

Patients Charged for Non OHIP-covered Lab Tests

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of most lab tests, however, some specialized, non-routine tests are not paid by OHIP.

As of August 14, 2017 GBHS will charge patients for lab tests not covered by OHIP.



If my health care provider orders an uninsured test, do I have to have it done?

No, you have the right to refuse to have the test; however, we strongly recommend that you make your decision in consultation with your health care provider. If you wish to decline the test, please notify the Laboratory staff and your health care provider.

Can the cost of my test be reimbursed by my private health insurance?

Every insurance plan is different. We recommend checking with your insurance provider before coming to the hospital for your lab test. A receipt will be provided for submission to your insurance provider.

Do I have to have my test done at the hospital?

No, your test does not have to be done at the hospital. If you wish to go to a private lab, please inform your health care provider as a Ministry of Health Requisition is required. There is a private lab in Owen Sound (LifeLabs). We recommend contacting private labs in advance as prices may vary.

I already pay out of pocket for some tests, such as PSA and Vitamin D testing. Will those prices change?

No, the prices for these tests have not changed.

How can I pay for my test?

Please pay at the hospital's Business Office at the time of service. The Hospital will mail the invoice if payment was not received at the time of service.

How can I find out the prices for tests not covered by OHIP?

The GBHS website has a full list of uninsured tests and their costs: www.gbhs.on.ca