transudate/exudate         |
| 91250 | Bilirubin, direct                             |
| 91255 | Blood, qualitative – gastric                  |
| 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  
 91709 Glucose – urine  
 91715 Glucose tolerance test, 2 to 5 hours  
 91716 Glucose tolerance test – 6 hr. or more  
 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<sub>2</sub>, and pO<sub>2</sub>  
 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  
 92200 Salicylates, qualitative, – serum  
 92202 Salicylates, qualitative, – urine  
 92230 Sodium – random urine  
 92231 Sodium – serum/plasma  
 92233 Sodium – whole blood  
 92350 Triglycerides – serum/plasma  
 92351 Triglycerides – transudate/exudate  
 92355 Troponin  
 92365 Urea – amniotic fluid  
 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  
 92405 Urobilinogen, qualitative – urine  
 92503 Amphetamines  
 92505 Benzodiazepines  
 92506 Tetrahydrocannabinoids (THC)  
 92507 Cocaine/Cocaine metabolite  
 92508 Ethanol

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|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 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  |
| 90825 | Smear or section for electron microscopy  |
| 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<sup>st</sup> Gene  
90128 Factor V Leiden/PGM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene  
90600 Acid Fast organisms – culture  
91027 Acid Lipase, white blood cells  
91037 Acylcarnitine profiling  
91096 Alpha-iduronidase, white blood cells  
91097 Alpha-mannosidase, white blood cells  
91180 Apoprotein E genotyping  
91191 Aryl sulfatase A – white blood cells  
91196 Aryl sulfatase B – white blood cells  
91200 Aryl sulfatase C – fibroblasts  
91201 Aryl sulfatase C – white blood cells  
91216 B-galactosidase – white blood cells  
91221 B-glucosidase – white blood cells  
91232 Beta-mannosidase, white blood cells  
91430 Culturing skin fibroblasts for biochemical or DNA analysis  
91635 Fecal Elastase  
91666 Galactocerebrosidase – white blood cells  
91730 Glutathione peroxidase  
91775 Hexosaminidase – serum  
91777 Hexosaminidase, white blood cells  
91800 IgA Anti-gliadin antibodies  
91805 IgF- I (Somatomedin – C)  
91992 Mitochondrial preparation – muscle  
91997 N-acetyl-Galactosamine-6-sulfate sulfatase, white blood cells  
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  
93052 Cytogenetic analysis/fluorescence, subtelomeric