

Medical Scientists 2009

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR MEDICAL SCIENTISTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2009

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

GENERAL RULES

01	<p>Each practitioner must acquaint him-/herself with the provisions of the Medical Schemes Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated under the Act and shall render a monthly account in respect of any service rendered during the month, irrespective of whether or not the treatment has been completed. NB. Every account shall contain the following particulars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The name and practice code number of the referring practitioner. · The name of the member. · The name of the patient. · The name of the medical scheme. · The membership number of the member. · The nature of the treatment. · The date on which the service was rendered. · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered. 	05.03
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ITEMS

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Medical Scientist : Genetic Counselling	
				RVU	Fee
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	04.00			
200	Genetic counselling. Duration: 1-10min.	05.03		0.500	35.00 (30.70)
201	Genetic counselling. Duration: 11-20min.	05.03		1.500	105.10 (92.20)
202	Genetic counselling. Duration: 21-30min.	05.03		2.500	175.10 (153.60)
203	Genetic counselling. Duration: 31-40min.	05.03		3.500	245.10 (215.00)
204	Genetic counselling. Duration: 41-50min.	05.03		4.500	315.20 (276.50)
205	Genetic counselling. Duration: 51-60min.	05.03		5.500	385.20 (337.90)
206	Genetic counselling. Duration: 61-70min.	05.03		6.500	455.20 (399.30)
207	Genetic counselling. Duration: 71-80min.	05.03		7.500	525.30 (460.80)
208	Genetic counselling. Duration: 81-90min.	05.03		8.500	595.30 (522.20)
Sample extraction					
300	DNA extraction - Blood	06.02		-	-
310	DNA extraction - Tissue (other than blood and including CVS and amniotic fluid)	06.02		-	-
320	DNA extraction - Tissue (paraffin blocks)	06.02		-	-
330	RNA extraction - Blood	06.02		-	-
340	RNA extraction - Tissue (other than blood and including CVS and amniotic fluid)	06.02		-	-
350	RNA extraction - Tissue (paraffin blocks)	06.02		-	-
PCR					
400	PCR-basic (up to four PCR primer sets)	06.02		-	-
410	PCR-multiplex (five or more primer sets)	06.02		-	-
420	PCR-realtime	06.02		-	-
430	PCR-reverse transcriptase	06.02		-	-
Detection Methods					
500	Diagnostic electrophoresis (agarose and polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and capillary electrophoresis)	06.02		-	-
510	Restriction enzyme digestion (use multiples based on cost of enzyme)	06.02		-	-
520	Probe hybridisation assays	06.02		-	-
530	dHPLC	06.02		-	-
540	MLPA	06.02		-	-
Southern Blotting					
610	DNA probe labelling (including hybridisation and autoradiography)	06.02		-	-
600	Southern blot (digest, gel and blotting)	06.02		-	-

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Medical Scientist : Genetic Counselling	
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Other					
700	Protein truncation test	06.02		-	-
730	Interpretation and reporting	06.02		-	-
720	DNA sequencing	06.02		-	-
710	Maternal contamination test (prenatal testing)	06.02		-	-