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"The Quality Clinical Pathology Service"

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Cytology – Fine Needle Aspirates Codes

We have altered our cytology (FNA) request codes in order to bring a greater conformity of charging from our cytology team and also to make choosing the correct cytology code easier within practice. These will take place with immediate effect.

Each site aspirated will be charged individually and if > 6 slides are submitted this will incur an additional charge. We recognise that lymph node aspirates and joint taps require multiple sites submitted for diagnostic purposes, therefore these do not fall within the multiple site rule, but if > 6 slides are submitted this will also incur an additional charge. The table below highlights a simple in-practice guide.

Number of sites		Number of Slides	Price (£)	Price (€)
Fine Needle Aspirate 1 site	And/Or	Up to 6 Slides	24.00	36.00
Fine Needle Aspirate up to 2 sites	And/Or	7 - 12 Slides	44.00	66.00
Fine Needle Aspirate up to 3 sites	And/Or	13 - 18 Slides	64.00	96.00
Fine Needle Aspirate up to 4 sites	And/Or	19 - 24 slides	84.00	126.00
Fine Needle Aspirate up to 5 and > sites	And/Or	> 24 Slides	104.00	156.00

The prices quoted are list prices and therefore any practices discount or currency fluctuations are not included.

Please note that non diagnostic FNA requests will be charged at £19.00 or €28.50 to take into account the processing and cytologist time in creating, staining and reviewing the slides within the request.

Cytology – New Pathologist

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Aris Hatzis to our cytology team. Aris replaces Randy Wilson who returned to the USA. Aristodimos Hatzis DVM, Dip ACVP, MRCVS graduated from the University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. Aris worked in private practice, and also private and state diagnostic labs. He was a resident at the RVC from Nov 2004-Nov 2007. On completion of his residency, Aris remained at the RVC as a clinical instructor until the end of February. He has a particular interest in Haemopoietic Neoplasia.



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Allergyvet™ – Scientific Data

