

How often does Medicare pay for lab tests?

Screening tests covered at \$0, even if you feel fine

TEST	MEDICARE PAYS	WHO
Cholesterol and heart blood tests	Once every 5 years	Everyone
Diabetes screening	Up to 2 a year	With risk factors
Prostate cancer blood test (PSA)	Once every 12 months	Men over 50
Stool blood test for colon cancer	Once every 12 months	Age 45+
Stool DNA test for colon cancer	Once every 3 years	Ages 45–85
Blood test for colon cancer	Once every 3 years	Ages 45–85
Hepatitis C test	Once in your lifetime	Born 1945–1965, or at risk
Hepatitis B test	Once (yearly at high risk)	If at high risk
HIV test	Once a year	Ages 15–65
Tests for sexually transmitted infections	Once every 12 months	If at increased risk
Pap test	Once every 24 months	All women
HPV test	Once every 5 years	Ages 30–65

Already have a condition? Repeat tests

A1c (with diabetes)	About every 3 months
Thyroid tests (with a thyroid condition)	Up to 2 times a year
Cholesterol (when being treated)	About once a year

“12 months” means 12 full months. A test even a few weeks early can be denied. Check the date of your last one before you book.

Look up your test free at claracover.com