

# ONCOLOGY TREATMENT BASKETS

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## Overview

### Support, structure and care for every step of your treatment journey

Discovery Health Medical Scheme is here to support you through your cancer treatment. This document outlines the tests, consultations and procedures that are covered under your approved oncology treatment baskets. There are three phases of care, and each phase has its own basket:

1. Staging basket
2. Active treatment basket
3. Ongoing management (maintenance) basket

### Staging Baskets

Your staging basket is available from the date of diagnosis until you begin active treatment (radiotherapy, chemotherapy, or both). It remains active for 120 days and includes all the tests and consultations needed to help assess and plan your treatment.

DESCRIPTION OF TEST OR PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE OR TEST CODE	QUANTITY
Consultations	0190 or 0191 or 0192 or 0193	Six
Full blood count (FBC)	3755 or 53755 OR	One
	(3739 or 53739) and (3762 or 53762) and (3783 or 53783) and (3785 or 53785) and (3791 or 53791)	
Platelet count	3797 or 53797	One
Liver function test	(3999 or 53999) and (4001 or 54001) and (4009 or 54009) and (4010 or 54010) and (4117 or 54117) and (4130 or 54130) and (4131 or 54131) and (4134 or 54134)	One
U&E including creatinine (U&E)	4171 or 54171	One
Urea	4151 or 54151	One
Sodium	4114 or 5411	One
Potassium	4113 or 54113	One
Creatinine tests	4032 or 4221 or 4223 or 54032 or 54221 or 54223	One
Urine dipstick	4188 or 54188	Two
Tumour markers	4460 or 54460 or 4462 or 54462 or 4468 or 54468 or 4469 or 54469 or 4470 or 54470 or 4471 or 54471	One
Chest X-Ray	30100 or 30110 or 30155	One
Lymph node studies (Nuclear medicine study)	69940 or 69945 or 69950 or 69955 or 69960 or 79940 or 79945 or 79960 or 79950 or 39940 or 39945 or 39950	One
Bone scans (including whole body tumour studies) (Nuclear medicine study)	10910 or 51910 or 52910 or 55910 or 56910 or 56920 or 71905 or 53910 or 00900 or 00903 or 00909 or 00915 or 00912 or 00918 or 00965 or 29905	One



Ultrasound (abdomen, neck, pelvic organs, renal tract, soft tissue or pleural space)	3627 or 3628 or 3629 or 5100 or 5101 or 20200 or 20210 or 30200 or 30210 or 30220 or 40200 or 40210 or 41200	Two
CT or MRI scans (brain, abdomen, pelvis, chest)	10300 or 10310 or 10320 or 10400 or 10410 or 10420 or 10430 or 10440 or 30320 or 30330 or 30350 or 30400 or 30420 or 40300 or 40310 or 40313 or 40320 or 40323 or 40327 or 40330 or 40333 or 40337 or 40340 or 40345 or 40350 or 40355 or 40400 or 40410 or 40420 or 40430 or 41410 or 41400	Two

### Active treatment baskets

This basket becomes available from the date your treatment is authorised and covers you throughout your active oncology treatment and your follow ups between cycles. It's valid for up to 12 months.

You'll also have automatic access to:

- **Hydration items** (e.g. IV fluids during chemotherapy)
- **Surgical consumables** (e.g. needles, syringes, drip sets)
- **Supportive medications** (to manage side effects and help with recovery)

Additional items like oxygen, PET scans, or stoma products require preauthorisation. Your doctor can request these on your behalf.

DESCRIPTION OF TEST OR PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE OR TEST CODE	QUANTITY
Consultations	0130 or 0190 or 0191 or 0192 or 0193 or VCONS	Up to ten
Full blood count (FBC)	3755 or 53755 OR	Up to eight
	(3739 or 53739) and (3762 or 53762) and (3783 or 53783) and (3785 or 53785) and (3791 or 53791)	
Platelet count	3797 or 53797	Up to eight
Liver function	(3999 or 53999) and (4001 or 54001) and (4009 or 54009) and (4010 or 54010) and (4117 or 54117) and (4130 or 54130) and (4131 or 54131) and (4134 or 54134)	Up to four
U&E including creatinine (U&E)	4171 or 54171	Up to six
Urea	4151 or 54151	Up to four
Sodium	4114 or 54114	Up to four
Potassium	4133 or 54133	Up to four
Creatinine tests	4032 or 4221 or 4223 or 54032 or 54221 or 54223	Up to six
Urine dipstick	4188 or 54188	Up to four
Tumour markers		Up to five



	4460 or 54460 or 4462 or 54462 or 4468 or 54468 or 4469 or 54469 or 4470 or 54470 or 4471 or 54471	
Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphate	4017 or 54017 or 4094 or 54094 or 4109 or 54109	Up to six
Prothrombin Index (PI)	3805 or 53805	Up to two
Partial Thromboplastin time (PTT)	3837 or 53837	Up to two
Iron studies - Iron	4071 or 54071	Up to three
Iron studies - Ferritin	4528 or 54128	
Iron studies - Transferrin	4144 or 54144	
Chest X-Ray	30100 or 30110 or 30155	Up to two
Lymph node studies (Nuclear medicine study)	69940 or 69945 or 69950 or 69955 or 69960 or 79940 or 79945 or 79960 or 79950 or 39940 or 39945 or 39950	Up to two
Ultrasound (abdomen, neck, pelvic organs, renal tract, soft tissue, pleural space, high-definition small parts)	3627 or 3628 or 3629 or 5100 or 5101 or 20200 or 20210 or 30200 or 30210 or 30220 or 40200 or 40210 or 41200	Up to two
Planning CT / MRI	00310 or 00450 or 00455	Up to one
CT or MRI study (including metastases screening)	00410 or 10300 or 10310 or 10320 or 10400 or 10410 or 10420 or 10430 or 10440 or 30320 or 30330 or 30350 or 30400 or 30420 or 40300 or 40310 or 40313 or 40320 or 40323 or 40327 or 40330 or 40333 or 40337 or 40340 or 40345 or 40350 or 40355 or 40360 or 40400 or 40410 or 40420 or 40430 or 41410 or 41400	Up to two

### Ongoing management (maintenance) basket

Once you've completed active treatment, or if you're on long-term hormonal therapy, your basket will shift to maintenance mode. This basket supports ongoing follow-up care and regular tests and renews each benefit year.

