prepair™ genetic carrier screening 500+ | 1000+

VCGS leaders in genetic health

Tests requested - couple samples to be collected at the same time

☑ *prepair* 3 (CF, FXS, SMA)

Additional tests - select one

☐ **500+ gene panel** ☐ **1000+ gene panel**

Individual IVF, donor pathway

Patient to request via VCGS
reproductivegc@vcgs.org.au

Biological female

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Mobile: _____

Postal address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Email: _____

Medicare #: ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐

☐ No Medicare card

☐ Pregnant ☐ Not pregnant

EDD (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Does the patient have a family history of CF, FXS, SMA or a known inherited condition?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Provide details of relationship, gene/variant if known):

☐ Patient has had a bone marrow transplant

☐ SD

State the patient's status at the time of the service or when the specimen was collected:

Biological male

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Does the patient have a family history of CF, FXS, SMA or a known inherited condition?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Provide details of relationship, gene/variant if known):

☐ Patient has had a bone marrow transplant

☐ SD

State the patient's status at the time of the service or when the specimen was collected:

Requesting doctor (Name, provider #, address)

I have obtained informed consent for this test from the patient

Signature: Request date:

Couple based test and financial consent

I consent to VCGS performing the *prepair* 3 test with the additional 500/1000 gene test as selected. I understand there are out of pocket costs for this testing, and that a couple-based report will be generated.

Medicare Assignment (If I fulfil Medicare criteria)
(Section 20A of the Health Insurance Act 1973) I offer to assign my right to benefits to the approved pathology practitioner who will render the requested pathology service(s) and any eligible pathologist determinable service(s) established as necessary by the practitioner.

Financial acknowledgement (If I do not fulfil Medicare criteria)
If the *prepair* 3 test is not eligible for a Medicare benefit, **I agree to pay** the cost of the test in full. I have read the current price for the test at **vcgs.org.au/order-prepair**

Biological female signature:

Date:

Biological male signature:

Date:

Copy reports to:

Practitioner's use only (reason patient cannot sign)

Sample collection details

COLLECT BOTH SAMPLES AT SAME TIME – 1x4mL EDTA EACH

I certify that the sample/s accompanying the request was collected from the patient stated above as established by direct inquiry.

Name: _____

Location: _____

Date/time: _____

Signature:

Patient copy

Tests requested

☐ ***prepair* 3 with additional 500+**

☐ ***prepair* 3 with additional 1000+**

Patient advisory note
Your doctor has recommended that you use VCGS. You are free to choose your own pathology provider. However, if your doctor has specified a particular pathologist on clinical grounds, a Medicare rebate will only be payable if that pathologist performs the service. You should discuss this with your doctor.

Sample collection

Saliva

Order a saliva kit online
vcgs.org.au/order-prepair

OR

Blood

Find a blood collection site:
(not in SA/WA/NT - use saliva)

Payment

prepair 3 test is bulk billed **for Medicare eligible** patients.

There is a cost for additional 500/1000 testing.

You will receive an SMS link to make payment.

Current pricing:
vcgs.org.au/order-prepair

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RG-F-042 v8 16/9/25

Free genetic counselling support is available to anyone thinking about carrier screening.
P 03 9936 6402 | **E** reproductivegc@vcgs.org.au

Purpose of the test

- Screening will determine your chance as a reproductive couple of having children with an inherited genetic condition. The reproductive couple are the two people of female and male sex who will be the genetic/biological parents for the pregnancy or planned pregnancy.
- Screening includes *prepair* 3 test (CF, FXS and SMA) with an additional 500+ or 1000+ gene panel test.

Test process & limitations

- Screening is performed as a reproductive couple test. This means both members of the reproductive couple are screened at the same time and a combined couple report is issued.
- This screening is not designed to identify/report individual carrier results for all genes included on the panel. Learn more about our test process here - vcgs.org.au/prepair-results/
- This test will identify most, but not all couples with an increased chance of having children with a serious childhood onset condition associated with the genes screened. This is because some genetic changes may not be identified due to testing limitations.
- There is a small chance this test may indicate that you are a carrier for a genetic condition when you are not. This is called a 'false positive' result. False positives can occur with any screening test.
- The test does not screen for all inherited genetic conditions or chromosome conditions (such as Down syndrome).
- Males are not screened for X-linked conditions.
- **Unless you tell us, we assume:**
  - there is no family history of CF, FXS, or SMA or other known inherited genetic condition
  - you and your reproductive partner are not blood relatives
  - you and your reproductive partner have not had a bone marrow transplant.
- Occasionally a report will be reissued if new evidence is found regarding a change in a gene that was screened. In rare cases this may change your chance of having children with a genetic condition.

Results

- Your results will be sent to the doctor who requested screening and they will discuss them with you. VCGS genetic counsellors are also available to talk to you about your results.
- Your results will be presented as a combined report for you and your reproductive partner. Individual carrier results are not reported.
- These results are only relevant to you as a reproductive couple. Having children with a different reproductive partner will require another test.
- Your results are confidential. We can only disclose your results with your consent, or as required by law.
- Collecting information after testing is part of our standard practice for quality purposes and test evaluation. We may contact your doctor to obtain this information.

Financial responsibility and Medicare

- *prepair* 3 will be bulk billed for Medicare eligible patients. One test per lifetime.
- There is an out-of-pocket cost for the 500+/1000+ gene panels. You'll receive an SMS link to make payment.
- Information about test refunds can be found on our website - vcgs.org.au/prepair-refunds/

Storage and use of personal information

- Your blood or saliva sample will be stored for a minimum of 3 months, in accordance with national standards.
- We keep your samples and information according to laboratory and legal requirements. If we use your sample or information as permitted by law, it will be de-identified.
- Your de-identified genetic and health information may be shared to advance scientific knowledge, for ethically approved medical research and to educate health professionals via scientific presentations, publications, and educational resources.
- Collecting health information after testing enables ongoing test evaluation to improve performance and service delivery. VCGS may contact your healthcare provider to obtain this information
- Your information will be de-identified; however, it will be possible to re-identify you if needed. This allows relevant information to be returned to you where appropriate.
- The results of this test will not affect access to health insurance. Ability to obtain life insurance may be affected if an individual is found to have a genetic condition. This is unlikely with this test.

Privacy note
The information provided will be used to assess any Medicare benefit payable for the services rendered and to facilitate the proper administration of government health programs, and may be used to update enrolment records.
Its collection is authorised by the provisions of the Health Insurance Act 1973. The information may be disclosed to the Department of Health or to a person in the medical practice associated with this claim, or as authorised/required by law.