

Centre for Human Metabolomics (CHM)

Test:	Mucopolysaccharide URINE GAGs (glycosaminoglycans LCMS/MS)
PLIEM Mnemonic:	PGAGu
NHRPL Tariff code:	4221 + 4321 + 4188 + 4326 (MPS-LCMS/MS)
Tariff (including VAT):	R 1,210.09
Description:	1. Quantitative + Qualitative Assay and Interpretation. 2. Including: Heparan sulfate, Dermatan sulfate, Chondriotin Sulfate.
Turnaround time:	15 work days from receipt of sample at PLIEM laboratory.
Transit stability / Sample viability:	Keep frozen, send on dry ice. Viability: 12 months – kept frozen.
Comments:	1. NO preservatives. 2. Keep frozen. 3. Medication intake may significantly influence the analysis and subsequent result interpretation.
Sample required:	2.5 ml - 5 ml Urine (depending on urine creatinine value).
Information Required with sample(s):	Absent clinical details may affect the interpretation of results and recommendations for further/additional testing (to assist with a differential diagnosis) cannot be made. 1. Clinical history of the patient. The referring clinician could complete and submit the clinical history on our website at https://pliem.co.za/test-request-form OR download the clinical history form from our website (same link) and email the completed form back to our laboratory at ansie.mienie@nwu.ac.za / pliem@nwu.ac.za . 2. Other significant medical reports for the patient (e.g. MRI brain, EEG, X-Ray reports, sonar reports, biopsy reports, genetic testing reports, etc). The referring clinician must please email these additional reports to ansie.mienie@nwu.ac.za . 3. Cumulative, routine pathology results of the patient (including archive results available) - this must be provided to our laboratory by the referring pathology laboratory. It could be e-mailed to pliem@nwu.ac.za OR send together with the sample(s) of the patient.
Method:	Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LCMS/MS)
Reference range & units:	Not applicable
Contact for results & other enquiries:	Sample reception and resulting
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Fax number:	018 299 2316
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