Visual Contrast Sensitivity (VCS) Test

Surviving Mold
VCSTest.com

HLA DR/DQ Gene Test

The HLA DR/DQ gene test show haplotypes (gene combinations) which show susceptibility to CIRS-WDB/mould, Lyme and multi-susceptible (susceptibility to mould, chronic Lyme and dinoflagellates/ciguatera/toxic algae). Interpretation can be done by a CIRS aware health professional or the HLA calculator. If you are still unsure please post your results in the Facebook group.

Test must be drawn at Sonic Healthcare or NutriPATH laboratory for proper reporting, see below.

Sonic HealthcareNutriPATHMedicare rebate
Sonic Healthcare are a network of pathology laboratories in every Australian state. See their website or the picture below for locations in your state.

Test name: Ask the GP to request “HLA DR-DQ typing" (Do NOT write coeliac)

Information: HLA Panel Screen (DR and DQ)
NutriPATH do the HLA DR/DQ test in the correct format as well.

Test name: HLA DQ/DR Genetic Studies
Test number: 3401
Test cost: $180 (AUS)

Sample Report

It can be fully or partly Medicare rebateable depending on your practitioner and laboratory. Medicare item number 71151. No rebate is available via NutriPATH.

Private cost ranges from $119-$180.
**Blood Biomarker Tests**

VIP, ADH, Leptin, Osmolality, Hormones, Antibodies, NutriPATH, Medicare

**Royal Prince Alfred Hospital/Sydney South West Pathology**

Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide (VIP)

Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH) aka Vasopressin

Leptin

Most pathology labs can collect and send to Royal Prince Alfred/Sydney Southwest Pathology.

**Leptin and VIP are fasting tests.**

Osmolality should be drawn at the same time as ADH.

**Any pathology lab**

Osmolality (serum only – not urine)

Testosterone

Estradiol

ACTH

Cortisol AM

DHEA

Antigliadin antibodies IgA/IgG

Cardiolipin antibodies IgA/IgG/IgM

**NutriPATH’s blood tests and mould panel (apart from HLA DR/DQ and MARCoNS) cannot be recommended at this time due to inaccuracies compared to Quest Diagnostics.** Reference: [Mold Illness in Children webinar](#) 35m.

No other Australian diagnostic testing for TGF-b1, VEGF, C3a, C4a, MMP-9, MSH currently available.

Dr. Gupta and Dr. Hale (Sunshine Coast) are sending bloods to Quest Diagnostics in the USA in batches, 3-4 times per year.

Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide can be Medicare rebateable, item [66695](#).

All of the tests under “Osmolality, Hormones, Antibodies” can be Medicare rebateable.

ADH and Leptin are out of pocket tests. Costs for these two markers vary depending on
which lab draws them.

There is no Medicare rebate for NutriPATH or Quest Diagnostics.

**NeuroQuant (Volumetric MRI)**

NeuroQuant by Cortech Labs is a software program that can map 11 brain regions for microscopic changes on an MRI scan. NeuroQuant should not be used for diagnosis but more for tracking inflammatory and atrophy changes.

More info about NeuroQuant: [Biotoxin Journey](http://biotoxinjourney.com)

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Sydney
Melbourne
Perth
NZ
Other Centers
Medicare
Interpretation

**Pacific Radiology**
49 Baden Powell Street
Maroochydore QLD 4558
P: 07 5409 2800

*Note: Only for Dr. Sandeep Gupta’s and Dr. Georgina Hale’s patients at present*

**St Vincent’s Hospital**
Level 3, Xavier Building
360 Victoria Street
Darlinghurst NSW 2010
P: 02 8382 3495
[ svhm.org.au](http://svhm.org.au)

**I-Med Network Radiology**
Suite 3, Level 1
38B Albert Ave
Chatswood NSW 2067
P: 02 8440 3100
[ i-med.com.au](http://i-med.com.au)

*Note: This clinic is not recommended as they use a different type of MRI (Phillips Portal) to others that results in incompatible reports.*
It used to be possible to send the CD/DVD of the images that you can mail (or upload electronically) to Cortechs labs. Unfortunately, Cortechs have stopped dealing with the public directly. Imaging Central in Perth used to be able to process other MRI images but they have been sold recently.

Contact Cortechs Labs

The MRI portion can be covered by Medicare if you fulfill the criteria for “unexplained seizure(s)” or “chronic headaches with suspected intracranial pathology” item number 63551 if referred by a General Practitioner. Although this ultimately rests with the requesting practitioner.

There will usually be an additional charge for NeuroQuant processing by Cortechs labs ($100-$200 AUD).

Surviving Mold now have an online NeuroQuant analysis available that you can enter your General Morphology report and be given a mold and/or Lyme score and also looks at multinuclear atrophy, traumatic brain injury and asymmetry. Cost is $25 USD.

MARCoNS

Multiple Antibiotic Resistant COagulase Negative Staphylococci - are organisms that colonise in the nasal areas due to low MSH, and produce toxins and deplete MSH further.
Microbiology Dx (USA)

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19A Crosby Drive
Bedford MA 01730, USA
P: +1 (781) 265 4956
microbiologydx.com
Requisition form (PDF)

Microbiology DX will FedEx collection kits free worldwide, visit the Order Kits page (add Australia to the “City, State, Zip” field). You don’t have to use FedEx to send the sample back, simple Australia Post Airmail letter ($2.75) is fine.

Alternatively you can use Melbourne based lab NutriPATH, who send the swab on to Microbiology Dx.

Test name: MARCoNS culture
Test code: 3404
Cost: $150 (AUS)

Test name: MARCoNS & Fungal culture
Test code: 3418
Cost: $300

Website

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