

Guideline

Subject: **Supervision of Immunopathology Tests ***
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The College is often asked for advice as to when it is appropriate for pathologists other than Immunopathologists to supervise tests and P4 Section of the Pathology Services Table of the Medical Benefits Schedule.

The attached Guideline has been developed to assist laboratories.

The scope of practice for a pathologist is defined by the training curriculum of the discipline. Fellows are expected to update their knowledge and skills to reflect the current curriculum via continuing professional development.

The National Association of Testing Authority (NATA) seeks clarification from the College when there is uncertainty as to whether the supervision of the test is within the scope of practice of the pathologist. This Guideline should assist laboratories in preparation for NATA/RCPA accreditation.

General Pathologists are allowed to supervise Immunopathology tests if they have had training in the area and have recency of practice.

- **NOTE:** This Guideline will need to be updated if the P4 Section of the Pathology Services Table of the Medical Benefits Schedule is updated or curriculum changes are made.

P4. IMMUNOLOGY		Discipline appropriate to supervise as well as Immunopathology
	Group P4. Immunology	
71057	<p>Electrophoresis, quantitative and qualitative, of serum, urine or other body fluid all collected within a 28 day period, to demonstrate:</p> <p>(a) protein classes; or</p> <p>(b) presence and amount of paraprotein;</p> <p>including the preliminary quantitation of total protein, albumin and globulin - 1 specimen type</p> <p>Fee: \$32.90 Benefit: 75% = \$24.70 85% = \$28.00</p>	Chemical Pathology Haematology (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71058	<p>Examination as described in item 71057 of 2 or more specimen types</p> <p>Fee: \$50.50 Benefit: 75% = \$37.90 85% = \$42.95</p>	Chemical Pathology Haematology
71059	<p>Immunofixation or immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focusing of:</p> <p>(a) urine for detection of Bence Jones proteins; or</p> <p>(b) serum, plasma or other body fluid;</p> <p>and characterisation of a paraprotein or cryoglobulin - examination of 1 specimen type (eg. serum, urine or CSF)</p> <p>Fee: \$35.65 Benefit: 75% = \$26.75 85% = \$30.35</p>	Chemical Pathology Haematology (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71060	<p>Examination as described in item 71059 of 2 or more specimen types</p> <p>Fee: \$44.05 Benefit: 75% = \$33.05 85% = \$37.45</p>	Chemical Pathology Haematology (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71062	<p>Electrophoresis and immunofixation or immunoelectrophoresis or isoelectric focussing of CSF for the detection of oligoclonal bands and including if required electrophoresis of the patient's serum for comparison purposes - 1 or more tests</p> <p>Fee: \$44.05 Benefit: 75% = \$33.05 85% = \$37.45</p>	Chemical Pathology Haematology (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)

71064	Detection and quantitation of cryoglobulins or cryofibrinogen - 1 or more tests Fee: \$20.75 Benefit: 75% = \$15.60 85% = \$17.65	Chemical Pathology Haematology (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
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71066	Quantitation of total immunoglobulin A by any method in serum, urine or other body fluid - 1 test Fee: \$14.55 Benefit: 75% = \$10.95 85% = \$12.40	Chemical Pathology
71068	Quantitation of total immunoglobulin G by any method in serum, urine or other body fluid - 1 test Fee: \$14.55 Benefit: 75% = \$10.95 85% = \$12.40	Chemical Pathology
71069	2 tests described in items 71066, 71068, 71072 or 71074 Fee: \$22.75 Benefit: 75% = \$17.10 85% = \$19.35	Chemical Pathology
71071	3 or more tests described in items 71066, 71068, 71072 or 71074 Fee: \$30.95 Benefit: 75% = \$23.25 85% = \$26.35	Chemical Pathology
71072	Quantitation of total immunoglobulin M by any method in serum, urine or other body fluid - 1 test Fee: \$14.55 Benefit: 75% = \$10.95 85% = \$12.40	Chemical Pathology
71073	Quantitation of all 4 immunoglobulin G subclasses Fee: \$106.15 Benefit: 75% = \$79.65 85% = \$90.25	Chemical Pathology
71074	Quantitation of total immunoglobulin D by any method in serum, urine or other body fluid - 1 test Fee: \$14.55 Benefit: 75% = \$10.95 85% = \$12.40	Chemical Pathology
71075	Quantitation of immunoglobulin E (total), 1 test. (Item is subject to rule 25) Fee: \$23.00 Benefit: 75% = \$17.25 85% = \$19.55	Chemical Pathology
71076	A test described in item 71073 if rendered by a receiving APP - 1 test (Item is subject to rule 18) Fee: \$106.15 Benefit: 75% = \$79.65 85% = \$90.25	Chemical Pathology

