Costing

• This is not covered by Medicare.

• In most cases, there will be an out of pocket expense for this test. Our prices are kept as low as possible to cover the associated laboratory and research costs only and, to ensure the tests are available to as many patients as possible. Please contact us for current pricing of this test.

Reporting

• Reports are sent via the requesting Pathology Company and/or doctor.

Contact

• IBD Gastroenterology Laboratory Ph: 03 98954632 email: ehcs.ibd@monash.edu

• Study is conducted by the Eastern Health Clinical School and Monash University’s Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
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**Therapeutic Applications**

1 | Accurately differentiate between IBD and IBS non-invasively
   - If negative, may indicate IBS and needs further investigated
   - If positive, may indicate IBD and needs further investigation

2 | Exclude an organic cause for diarrhoea (e.g., IBD, infection) in low risk patients, avoiding colonoscopy and making more cost effective

3 | Assess for active small bowel inflammation in IBD non-invasively and beyond the reach of the colonoscope

4 | Quantitative test: use to monitor response serially and/or assess for loss of response to therapy in IBD

**Protocol for Sample collection**

- The patient should visit an Eastern Health Pathology centre with the sample.
- Required amount of stool sample: the size of a walnut or larger.
- NO fasting required.
- No time of day requirements for collection of stool sample.
- Keep sample at 4 degrees Celsius. Samples are stable for up to 6 days at this temperature.
- Do not freeze unless there is a time delay between collection and sending (>1 week)
- Transport at **4 Degrees Celsius** to:
  
  **Eastern Health Pathology**
  **Level 4, Box Hill Hospital**
  **Box Hill 3128**
  **Attention: IBD Gastro Lab**

**Results**

The samples are usually processed within 7-10 days of collection with results sent to requesting Pathology Company and/or doctor.

**F.A.Q**

Q: Do the samples have to be taken at any particular time of day?
A: Sample collection can be done at any time of day.

Q: Is there any concession/Vet Affairs discount?
A: Unfortunately no.

Q: What if I need an urgent result sent through?
A: If the sample has been tested, results can be faxed through to the requesting Pathology Company and/or doctor.