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Consultations	0130 or 0190 or 0191 or 0192 or 0193 or VCONS	Up to six
Full blood count (FBC)	3755 or 53755 OR	Up to three
	(3739 or 53739) and (3762 or 53762) and (3783 or 53783) and (3785 or 53785) and (3791 or 53791)	
Platelet count	3797 or 53797	Up to three



Liver function	(3999 or 53999) and (4001 or 54001) and (4009 or 54009) and (4010 or 54010) and (4117 or 54117) and (4130 or 54130) and (4131 or 54131) and (4134 or 54134)	Up to two
U&E including creatinine (U&E)	4171 or 54171	Up to two
Urea	4151 or 54151	Up to two
Sodium	4114 or 54114	Up to two
Potassium	4133 or 54133	Up to two
Creatinine tests	4032 or 4221 or 4223 or 54032 or 54221 or 54223	Up to two
Urine dipstick	4188 or 54188	Up to two
Tumour markers	4460 or 54460 or 4462 or 54462 or 4468 or 54468 or 4469 or 54469 or 4470 or 54470 or 4471 or 54471	Up to two
Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphate	4017 or 54017 or 4094 or 54094 or 4109 or 54109	Up to two
Prothrombin Index (PI)	3805 or 53805	Up to two
Partial Thromboplastin time (PTT)	3837 or 53837	Up to two
Chest X-Ray	30100 or 30110 or 30155	Up to two
Lymph node studies (Nuclear medicine study)	69940 or 69945 or 69950 or 69955 or 69960 or 79940 or 79945 or 79960 or 79950 or 39940 or 39945 or 39950	Up to one
Ultrasound (abdomen, neck, pelvic organs, renal tract, soft tissue, pleural space, high-definition small parts)	3627 or 3628 or 3629 or 5100 or 5101 or 20200 or 20210 or 30200 or 30210 or 30220 or 40200 or 40210 or 41200	Up to two
CT or MRI study (metastases screening)	00410 or 10300 or 10310 or 10320 or 10400 or 10410 or 10420 or 10430 or 10440 or 30320 or 30330 or 30350 or 30400 or 30420 or 40300 or 40310 or 40313 or 40320 or 40323 or 40327 or 40330 or 40333 or 40337 or 40340 or 40345 or 40350 or 40355 or 40360 or 40400 or 40410 or 40420 or 40430 or 41410 or 41400	Up to one



### **Request for additional items or tests**

If your treating doctor recommends additional tests, medications or procedures that are not included in your basket, they can email us directly at: [DCO\\_ONCOLOGY@discovery.co.za](mailto:DCO_ONCOLOGY@discovery.co.za).

Our Case Management team will review your request and, if approved, authorise payment from your oncology or other appropriate benefit.

### **Need to check your benefit limits?**

You can view the most up-to-date information on your available limits, benefit status and authorisations by logging in to your profile on: [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za).



## How to contact us

	Members can call us on 0860 99 88 77 Health partners can call us on 0860 44 55 66
	Go to <a href="http://www.discovery.co.za">www.discovery.co.za</a> to get help from our chatbot, Ask Discovery.
	You can ask us a question by just saving the number 0860 75 67 56 on your phone and typing 'Hi' to start chatting with us 24/7.
	You can send us a letter to PO Box 784262, Sandton, 2146
	You can visit our offices at 1 Discovery Place, Sandton, 2196

## We welcome any feedback about our service

We would love to hear if there's anything we can improve on or if we have exceeded your expectations. Your feedback helps us serve you better. To give us feedback, you can complete our short *Complaints and compliments form* on the right side of the [Complaints, compliments or disputes page](#) under **Contact us**.

### What to do if you have a complaint

#### 1. To take your query further

If you have already contacted Discovery Health Medical Scheme and feel that your query has not been resolved, you can take the next step. Please complete our short online *Complaints and compliments form*. It's on the right side of the [Complaints, compliments and disputes page](#) under section 1, Contact us.

#### 2. To contact the principal officer

If you are still not satisfied with the outcome after following the process in Step 1, you can escalate your complaint to the principal officer of Discovery Health Medical Scheme by choosing one of these options:

- Complete our short online *Contact the principal officer form*. You'll find it on the right side of the [Complaints, compliments and disputes page](#) under section 2, Contact us.
- Send an email to [principalofficer@discovery.co.za](mailto:principalofficer@discovery.co.za).

#### 3. To lodge a dispute

If you have received a final decision from the principal officer of Discovery Health Medical Scheme and want to challenge it, you can lodge a formal dispute. You can find more information online about the [Scheme's dispute process](#).

#### 4. To contact the Council for Medical Schemes

Discovery Health Medical Scheme is regulated by the Council for Medical Schemes. You can contact the Council directly at any stage of the complaints process, but we encourage you to follow the steps above before doing so.

The contact details are:

	Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157
	<a href="mailto:complaints@medicalschemes.co.za">complaints@medicalschemes.co.za</a>
	0861 12 32 67
	<a href="http://www.medicalschemes.co.za">www.medicalschemes.co.za</a>

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