

COELIAC DISEASE TESTING

INCLUDING OTHER GLUTEN SENSITIVE SYNDROMES



Revision to the Medicare Benefits Schedule includes divided testing for Coeliac Disease into 2 categories: **Diagnostic or Monitoring**.

Diagnostic (MBS Item 71163) – 2 Patient episodes in a 12-month period

For diagnosis, if you ask for “Query Coeliac Disease”, Gribbles Pathology will give you the following tests in combination:

- Transglutaminase IgA - Ab
- Total IGA*

**As 1 in 250 of the population may be IgA deficient, measurement of total IgA is required to avoid false negative diagnosis where gliadin IgA and/or endomysial IgA are normal or low.*

Monitoring during gluten-free dietary treatment (**MBS Item 71164**) – **No restrictions on number of tests ordered**

If you state “Monitoring Coeliac Disease” the following tests will be given:

- Transglutaminase IgA - Ab

The specimen requirements for these tests is:

- 1 x 10ml in Gold Top (Gel) Vacuette

Please state on your request form whether the tests being ordered are for **diagnostic** or **monitoring**.

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