71077	Quantitation of immunoglobulin E (total) in the follow up of a patient with proven immunoglobulin-E- secreting myeloma, proven congenital immunodeficiency or proven allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, 1 test. (Item is subject to rule 25) Fee: \$27.05 Benefit: 75% = \$20.30 85% =\$23.00	Chemical Pathology
71079	Detection of specific immunoglobulin E antibodies to single or multiple potential allergens, 1 test (Item is subject to rule 25) Fee: \$26.80 Benefit: 75% = \$20.10 85% =\$22.80	Immunopathology
71081	Quantitation of total haemolytic complement Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% =\$34.50	Immunopathology
71083	Quantitation of complement components C3 and C4 or properdin factor B - 1 test Fee: \$20.15 Benefit: 75% = \$15.15 85% =\$17.15	Immunopathology
71085	2 tests described in item 71083	Immunopathology

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	Fee: \$28.95 Benefit: 75% = \$21.75 85% = \$24.65	
71087	3 or more tests described in item 71083 Fee: \$37.70 Benefit: 75% = \$28.30 85% = \$32.05	Immunopathology
71089	Quantitation of complement components or breakdown products of complement proteins not elsewhere described in an item in this Schedule - 1 test (Item is subject to rule 6) Fee: \$29.15 Benefit: 75% = \$21.90 85% = \$24.80	Immunopathology
71090	A test described in item 71089, if rendered by a receiving APP, where no tests in the item have been rendered by the referring APP - 1 test (Item is subject to rule 6 and 18) Fee: \$29.15 Benefit: 75% = \$21.90 85% = \$24.80	Immunopathology
71091	2 tests described in item 71089 (Item is subject to rule 6) Fee: \$52.85 Benefit: 75% = \$39.65 85% = \$44.95	Immunopathology
71092	Tests described in item 71089, other than that described in 71090, if rendered by a receiving APP - each test to a maximum of 2 tests (Item is subject to rule 6 and 18) Fee: \$23.70 Benefit: 75% = \$17.80 85% = \$20.15	Immunopathology
71093	3 or more tests described in item 71089 (Item is subject to rule 6) Fee: \$76.45 Benefit: 75% = \$57.35 85% = \$65.00	Immunopathology

71095	Quantitation of serum or plasma eosinophil cationic protein, or both, to a maximum of 3 assays in 1 year, for monitoring the response to therapy in corticosteroid treated asthma, in a child aged less than 12 years (See para PN.0.20 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50	Immunopathology
71096	A test described in item 71095 if rendered by a receiving APP. (Item is subject to rule 18) Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50	Immunopathology
71097	Antinuclear antibodies - detection in serum or other body fluids, including quantitation if required Fee: \$24.45 Benefit: 75% = \$18.35 85% = \$20.80	Immunopathology
71099	Double-stranded DNA antibodies - quantitation by 1 or more methods other than the Crithidia method Fee: \$26.50 Benefit: 75% = \$19.90 85% = \$22.55	Immunopathology
71101	Antibodies to 1 or more extractable nuclear antigens - detection in serum or other body fluids Fee: \$17.40 Benefit: 75% = \$13.05 85% = \$14.80	Immunopathology

