

PART 9

CHEMICAL REAGENTS

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REAGENT SOLUTIONS	Price (p)
Solution Ammonia, Strong BPC 100ml	92
URINE TESTING REAGENTS	Price (p)
DETECTION STRIPS FOR GLYCOSURIA	
Diabur Test 5000 50	287
Diastix 50	278
Medi -Test Glucose 50	230
Mission Glucose 50	229
DETECTION STRIPS FOR KETONURIA (ACETONURIA)	
Ketostix 50	295
Mission Ketone 50	250
DETECTION STRIPS FOR KETONES	
Glucomen LX Ketone Test Strips 42216 10	1993
Freestyle Optium β -Ketone Test Strips 70784-35 10	1992
DETECTION STRIPS FOR PROTEINURIA	
Albustix 50	410
Medi-Test Protein 2 50	322

BLOOD GLUCOSE TESTING STRIPS

Meters for use with Blood Glucose Testing Strips or Discs are not available separately on prescription

(i) Colorimetric Strips -visually readable		Price (p)
Betachek Visual	50	680
Glucoflex - R	50	740
(ii) Biosensor strips to be read only with the appropriate meter		
Advantage Plus	50	1517
Aviva	50	1489
BGStar	50	1473
CareSens N	50	1275
Clever Chek	50	1630
Contour	50	1485
CozyLab S7	50	985
Element	50	1150
Freestyle	50	1516
Freestyle Lite	50	1490
Freestyle Optium	50	1506
GlucoLab	50	989
GlucoMen GM	50	1493
GlucoMen LX Sensor	50	1491
GlucoMen Sensor	50	1418
GlucoMen Visio	50	1506
GlucoRx Strips	50	995
GlucoRx Nexus Strips	50	995
iCare Advanced	50	970
IME-DC	50	1410
MediSense SoftSense	50	1505
Microdot	50	1296
Microdot+	50	1350
Myglucohealth	50	1550
Mylife Pura	50	1350
Omnitest 3	50	1200
On-Call Advanced	50	1365
One Touch Ultra	50	1500
One Touch Verio	50	1499
One Touch Vita	50	1481
Sensocard	50	1630
SuperCheck 2	50	849
TRUEone	50	1452
TRUEresult	50	1453
TrueTrack Smart System	50	1452
WaveSense Jazz	50	987
(iii) Biosensor disc to be read only with appropriate meter		
Ascensia Autodisc	5 discs of 10 strips each	1473
(for use with Ascensia Breeze meter)		
Breeze 2 (for use with Breeze 2 meter)	5 discs of 10 strips each	1445
Every x 3	15 drums of 6 strips each	2535

BLOOD GLUCOSE TESTING STRIPS cont.

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(iv) Colorimetric - to be read only with appropriate meter

Active	50	1516
Betachek G5	50	1419
Compact	3 drums of 17 strips	1529
FineTouch	50	1443

(v) Colorimetric Cassette - to be read only with appropriate meter

Mobile	100	3100
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DETECTION STRIPS FOR USE IN TESTING BLOOD FOR DETERMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL NORMALISED RATIO (INR)

Test strips for the quantitative determination of Prothrombin Time in capillary or venous whole blood in the range of 0.8 to 8.0 International Normalised Ratio using the CoaguChek/Coagucek S monitor.
Field of application. Test for monitoring oral anticoagulation therapy. (Long-term therapy with coumarin derivatives.)

Alere INRatio test strips	0100071	12	3053
(formerly HemoSense INRatio)	0100139	48	11935
CoaguChek PT	1937634	12	3255
(formerley Coagu-chek)	1937642	48	12726
CoaguChek XS PT Test	04625328	24	6623
	04625315	48	12948
ProTime 3 Cuvettes	49006000	6	1554
	49005000	25	6325

DETECTION PAD, SWEAT FOR NEUROPATHY

Price (p)

Neuropad	2	707
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OTHER REAGENTS

List of reagents which may be ordered by medical practitioners on Form GP 10A only

Nx	Fluorets Strips	100	592
Nx	Protein Sensitisation Test Solutions		Invoice Price
Nx	Tuberculin PPD dilutions BP		Invoice Price

APPENDIX

Notes on Blood Glucose Testing

1. Blood glucose testing strips (BGTS) are primarily intended for insulin-dependent diabetics who will normally have received consultant advice on their condition. One pack (50 strips) would normally be sufficient for two months. All strips should be kept in their original container and should not be cut or split. Because of the differences in colour change in colorimetric types, strips are not interchangeable.

Due regard should be given to the manufacturer's instructions, and the recommendation on storage and period of use after the first opening.

2. General practitioners should be aware that defects in colour vision may occur in diabetes and certain colorimetric BGT strips should not be prescribed for such patients for visual use. (See outline of colour changes described for individual entries above.)
3. Misleading results, which could be hazardous if acted upon, might arise if users are inadequately trained. (Hazard Notice HN (87) (13)). It is therefore essential that patients should receive appropriate training before attempting to use BGTS for monitoring their blood glucose. The training may be given by suitably qualified healthcare professionals. It should be noted that there are variations in technique between different makes. Some technical factors are given in paragraph 4 below.

4. Reagent strips are subject to the following limitations:

Fluoride specimen	The strips are not to be used with blood specimens preserved with fluoride.
Serum & plasma	The strips are not designed to be used with serum or plasma.
Haematocrit	Extremes in haematocrit can affect test results.

Due regard should be given to the manufacturer's specifications.

5. **Disposal of lancets.**
Patients should be reminded of the need to exercise caution when disposing of used lancets. These should be placed in a tin or other strong container before disposal. (The needle clipping device listed in Part 3 is not generally suitable for use with lancets.)

As with single-use syringes, the arrangements outlined above are not suitable for patients where there is a risk of infection being transmitted. General Practitioners are similarly advised that blood lancets should only be prescribed for patients who are carriers of infectious diseases where suitable arrangements have been made for the disposal of the used articles as contaminated waste. Medical Officers for environmental health can advise on these arrangements.