

Therapeutic Venesection



A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

This programme addresses a rural equity issue by offering a funded option for eligible patients to have Therapeutic Venesection at either their own or a local practice. This removes the need for a patient to travel to a New Zealand Blood Service or Awanui Labs, and ensures they can receive the service at no cost to them.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/welcome?returnUrl=%2f58725.htm>

Eligibility

- Patients who are:
 - diagnosed with haemochromatosis or polycythemia as per HealthPathways who require Therapeutic Venesection, **and**
 - living in a rural area with no alternative funded options to access Therapeutic Venesection closer to home, such as Awanui Labs or the New Zealand Blood Service.

Exclusions

Nil

Key Information

- The funding is inclusive of consumables, clinician and admin time and contributes towards waste disposal.
- Practices will be charged directly for consumables ordered for this service.
- This programme is only available to approved rural general practices.

If you are a rural practice that is not currently approved to offer Therapeutic Venesection but you require access to this service, please email the relevant address below for further information.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

Therapeutic Venesection

New Claim

Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WRTV1	\$182.99	T. Venesection

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$159.12 + GST Per Therapeutic Venesection

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged to patients.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 60 days of treatment.

Audit

Claims may be subject to audit at WellSouth discretion.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please email the relevant address below with your new Account Internal ID.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz or your Practice Partner (for WellSouth practices)
- thepho-enquiries@wellsouth.org.nz (for thePHO practices)
- communitycare-enquiries@wellsouth.org.nz (for Community Care PHO practices)
- arataki-enquiries@wellsouth.org.nz (for Arataki PHO practices)