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71103	Characterisation of an antibody detected in a service described in item 71101 (including that service) Fee: \$52.05 Benefit: 75% = \$39.05 85% = \$44.25	Immunopathology
71106	Rheumatoid factor - detection by any technique in serum or other body fluids, including quantitation if required Fee: \$11.30 Benefit: 75% = \$8.50 85% = \$9.65	Chemical Pathology
71119	Antibodies to tissue antigens not elsewhere specified in this Table - detection, including quantitation if required, of 1 antibody (See para PN.0.33 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$17.35 Benefit: 75% = \$13.05 85% = \$14.75	Chemical Pathology only for GAD, IA2 and ZnT8 (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71121	Detection of 2 antibodies specified in item 71119 (See para PN.0.33 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$20.80 Benefit: 75% = \$15.60 85% = \$17.70	Chemical Pathology only for GAD, IA2 and ZnT8 (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71123	Detection of 3 antibodies specified in item 71119 (See para PN.0.33 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$24.25 Benefit: 75% = \$18.20 85% = \$20.65	Chemical Pathology only for GAD, IA2 and ZnT8 (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71125	Detection of 4 or more antibodies specified in item 71119 (See para PN.0.33 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$27.65 Benefit: 75% = \$20.75 85% = \$23.55	Immunopathology

71127	<p>Functional tests for lymphocytes - quantitation other than by microscopy of:</p> <p>(a) proliferation induced by 1 or more mitogens; or</p> <p>(b) proliferation induced by 1 or more antigens; or</p> <p>(c) estimation of 1 or more mixed lymphocyte reactions;</p> <p>including a test described in item 65066 or 65070 (if performed), 1 of this item to a maximum of 2 in a 12 month period</p> <p>Fee: \$176.35 Benefit: 75% = \$132.30 85% = \$149.90</p>	Immunopathology
71129	<p>2 tests described in item 71127</p> <p>Fee: \$217.85 Benefit: 75% = \$163.40 85% = \$185.20</p>	Immunopathology
71131	<p>3 or more tests described in item 71127</p> <p>Fee: \$259.35 Benefit: 75% = \$194.55 85% = \$220.45</p>	Immunopathology
71133	<p>Investigation of recurrent infection by qualitative assessment for the presence of defects in oxidative pathways in neutrophils by the nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) reduction test</p> <p>Fee: \$10.40 Benefit: 75% = \$7.80 85% = \$8.85</p>	Immunopathology
71134	<p>Investigation of recurrent infection by quantitative assessment of oxidative pathways by flow cytometric techniques, including a test described in 71133 (if performed)</p> <p>Fee: \$104.05 Benefit: 75% = \$78.05 85% = \$88.45</p>	Immunopathology
71135	<p>Quantitation of neutrophil function, comprising at least 2 of the following:</p>	Immunopathology

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	(a) chemotaxis; (b) phagocytosis; (c) oxidative metabolism; (d) bactericidal activity; including any test described in items 65066, 65070, 71133 or 71134 (if performed), 1 of this item to a maximum of 2 in a 12 month period Fee: \$207.95 Benefit: 75% = \$156.00 85% = \$176.80	
71137	Quantitation of cell-mediated immunity by multiple antigen delayed type hypersensitivity intradermal skin testing using a minimum of 7 antigens, 1 of this item to a maximum of 2 in a 12 month period Fee: \$30.25 Benefit: 75% = \$22.70 85% = \$25.75	Immunopathology
71139	Characterisation of 3 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations, including a total lymphocyte count or total leucocyte count by any method, on 1 or more specimens of blood, CSF or serous fluid Fee: \$104.05 Benefit: 75% = \$78.05 85% = \$88.45	Haematology
71141	Characterisation of 3 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations on 1 or more disaggregated tissue specimens Fee: \$197.35 Benefit: 75% = \$148.05 85% = \$167.75	Haematology
71143	Characterisation of 6 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations for the diagnosis (but not monitoring) of an immunological or haematological malignancy, including a service described in 1 or both of items 71139 and 71141 (if performed), on a specimen of blood, CSF, serous fluid or disaggregated tissue Fee: \$260.00 Benefit: 75% = \$195.00 85% = \$221.00	Haematology

