

# Pathology



## WHAT IS PATHOLOGY?

Pathology is the branch of medicine that involves studying and diagnosing diseases. By looking at changes in tissue, blood and other body fluids it is possible to find the causes of disease, show a condition's severity and monitor the progress of treatments.

Pathology underpins modern medicine. More than 70 percent of all diagnoses are made in a pathology laboratory. **Every single case of cancer in Australia is diagnosed by a pathologist.**

Chronic diseases like diabetes, high cholesterol and kidney or liver disease are firstly diagnosed then managed using pathology investigations and virtually all preventive health programs rely on pathology tests.

## YOUR TEST

Your sample may have been collected by your doctor or practice nurse, or, you may have been assisted by one of our highly trained pathology specimen collectors.

In the lab, our expert scientific teams work around the clock to report results in the shortest possible time—mostly within 24 hours, sometimes in less than 1 hour.

Our report guides your treating doctor who may call on our specialist pathologists to further discuss your diagnosis and treatment.

## OUR TEAM

Our pathologists are doctors who have undergone extensive specialist training. They are leaders in their field and are called on for expert opinion by their local and international colleagues.

Our specially trained scientific team is supported by a network of collectors, couriers and admin people who ensure speed and accuracy in the process.

Southern. IML Pathology is fully accredited by NATA in conjunction with the Royal Australasian College of Pathologists.



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*"Your local Laboratory with national resources, serving our community"*

# Your Account and Your Medicare Rebate

## YOUR ACCOUNT

You have received your account for pathology tests that have been performed and reported to your treating doctor.

Fees for pathology tests are separate from the fees charged by other doctors. We limit our fees so that your out-of-pocket expenses are kept to a minimum. Your maximum out-of-pocket payment for Medicare eligible pathology tests performed on one day regardless of the number or complexity is \$130\*.

## PAYING YOUR ACCOUNT



**Australia Post Office.** The receipt you receive can be used to claim your Medicare rebate



**BPay Internet Banking. The reference number is unique;** you will need to change this number for each new account. Your receipt will be mailed to you



**Phone Credit Card 1300 135 139.** Phone facility 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Your receipt will be mailed to you



**Website.** You may access our website to pay your account. [www.southernpath.com.au](http://www.southernpath.com.au)

You may pay by cash, cheque or credit card, at any of our collection rooms. Please refer to our website for a convenient collection centre.

## CLAIMING YOUR REBATE

When the account is paid you can submit the receipt to Medicare to claim your rebate. Your Medicare rebate is the subsidy provided by the Australian government for services that are included in the Medicare Benefits Schedule. If any of your tests are not covered in this Schedule you will not receive a rebate. You will need to pay for these tests in full.

For more information about personal and test eligibility visit the Medicare Australia website [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au) or contact Medicare on 132 011.

## ACCOUNT ENQUIRES

If you need assistance please contact our Accounts department on **1300 552 512.**

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Further information visit our website [www.southernpath.com.au](http://www.southernpath.com.au)