

CIRCULATING TUMOR CELLS (CTC) PATIENT BILLING GUIDELINES



How much does the Circulating Tumor Cells (CTC) test cost?

The cost of the Circulating Tumor Cells (CTC) test is currently \$2,689.00 (includes \$451.00 for professional interpretation) when billed to the patient's insurance by Michigan Medicine.

Will my insurance pay for the test?

Every insurance plan is different; however, CTC testing is not a covered service for most insurance plans. Benefits, copays, referral, and prior authorization requirements vary by individual policy. Michigan Medicine Laboratories (MLabs) recommends that you contact your insurance provider for specific details regarding coverage for this testing. The CPT codes for this testing are 86152 (Cell enumeration using immunologic selection and identification in fluid specimen) and 86153 (Cell enumeration using immunologic selection and identification in fluid specimen; physician interpretation and report). Patients are responsible for any expenses not covered by insurance.

Will Medicare pay for the Circulation Tumor Cells (CTC) test?

Medicare does not cover the CTC test. You will be asked to sign an ABN (Advance Beneficiary Notice). This is a document that states the actual cost you agree to pay if Medicare does not pay for the testing.

Are discounts available?

Yes, if you are uninsured, you will receive a 60% discount. If you have insurance but request that we do not bill your insurance provider, you are not eligible for the discount. If you have additional questions about billing, estimated out-of-pocket expenses, or available financial assistance, please contact Michigan Medicine Patient Financial Experience at 855-855-0863.

Questions

Call MLabs Client Services at **800.862.7284** or visit our website **mlabs.umich.edu**.