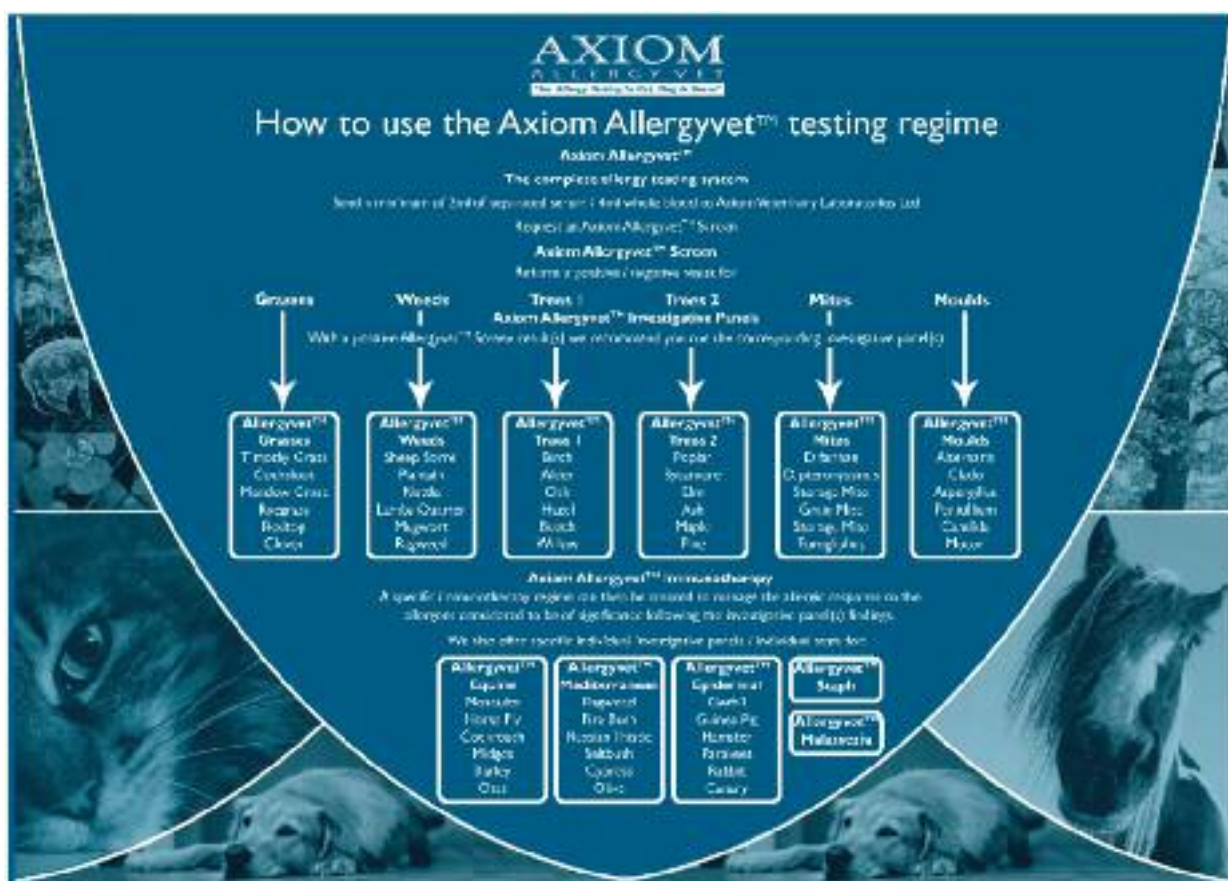
This edition of *Veterinary Dermatology** contains a study entitled "Performance characteristics of a monoclonal antibody cocktail based ELISA (new Allergyvet™ test) for detection of allergen-specific IgE in dogs and comparison with a high affinity IgE receptor based ELISA (old Axiom allergy test)". This study highlights the 91% concordance of results between the 2 methodologies and therefore why, scientifically, Axiom is confident in offering you our new Allergyvet™ tests. In addition this scientific acumen benefits you, the practitioner, because it is combined with excellent cost effectiveness.

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Allergyvet™ – Screening / Panel Changes

Following feedback from clients, and analysing collated data to determine which allergens are most appropriate, we have removed the Epidermal element from the allergyvet screen, with the result that, a wider spectrum of tree allergens are now included within the screening test. Also the two tree panels can be requested separately.

The guide below highlights this amendment.



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Allergyvet™ – Client Feedback

We were pleased to launch our new range of allergy tests at BSAVA and have seen many new and existing practitioners choose to use this service. The combined benefits of Axiom's renowned expertise in serological allergy testing and the new, competitively priced options have been the primary reasons for practices switching to using Axiom's Allergyvet™ service.

To review what new literature is available please view the following links:

Practitioner Literature:

<http://www.allergyvet.co.uk/veterinarysurgeons.html>



Allergy Brochure

Client Literature:

<http://www.allergyvet.co.uk/client-information.html>



Allergen Leaflets

To request information to be sent to you please email zoe.briscoe@axiomvetlab.co.uk

Dates for your diary

UVHC Conference – 21st August

Axiom will be exhibiting at the UVHC (University Veterinary Hospital Conference) at University College Dublin. We will be pleased to discuss our service with new and existing practitioners from Ireland and further afield.

WCVA – Meeting 17th September

The Western Counties Veterinary Association will be holding a meeting at our Newton Abbot Laboratory on the 17th September 2009. This meeting will include a laboratory tour and a wet lab element, and then case presentations, which will decide the outcome of the annual WCVA Cembro plate award. A buffet supper will be provided.

BSAVA Regional Meetings

Introduction to cytology: 9th June, venue BSAVA HQ, Quedgeley, Prof Michael Day

Clinical pathology: 25th June, Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, Leeds, Elizabeth Villiers

Practical haematology: 10th Sep, BSAVA HQ, Quedgeley, Kostas Papisoulitis

Haematology: 19th November, Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, Leeds

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