

PAP SMEAR ITEM NUMBERS

For a comprehensive explanation of each MBS Item number please refer to the Medicare Benefits Schedule online at www.health.gov.au/mbsonline

Item	Name	Description / Recommended Frequency
3	Level A	Brief - see MBS for complexity of care requirements
23	Level B	< 20 min standard consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements
36	Level C	≥ 20 min standard consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements
44	Level D	≥ 40 min standard consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements
2497	PIP Level A Pap Smear	Short surgery consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2501	PIP Level B Pap Smear	< 20 min surgery consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2503	PIP Level B Pap Smear	Out of surgery - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2504	PIP Level C Pap Smear	≥ 20 min surgery consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2506	PIP Level C Pap Smear	Out of surgery - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2507	PIP Level D Pap Smear	≥ 40 min surgery consultation - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
2509	PIP Level D Pap Smear	Out of surgery - see MBS for complexity of care requirements. Screening of a woman aged 20-69 years who has not been screened in the past 4 years
10994	Practice Nurse performing Pap Smear and Preventative Check	Pap smear and at least one preventative check performed. Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10995	PIP Practice Nurse performing Pap Smear and Preventative Check	Same as item 10994 + the patient is 20-69 years inclusive and has not had a pap smear for the past 4 years and at least one preventative check performed
10998	Practice Nurse performing Pap Smear	Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10999	PIP Practice Nurse performing Pap Smear	Same as item 10998 + the patient is 20-69 years inclusive and has not had a pap smear for the past 4 years

Accredited Practices		Non-accredited Practices	
Patients who have had a pap smear in the past 4 years use one of the standard items:	23, 36, 44, 10994 or 10998	For all patients, regardless of time since last pap smear, use one of the standard items:	23, 36, 44, 10994 or 10998
Patients who have not had a pap smear in the past 4 years use one of the PIP items:	2497, 2501, 2503, 2504, 2506, 2507, 2509, 10995 or 10999		

Practice Nurses performing Pap Smears

Practice Nurses can only perform pap smears if they are appropriately trained and qualified i.e. have completed an accredited training course.

Courses for Registered and Enrolled Nurses - Well Women's Screening (Pap Smear) courses, contact Family Planning NSW on 8752 4328 or visit the website: <http://www.fpnsw.org.au>

Items 10995 and 10999: For accredited practices, a PIP payment applies. A payment of \$35 per patient is made for women 20 – 69 years inclusive not screened in the past 4 years.

A further \$0.75 per patient, per quarter is paid to practices who reach 50% of female patients aged 20 – 69 years inclusive, screened in the past 30 months. To reach 50%, female patients need to have had a cervical screening pathology item claimed by a pathology company, in the last 30 months.

Items 10994 and 10995: For undertaking at least one preventive check in addition to Pap Smear when the service is reasonably necessary and appropriate - preventative checks include:

- Checks for Sexually Transmitted Infections
 - Taking of a sexual and reproductive history
 - Advice on contraception
 - Breast awareness education
 - Advice on post natal issues
 - Continence advice and education
- May also include:
- Behavioural risk factor assessment e.g. smoking, nutrition, alcohol and physical activity
 - Taking of Blood Pressure

Unscreened or Significantly Under-screened Populations

Women from the following groups are more likely than the general population to be unscreened or significantly under-screened: low socioeconomic status, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, Indigenous communities, women living in rural or remote areas and older women.