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Pathology

CONSULTATION & TESTING

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
8691	Consultant Pathologist in-patient consultation (refer to specific rule, with special reference and applicability to tertiary level hospital review only)	No		
8899	Tests as listed for day case patients where clinically required and not as a screening tool for "not at risk patients". This code will not apply for testing in respect of members attending for day case chemotherapy (all codes applicable to oral, subcutaneous or IV chemo administration) where code 8900 will apply	No		
8900	Tests as listed (in-patient only), where clinically required and not as a screening tool for "not at risk patients"	No		

CATEGORY 3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
8970	MSU + culture	No		
9030	Sweat investigation	No		
9045	Stool: ova, cysts and parasites (microscopy)	No		
9050	Immunofluorescence - single antibody e.g. ANF (not claimable with code 9392 or if this leads to typing in Categories 4 or 5)	No		
9059	Catecholamine's and porphyrins - once per claim only	No		
9060	Cholinesterase/ pseudo cholinesterase - once per claim only	No		
9061	Acylcarnitine carnites - total and free	No		
9100	Interpretive review of culture result, bacterial, any source, by consultant Microbiologist or Clinical Pathologist, with isolates where indicated with or without definitive identification of isolates to the genus or species level including any additional necessary tests. Code 9100 is not claimable in relation to screening swabs for MRSA or other antimicrobial resistant organisms (see code 9101)	No		
9101	<p>MRSA or other antimicrobial resistant organism, interpretive review of culture from all screening swabs from the patient, for "at risk patients" only as defined by the SARI Infection Control Subcommittee and not for routine screening. Code 9101 is not payable during a side room, day case or 1 night only admission</p> <p>Definition of "at risk patient" for MRSA testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously known as being MRSA positive • Transfers from a hospital or medical institution • High risk patients for cardiac surgery, implantation surgery • Deep Body cavity surgery • Members suffering from wounds or ulcers • Intensive Care Unit admission 	No		
9202	Antibiotic assay - maximum payable, four per claim	No		
9204	MIC - minimum inhibitory concentration	No		
9207	Toxin levels (e.g. clostridium difficile/ botulinum) - exact toxin being investigated must be specified	No		
9223	HIV, STD or hepatitis screen	No		
9313	Acylcarnitine	No		
9385	Interpretive review of viral, bacterial or fungal serology or viral culture by consultant Microbiologist or Clinical Pathologist	No		

CATEGORY 4

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
8940	Urinary haemosiderin	No		
9160	Electrophoresis and chromatographic procedures (serum, lipoprotein, urine)	No		
9175	CSF including oligoclonal bands	No		
9180	Myeloma screen including electrophoresis	No		
9181	Trace metals (blood, urine and/ or dialysate)	No		
9182	Vitamins A, D or E	No		
9205	Antibody identification (transfusion) (one or more antibodies)	No		
9210	Haemoglobin electrophoresis	No		
9226	Thrombophilia screen – this consists of three or more of the following items: Antithrombin 3, Protein C, Protein S, APCR, Factor V Leiden mutation, prothrombin mutation, lupus anticoagulant, anti-cardiolipin antibodies, fibrinogen	No		
9280	Gel electrophoresis	No		
9507	Flow cytometry for CD4, CD8 and CD34 counts	No		
9694	Gene rearrangement studies	No		

CATEGORY 5

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9161	Gas chromatographic/ mass spectrometer for organic acid(s), assay	No		
9270	Paraprotein typing	No		
9301	Diabetic ketoacidosis/ hyperosmolar non-ketotic coma	No		
9302	Acute renal failure	No		
9303	Acute hepatic failure	No		
9304	Dynamic endocrine function tests (insulin stress test, synacthen test, dexamethasone suppression test, water deprivation test)	No		
9306	Porphyria investigation	No		
9307	Full endocrinological investigation of infertility	No		
9309	Full investigations for inborn errors of metabolism in paediatric patients (not including examinations from the National Newborn Screening Programme for inherited metabolic and genetic disorders)	No		

CATEGORY 5

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9312	Hypoglycaemia - not secondary to any previously diagnosed condition (includes hypoglycaemia associated with insulin overdose). Investigation must include some or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin and C-Peptide • Ketones • Beta-hydro butyrate and acetoacetate • Non-esterified fatty acids • Cortisol and growth hormone • Lactate and Pyruvate 	No		
9360	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination, requiring examination of between 1 and 2 tissue blocks from specimen(s) retrieved during a single operation	No		
9381	Interpretive review of culture of CSF, blood by a consultant Microbiologist or a Clinical Pathologist	No		
9391	Antisperm antibodies	No		
9392	Immunofluorescence - autoantibody screen and/ or DNA Abs and/ or subtyping (not claimable with 9050)	No		
9393	Polymerase chain reaction	No		
9605	Immune complex assays, not otherwise listed in Category 1	No		

CATEGORY 6

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9501	Marrow aspirate, not immunocyto - see Category 8	No		
9502	Marrow trephine	No		
9503	HLA typing	No		
9504	Immunofluorescence - microbial antibodies	No		
9506	Electron microscopy	No		
9508	Peripheral blood stem harvesting examination	No		
9530	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination, requiring examination of between 3 and 5 tissue blocks from specimen(s) retrieved during a single operation	No		
9531	Cell block and smear examination from fine needle aspiration biopsy	No		
9535	Lymph node	No		
9539	Upper G.I. series	No		
9540	Colonoscopic series	No		
9541	Prostate series	No		
9545	Parathyroid gland	No		
9550	Clinical (i.e. non screening) cytology, not including smear + section, see Category 7	No		
9604	Platelet aggregation studies	No		

CATEGORY 7

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9601	Liver, renal biopsies including special stains	No		
9603	Marrow aspirate and trephine done together (i.e. by same Pathologist)	No		
9606	Multimer analysis for Von Willebrand disease	No		
9650	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination, requiring examination of more than 5 tissue blocks from specimen(s) retrieved during a single operation	No		
9670	Frozen section immunofluorescence - direct or indirect	No		

CATEGORY 8

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9505	Immunocytochemistry	No		
9691	Immunohistochemistry (include fluorescence in-situ hybridisation)	No		
9693	Frozen section for rapid intraoperative diagnosis	No		
9695	Tumour aneuploidy by flow cytometry	No		
9696	Gene re-arrangement studies for the diagnosis of leukaemia or lymphoma (includes molecular isolation or extraction; enzymatic separation and nuclei acid probes)	No		

CATEGORY 9

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
9700	All tests associated with obstetrics, including normal delivery, caesarean section and miscarriage	No		