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Peanut allergy risk assessment



How is peanut allergy diagnosed?

The diagnosis is challenging

For parents, the diagnosis of peanut allergy is fraught with fear and apprehension; the chance that severe allergy may occur is of most concern. For doctors, the present tests significantly over-diagnose peanut allergy. Peanut sensitivity (any positive blood or skin test) occurs in up to 10% of children, true peanut allergy in 1–2% of children world-wide, though this figure may be higher in Australia. Over the period 2002–2007, peanut allergy has doubled in incidence in Australia, and admissions to hospital risen 4–5 fold.

To help patients and clinicians, Sullivan Nicolaidis Pathology offers the next generation of allergy tests, using recombinant peanut protein. When combined with traditional peanut RAST® (allergy) testing, this gives much greater knowledge about peanut allergy and the risk associated with it.

Anaphylaxis (severe allergy) occurs in around 10% of children with confirmed peanut allergy, though traditional tests (either skin or blood) only give a rough guide to this. Through further research on peanut allergy, various groups have shown that allergy to Ara h2, a peanut protein, gives the greatest risk of being allergic and of having a severe reaction. When used in conjunction with a peanut RAST®, this is able to give a risk profile for an individual. The timing of testing may be important; testing years after an allergy occurred will be more complex. Unfortunately, in allergy no test is 100% accurate, though progress towards a better test is being made. It is imperative that all results are discussed with your doctor. The results will be displayed in a way that demonstrates the peanut risk of the individual with allergy.

How can I have a Peanut Allergy Risk Assessment performed?

Pathology is a medical specialty, so your doctor will need to complete a pathology request form to refer you for Peanut Allergy Risk Assessment. They can complete the form in this brochure for you to take to your closest pathology collection centre.

Where can I have my blood test collected?

Blood collections for Peanut Allergy Risk Assessment are performed at designated paediatric collection centres. Please visit the website for the centre closest to you.

Please phone the collection centre to make an appointment to have this test.

Sullivan Nicolaidis Collection Centres are located in the following regions:

Queensland

- Brisbane and greater surrounds
- Cairns
- Fraser Coast
- Gold Coast
- Longreach
- Mackay
- Mt Isa
- Rockhampton
- Sunshine Coast
- Toowoomba and Darling Downs
- Townsville

New South Wales

- Coffs Harbour
- Grafton
- Northern Rivers
- Tenterfield

Northern Territory

- Darwin

Locate our collection centres



For a full list of collection centres and the opening hours, visit snp.com.au. With your web-enabled camera phone scan the QR Code with a QR Code reader application.

www.snp.com.au

Your account

Fees for pathology tests are separate from the fees charged by other doctors. Your account is for pathology tests that have been performed and reported to your treating doctor.

Fees

Peanut Allergy Risk Assessment is a complex test and cannot be bulk billed.

Fee = Medicare rebate + out-of-pocket patient contribution. See www.snp.com.au for current fee.

Paying your account



Australia Post Office. Pay your account and the receipt you receive can be used to claim your Medicare rebate.



BPay Internet Banking. Refer to your invoice for biller and reference numbers. Your receipt will be mailed to you to claim your Medicare rebate.



Online credit card www.snp.com.au.

Your receipt will be mailed to you to claim your Medicare rebate.



Phone Credit Card 1300 957 969.

Phone facility 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Your receipt will be mailed to you to claim your Medicare rebate.

Please note that cash payments are only accepted at designated payment centres.

*Correct at time of printing, subject to change without notice.
Further information visit our website www.snp.com.au.
Applicable to outpatient pathology services.

Claiming your rebate

Your Medicare rebate is the subsidy provided by the Australian government for services that are included in the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

When the account is paid you can submit the receipt to Medicare to claim your rebate if available. When any of your tests are not covered in the MBS 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. Enter the item numbers from your invoice to search for a description of the services provided. Alternatively, contact Medicare on **132 011**.

Account enquiries

If you need assistance please contact our Patient Services Support Team Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm on **1300 732 030**.

Your results

To obtain a copy of your pathology results please telephone our Patient Results Enquiry line **(07) 3377 8756**.

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LABORATORY COPY



Customer & Government Laboratory Reference Number

Request number

Phone number

Postcode

Test description

RAST: peanut allergy risk assessment.

Fasting
Non-fasting
Pregnant
Hormone therapy
LNMP
Gestational age (weeks)

Fee = Medicare rebate + out-of-pocket patient contribution when Medicare eligibility criteria are met.
See snp.com.au for current fees.

URGENT! Phone Fax By time:
Phone/Fax no _____
Private Schedule Fee Bulk Bill
Vet Affairs no _____
This test cannot be bulk billed.

PERSON COLLECTING SPECIMEN(S) TO COMPLETE:
I certify I established the identity of the patient named on this request, collected and immediately labelled the accompanying specimen(s) with the patient's details.
Name: _____
Address: _____
Signature: COLLECTOR

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
Name: _____
Address: _____

IF RULE 3 EXEMPTION

REQUESTING DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE AND REQUEST DATE

DOCTOR
Date: _____
 if Self Determine

Hospital code _____ Ward code _____

HOSPITAL STATUS State the patient's status at the time of service or when the specimen was collected: a private patient in a private hospital a private patient in a recognised hospital

SST EDTA CIT Histo Pap ThP Swab Frozen Other
Tube Tube Tube Cont Strip Prep

Staff ID/Location code/Collection type (stamp)

Pay cat: PCON Con code: PEA
Date collected: / / Time collected: :

PATIENT ADVISORY STATEMENT PRACTITIONER TO TICK IF SNP REQUIRED:
Your treating practitioner has recommended that you use Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology. You are free to choose your own pathology provider. However, if your doctor has specified a particular pathologist named on this form on clinical grounds, a Medicare rebate will only be payable if that pathologist performs the service. You should discuss this with your doctor.

CONCESSION

MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT (Section 20A of the Health Insurance Act 1973):
I offer to assign my right to benefits to the approved pathology practitioner who will render the requested pathology service(s) and any eligible pathologist determinable service(s) established as necessary by the practitioner. **ACCOUNT STATEMENT:**
I understand that if any of the tests requested are not eligible for a Medicare rebate, I will receive an account, which I agree to pay in full. Patient signature and date: _____

PATIENT
PRACTITIONER'S USE ONLY (Reason patient cannot sign):