

Central Zone Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Research Billing Structure and Fees

Effective October 17, 2022

*For services not listed in the following document, please contact CZ PLM Research Support Office.

**This fee structure is subject to annual review.

***Administrative, Study Maintenance and Close Out Fees are not subject to Institutional overhead

Laboratory Administrative Fee

Study administrative fees are applied at the time of laboratory submission for each new research study. The tier fee level is determined by the CZ PLM Research Support Office upon review of the study documentation. This fee includes the review of documentation, preparation for preparing the study for laboratory involvement and site visits.

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
Tier 1	Local testing and/or Phlebotomy only (No Central Research Laboratory Manual review) or a grant funded research study	\$500
Tier 2	Single Central Research Laboratory	\$1000
Tier 3	Complex- Multiple Central Laboratories	\$1500

Annual Study Maintenance Fee

Annual study maintenance fees are based on the study administrative fee tier and includes activities such as document storage/review, monitor visits, monitor requests, study audits, equipment maintenance, and storage of specimens.

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
Tier 1	Local testing and/or Phlebotomy only (No Central Research Laboratory Manual reviews)	\$250
Tier 2	Single Central Research Laboratory	\$1000
Tier 3	Complex- Multiple Central Laboratories	\$1500

Note: There is no annual maintenance fee for grant funded research studies.

Study Close-out Fee

Close-out fees are based on the study start-up tier fee. This fee includes final billing, documentation reconciliation, archiving and close out visit.

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
Tier 1	Local testing and/or Phlebotomy only (No Research Central Laboratory) or a grant funded research study	\$50
Tier 2	Single Central Research Laboratory	\$100
Tier 3	Complex- Multiple Central Laboratories	\$150

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Laboratory Fees

Laboratory fees are charged as the service is used and based on the study requirements and may be subject to institutional overhead.

Specimen handling and processing - charged per patient/per collection

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
Tier 1 - Basic Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No centrifugation required or a single centrifugation parameter. • Up to 5 aliquots and/or preparation of differential slides. • Handling of pathology tissue/slides for shipment. 	\$25
Tier 2 - Intermediate Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2 centrifugation parameters, including double processing. • Up to 10 aliquots and/or preparation of differential slides. 	\$40
Tier 3 - Advanced Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 2 centrifugation parameters. • More than 10 aliquots or preparation of differential slides. 	\$45

Note: A single centrifugation parameter requires that all specimens in the collection have the same centrifuge time, speed, temperature, and brake specification.

Packaging and Shipping - charged per package/per shipment

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
Tier 1 - Ambient or Refrigerated Same Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional unique shipping criteria e.g., dry ice • Local batch pickup e.g., Dalhousie Coordinator pick up 	\$15
Tier 2 - Frozen, Same Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring specimens are frozen prior to shipping. • dry ice for transport 	\$70
Tier 3 - Batch Shipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing batch specimens that have been stored • Dry ice for transport 	\$85

Venipuncture - charged per patient/per collection

All venipuncture charges are per patient/per collection and includes specimen collection, specimen labelling, specimen accessioning and patient registration.

Tier Level	Explanation	Cost
NA	Based on average time required for patient registration and collection of specimens.	\$12