

Changes to Cervical Screening Test request form

The National Cervical Screening Program has revised its definitions of symptoms meriting a co-test. We have updated our Cervical Screening Test request form to help you with the new terms. These new request forms will be phased in over the coming weeks and as you update your stocks of forms you will receive them.

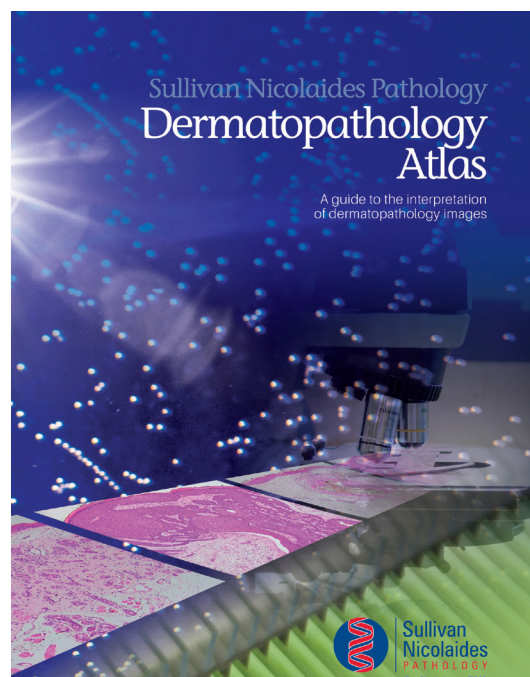
To help guide you in using the new forms we have produced a 'How to' (Figure 1). You can access this by clicking on www.snp.com.au/cst/doctors

It is critical that you provide us with the correct patient details, clinical presentation and any previous cervical screening history. This ensures that we conduct the right test(s), make the correct clinical recommendations, and select the correct MBS item. If this information is not provided, patients may need to be charged for the test, or have to return for a repeat examination.

Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology Dermatopathology Atlas

A guide to the interpretation of dermatopathology images.

Edited by Dr Blake O'Brien



We are pleased to announce the publication of the first edition of the Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology Dermatopathology Atlas. We believe it to be a first – a picture atlas of skin pathology specific to Australia to be used by anyone who needs to read and interpret pathology reports as part of their clinical practice.

The great variety of conditions affecting skin makes this a constantly challenging field. The aim of the Atlas is to help you describe and make sense of what is seen under the microscope. It covers the fundamental aspects of dermatopathology, including normal skin anatomy, terms frequently used in pathology reports, and common neoplastic and inflammatory entities. The goal is to help you develop an approach to the microscopic assessment of skin conditions.

The Atlas draws on the collected knowledge and experience of Australia's largest group of specialist skin pathologists; and special credit goes to Editor, Dr Blake O'Brien, whose expertise, enthusiasm and enterprise are reflected in its pages.



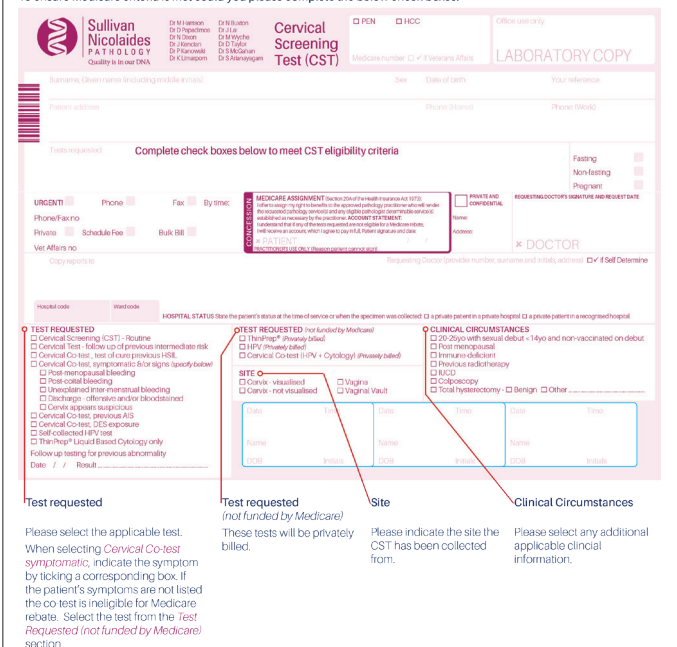
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We trust you will find the Atlas useful and informative but, in addition, we hope you will feel encouraged to consult with our pathologists and use their expertise as a resource for your own clinical practice.

To obtain a copy of the Dermatopathology Atlas, please contact your Medical Liaison Manager
P 1300 767 284 E education@snp.com.au

Cervical Screening Test request form requirements

The Cervical Screening request form is compatible with all Practice Management Software programs. To ensure Medicare criteria is met could you please complete the below check boxes.



The form includes sections for Patient details, Test requested, Site, and Clinical Circumstances. Annotations highlight key requirements:

- Test requested:** Please select the applicable test. When selecting Cervical Co-test symptomatic, indicate the symptom by ticking a corresponding box. If the patient's symptoms are not listed the co-test is ineligible for Medicare rebate. Select the test from the Test Requested (not funded by Medicare) section.
- Test requested (not funded by Medicare):** These tests will be privately billed.
- Site:** Please indicate the site the CST has been collected from.
- Clinical Circumstances:** Please select any additional applicable clinical information.

Figure 1 (to access go to www.snp.com.au/cst/doctors)

For more information about cervical screening test please contact your Medical Liaison Manager
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Cystic fibrosis: criteria for Medicare rebate

Mutations in the cystic fibrosis gene (CFTR) are responsible for cystic fibrosis (CF), CF-related disease, and congenital bilateral absence of the vas deferens (CBAVD). Medicare rebates are available for cystic fibrosis (CFTR) gene testing, but they apply only in specific circumstances.

A doctor's bulletin has been produced by Sonic Genetics which explains in detail how the test is used in diagnosis, and the circumstances under which it attracts a Medicare rebate.

In addition, Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology has produced an algorithm to give a snapshot of the various testing pathways, together with the relevant Medicare item numbers.

Patient test collection instructions

New instructions available

SNP provides collection notes to assist patients with preparing for pathology collections. These can be supplied to your clinic as a full set, and reordering of notes is simply done with your pathology stores order.

Three recently-released notes, and a new full set of tabs, are now available. Collection notes can also be downloaded from snp.com.au

Arterial blood gases	Item 52394
Histamine diet	Item 52884
Urine cytology	Item 50721
Collection Note Tab (Set)	Item 34102

For more information, or a list of the latest notes and versions, please contact your Medical Liaison Manager
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Pathologist Profile

Dr Eric Lee MBBS, FRCPA

Meet Dr Eric Lee, the newest member of our Genetic Pathology Department.

Dr Lee is experienced in both the development and clinical application of a wide range of molecular and cytogenetic tests, and has special interests in somatic mutation testing, microarray testing, and massively parallel sequencing. He holds research interests in the translation of new genomic technologies into clinical practice.

Dr Lee graduated in medicine from the University of New South Wales and then went on to train in genetic pathology at Prince of Wales Hospital, Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology, and the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. He attained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia in 2018.

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