

## Position Statement

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The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia is committed to the promotion of the appropriate use of pathology. Diagnostic tests that are provided in accredited laboratories have undergone a rigorous process of assessment to confirm that each test has analytical validity, clinical validity, clinical utility and is cost-effective however not every one of these elements is satisfied every time a test is requested. It is important that health practitioners understand enough about a test's characteristics to be confident that the result or report arising from a particular test will enhance their patient's care and is an appropriate use of finite health resources.