ANNEXURE A

Tariff descriptor	Tariff code	Payment instruction
Full Blood Count	**3755**	* If one of the sub tests are charged with the group test, the group test should be reversed/declined * The group test should not be repeated within a 4 day period
Erythrocyte count	3739	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Hemoglobin	3762	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Leucocyte differential count	3783	Don't repeat test within 4 days
Leucocyte total count	3785	Don't repeat test within 4 days
Packed cell volume (Haematocrit)	3791	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Lipogram	**4025**	* Don't repeat the group test within 56 days * If one of the sub tests are charged with the group test, the group test should be reversed/declined
LDL cholesterol (chemical determination)	4026	Don't repeat test within 56 days
Cholesterol total	4027	Don't repeat test within 56 days
HDL cholesterol	4028	Don't repeat test within 56 days
Triglyceride	4147	Don't repeat test within 1 days
Urea and electrolytes	**4171**	* If one of the sub tests are charged with the group test, the group test should be reversed/declined * The group test should not be repeated within a 7 day period
Potassium	4315	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Sodium	4316	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Urea	4319	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Urea	4151	Don't repeat test more than once per day
Chloride	4301	Don't repeat test more than once per day
CO2	4031	Don't repeat test more than once per day

Thyroid function	**4484**	* Don't repeat the group test within 1 days
Thyrotropin (TSH)	4507	Don't repeat test within 1 days
Free thyroxine (FT4)	4482	Don't repeat test within 1 days
Standalone tests		
HbA1c	4064	Don't repeat test within 60 days
Ferritin	4528	Don't repeat test within 14 days
Transferrin	4144	Don't repeat test within 14 days
Vit D	4156	Don't repeat test within 3 months
Iron	4071	Don't repeat test within 1 day
C-reactive protein	3947	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Albumin	3999	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Alkaline phosphate	4001	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Bilirubin : Total	4009	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Bilirubin Conjugated	4010	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Protein total	4117	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	4130	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	4131	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT)	4134	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Calcium : Spectrophotometric	4017	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Magnesium: Spectrophotometric	4094	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Phosphate	4109	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Quantitative PCR (DNA/RNA)	4429	Don't repeat test within 6 months
Quantitative PCR (DNA/RNA) Non HIV	4439	Don't repeat test within 28 days
B-Type Natriuretic Peptide	4488	Don't repeat test within 2 days
Procalcitonin : Quantitative	4539	Don't repeat test within 1 day
CD4 Cell Count	3816	Don't repeat test within 90 days
Polymerase chain reaction	3974	Don't repeat test within 28 days
Creatinine	4032	Don't repeat test within 1 day
Prostate specific antigen	4519	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Immunoperoxidase studies	4592	Don't repeat test within 180 days

Antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): ELISA	3932	Don't repeat test within 120 days
Hepatitis: Per antigen or antibody	4531	Don't repeat test within 180 days
Vitamin B12	4491	Don't repeat test within 180 days
Vaginal or cervical smears each	4566	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Creatine kinase (CK)	4132	Don't repeat test within 180 days
Amylase	4006	Don't repeat test within 365 days
First trimester Downs screen	4546	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Grouping: Rh antigen	3765	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Grouping: A B and O antigens	3764	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Second Trimester Down's screen	4552	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Western blot technique	3969	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Free PSA	4524	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Glucose tolerance test (2 specimens)	4049	Don't repeat test within 365 days
Prenatal diagnosis: Amniotic fluid or chorionic tissue: DNA extraction	4767	Don't repeat test within 365 days
HIV Ab - Rapid Test	4614	Don't repeat test within 180 days

Follitropin (FSH)	4516	Apply to females only
HCG: Quantitative as used for Down's screen	4540	Apply to females only
First trimester Downs screen	4546	Apply to females only
Second Trimester Down's screen	4552	Apply to females only

Mixed antiglobulin reaction: Semen	4435	Apply to males only
Friberg test: Semen	4436	Apply to males only
Kremer test: Semen	4437	Apply to males only
Semen analysis: Cell count	4440	Apply to males only
Semen analysis: Cytology	4441	Apply to males only
Semen analysis: Viability + motility - 6 hours	4442	Apply to males only
Seminal fluid: Alpha glucosidase	4445	Apply to males only
Seminal fluid fructose	4446	Apply to males only
Seminal fluid: Acid phosphatase	4447	Apply to males only
Prostate specific antigen	4519	Apply to males only

Prostatic acid phosphatase	4534	Apply to males only

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