71145	<p>Characterisation of 6 or more leucocyte surface antigens by immunofluorescence or immunoenzyme techniques to assess lymphoid or myeloid cell populations for the diagnosis (but not monitoring) of an immunological or haematological malignancy, including a service described in 1 or more of items 71139, 71141 and 71143 (if performed), on 2 or more specimens of disaggregated tissues or 1 specimen of disaggregated tissue and 1 or more specimens of blood, CSF or serous fluid</p> <p>Fee: \$424.50 Benefit: 75% = \$318.40 85% = \$360.85</p>	Haematology
71146	<p>Enumeration of CD34+ cells, only for the purposes of autologous or directed allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation, including a total white cell count on the pheresis collection</p> <p>Fee: \$104.05 Benefit: 75% = \$78.05 85% = \$88.45</p>	Haematology
71147	<p>HLA-B27 typing (Item is subject to rule 27)</p> <p>Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50</p>	Haematology – if done by Flow Cytometry
71148	<p>A test described in item 71147 if rendered by a receiving APP. (Item is subject to rule 18 and 27)</p> <p>Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50</p>	Haematology – if done by Flow Cytometry

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71149	Complete tissue typing for 4 HLA-A and HLA-B Class I antigens (including any separation of leucocytes), including (if performed) a service described in item 71147 Fee: \$108.25 Benefit: 75% = \$81.20 85% = \$92.05	Haematology – if done by Flow Cytometry
71151	Tissue typing for HLA-DR, HLA-DP and HLA-DQ Class II antigens (including any separation of leucocytes) - phenotyping or genetic pathology or genotyping of 2 or more antigens Fee: \$118.85 Benefit: 75% = \$89.15 85% = \$101.05	Haematology – if done by Flow Cytometry and Genetic Pathology for Genotyping
71153	Investigations in the assessment or diagnosis of systemic inflammatory disease or vasculitis - antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody immunofluorescence (ANCA test), antineutrophil proteinase 3 antibody (PR-3 ANCA test), antimyeloperoxidase antibody (MPO ANCA test) or antiglomerular basement membrane antibody (GBM test) - detection of 1 antibody (Item is subject to rule 6 and 23) Fee: \$34.55 Benefit: 75% = \$25.95 85% = \$29.40	Immunopathology
71154	A test described in item 71153, if rendered by a receiving APP, where no tests in the item have been rendered by the referring APP - 1 test. (Item is subject to rule 6, 18 and 23) Fee: \$34.55 Benefit: 75% = \$25.95 85% = \$29.40	Immunopathology
71155	Detection of 2 antibodies described in item 71153 (Item is subject to rule 6 and 23) Fee: \$47.45 Benefit: 75% = \$35.60 85% = \$40.35	Immunopathology
71156	Tests described in item 71153, other than that described in 71154, if rendered by a receiving APP - each test to a maximum of 3 tests (Item is subject to rule 6, 18 and 23) Fee: \$12.85 Benefit: 75% = \$9.65 85% = \$10.95	Immunopathology

71157	<p>Detection of 3 antibodies described in item 71153 (Item is subject to rule 6 and 23)</p> <p>Fee: \$60.30 Benefit: 75% = \$45.25 85% = \$51.30</p>	Immunopathology
71159	<p>Detection of 4 or more antibodies described in item 71153 (Item is subject to rule 6 and 23)</p> <p>Fee: \$73.15 Benefit: 75% = \$54.90 85% = \$62.20</p>	Immunopathology
71163	<p>Detection of one of the following antibodies (of 1 or more class or isotype) in the assessment or diagnosis of coeliac disease or other gluten hypersensitivity syndromes and including a service described in item 71066 (if performed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Antibodies to gliadin; or b) Antibodies to endomysium; or c) Antibodies to tissue transglutaminase; 	Immunopathology

