



Warfarin Care Clinic

Fee Information

QML PATHOLOGY WARFARIN CARE CLINIC

QML Pathology's Warfarin Dosing Service is not funded by Medicare or from any other funding source. The current Medicare rebate only provides rebates to pathology providers for INR testing and blood collection, and does not cover the cost of our specialist pathologists and the additional infrastructure needed to monitor the Warfarin levels of thousands of patients currently on the Warfarin Dosing Service. In order for QML Pathology to continue to provide the service, new and re-enrolling patients will receive an account for each of their first five INR tests. These initial charges will contribute towards the patient's Medicare Safety Net, and will also apply if the patient is reintroduced to the service after an absence of more than 3 months.

These initial registration fees have out-of-pocket payments, or gaps (as detailed below), and are used to continue to fund the program and help streamline the service in order to offer an improved program to the patients including:

- Specialist Pathologists monitoring their Warfarin levels
- Staff within the Clinic specifically trained to deal with Warfarin dosing
- A reminder and follow up process for urgent changes to Warfarin doses
- A reminder process for overdue blood tests for Warfarin patients
- Access to the Warfarin Support Group between the hours of 7.00am – 8.00pm, Monday to Friday, and 7.00am – 5.00pm, Saturday.

REGISTRATION FEES

Type of Patient in Warfarin Care Clinic	Fees Incurred for Each of the First Five INR Tests		
	ESTIMATED QML FEE* (PER TEST)	ESTIMATED MEDICARE REBATE* (PER TEST)	ESTIMATED PATIENT GAP* (PER TEST)
Collection at QML Pathology Collection Centre	\$66.95	\$16.85	\$50.10
Collection by Home Visit	\$86.35	\$20.55	\$65.80
Nursing Institution Resident	Nil	Nil	Nil
	ESTIMATED QML FEE* (PER TEST)	AMOUNT DIRECT BILLED TO DEPT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (DVA)	AMOUNT TO BE BILLED DIRECTLY TO DVA PATIENTS
DVA Gold Cardholder - Collection at QML Pathology Collection Centre	\$66.95	\$19.80	\$47.15
DVA Gold Cardholder - Collection by Home Visit	\$86.35	\$24.10	\$62.25

After the first five tests patients will generally be bulk billed for their INR testing. Ongoing home visits for blood tests will continue to be billed as per the schedule outlined below unless medically housebound.

HOME VISIT FEES

Home visit fees will apply to all patients requiring temporary home visits. DVA gold card holders and nursing home residents are exempt from these fees. Those patients who for clinical reasons require permanent home visits, i.e., medically housebound, may be exempt from these fees. However, QML Pathology reserves the right to determine home visit charges on a patient by patient basis.

Type of Patient in Warfarin Care Clinic	ESTIMATED QML FEE* (PER TEST)	ESTIMATED MEDICARE REBATE* (PER TEST)	ESTIMATED PATIENT GAP* (PER TEST)
Not medically indicated or temporary medically indicated home visit	\$55.50	\$20.55	\$35.00

* Please note that the above estimated fees, rebates and patient gap will be higher if there are additional tests ordered on the same request. Fees are correct at time of printing and may vary when changes are made to the Commonwealth Medicare Benefits Schedule.