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	- 1 test Fee: \$24.75 Benefit: 75% = \$18.60 85% = \$21.05	
71164	Two or more tests described in 71163 and including a service described in 71066 (if performed) Fee: \$39.90 Benefit: 75% = \$29.95 85% = \$33.95	Immunopathology
71165	Antibodies to tissue antigens (acetylcholine receptor, adrenal cortex, heart, histone, insulin, insulin receptor, intrinsic factor, islet cell, lymphocyte, neuron, ovary, parathyroid, platelet, salivary gland, skeletal muscle, skin basement membrane and intercellular substance, thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome or thyroid stimulating hormone receptor) - detection, including quantitation if required, of 1 antibody (Item is subject to rule 6) Fee: \$34.55 Benefit: 75% = \$25.95 85% = \$29.40	Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)
71166	Detection of 2 antibodies described in item 71165 (Item is subject to rule 6) Fee: \$47.45 Benefit: 75% = \$35.60 85% = \$40.35	Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor, insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)

71167	<p>Detection of 3 antibodies described in item 71165 (Item is subject to rule 6)</p> <p>Fee: \$60.30 Benefit: 75% = \$45.25 85% = \$51.30</p>	<p>Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor, insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)</p>
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71168	<p>Detection of 4 or more antibodies described in item 71165 (Item is subject to rule 6)</p> <p>Fee: \$73.15 Benefit: 75% = \$54.90 85% = \$62.20</p>	<p>Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor, insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)</p>
71169	<p>A test described in item 71165, if rendered by a receiving APP, where no tests in the item have been rendered by the referring APP - 1 test</p> <p>(Item is subject to rule 6 and 18)</p> <p>Fee: \$34.55 Benefit: 75% = \$25.95 85% = \$29.40</p>	<p>Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor, insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)</p>
71170	<p>Tests described in item 71165, other than that described in 71169, if rendered by a receiving APP - each test to a maximum of 3 tests</p> <p>(Item is subject to rule 6 and 18)</p> <p>Fee: \$12.85 Benefit: 75% = \$9.65 85% = \$10.95</p>	<p>Chemical Pathology only for thyroglobulin, thyroid microsome, thyroid stimulating hormone receptor, insulin and intrinsic factor antibodies (if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice)</p>

71180	Antibody to cardiolipin or beta-2 glycoprotein I - detection, including quantitation if required; one antibody specificity (IgG or IgM) Fee: \$34.55 Benefit: 75% = \$25.95 85% = \$29.40	Haematology – if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice
71183	Detection of two antibodies described in item 71180 Fee: \$47.45 Benefit: 75% = \$35.60 85% = \$40.35	Haematology – if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice
71186	Detection of three or more antibodies described in item 71180 Fee: \$60.30 Benefit: 75% = \$45.25 85% = \$51.30	Haematology – if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice

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71189	Detection of specific IgG antibodies to 1 or more respiratory disease allergens not elsewhere specified. Fee: \$15.50 Benefit: 75% = \$11.65 85% = \$13.20	Immunopathology
71192	2 items described in item 71189. Fee: \$28.35 Benefit: 75% = \$21.30 85% = \$24.10	Immunopathology
71195	3 or more items described in item 71189. Fee: \$40.05 Benefit: 75% = \$30.05 85% = \$34.05	Immunopathology
71198	Estimation of serum tryptase for the evaluation of unexplained acute hypotension or suspected anaphylactic event, assessment of risk in stinging insect anaphylaxis, exclusion of mastocytosis, monitoring of known mastocytosis. Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50	Chemical Pathology
71200	Detection and quantitation, if present, of free kappa and lambda light chains in serum for the diagnosis or monitoring of amyloidosis, myeloma or plasma cell dyscrasias. Fee: \$59.60 Benefit: 75% = \$44.70 85% = \$50.70	Chemical Pathology, Haematology – if appropriate training, CPD and recency of practice
71203	Determination of HLAB5701 status by flow cytometry or cytotoxicity assay prior to the initiation of Abacavir therapy including item 73323 if performed. Fee: \$40.55 Benefit: 75% = \$30.45 85% = \$34.50	Haematology if done by Flow Cytometry