

Maximise your oncology benefits

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> Benefits



Bestmed covers you for cancer treatment on the Bestmed Oncology Care Programme.

If you are diagnosed with cancer, you will need to register on the Bestmed Oncology Programme for the oncology benefit.



How to register:

To register on the oncology programme please send a copy of the histology report, which includes the diagnosis and ICD 10 code to oncology@bestmed.co.za.

- All services must be pre-authorized by Bestmed
- Services are rendered by Bestmed's preferred providers
- The services must fall within Bestmed's funding guidelines
- If you would like to find out more about the oncology programme and benefits you can contact Bestmed on +27 (0)12 472 6254 or +27 (0)12 472 6234 or email oncology@bestmed.co.za and one of the case managers will gladly assist you. Alternatively, you can download the Managed Care Guide [here](#)

Treatment approved by the scheme will be covered under the oncology benefit according to Scheme protocols and rules and includes:

- Chemotherapy and radiotherapy
- Technical planning scans
- Implantable cancer treatments including brachytherapy and Gliadel wafers
- Hormonal therapy related to your cancer
- Consultations with your cancer specialist
- Fees charged by accredited facilities
- Specific blood tests related to your condition
- Materials used in the administration of your treatment such as drips and needles
- Medicine on the medicine list (formulary) to treat pain, nausea and mild depression as well as any other medicine used to treat the side effects of your cancer treatment (except schedule 0,1 and 2 medicines)

- External breast prosthesis and special bras
- Stoma products
- Radiology requested by your cancer specialist, which includes
- Basic x-rays
- CT, MRI and PET-CT scans related to your cancer
- Ultrasound, isotope or nuclear bone scans
- Other specialised scans such as a gallium scan

Certain treatments such as wigs and bone density scans will not be covered by the oncology benefit and will be paid from available funds in your day-to-day benefits.

> Plan specific benefits:

Biological and other high-cost medicine

Biological medicines are derived from a living source, for example interferon treatment for advanced melanoma. Biological and other high-cost medicines are limited to the following amounts:

Biological benefits allocated per option:

Plan	Benefit detail
Beat1 and Beat1N, Beat2 and Beat2N, Beat3 and Beat3N Beat4:	No benefit available, except where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
Pace1:	No benefit available, except where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
Pace2:	Benefit of R192 126 per beneficiary, subject to pre-authorization. Additional benefit available where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
Pace3:	Benefit of R384 507 per beneficiary, subject to pre-authorization. Additional benefit available where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
Pace4:	Biological and other high-cost medicine benefit of R569 070 per beneficiary, subject to pre-authorization. Additional benefit available where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
Rhythm1 and Rhythm2	No benefit available, except where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.

Please refer to the oncology benefits table for a detailed description.

> Oncology benefit

Options	Extended benefit	Standard benefit (pmb)
		Rhythm1 and Rhythm2
		Beat1 and Beat1N
	Pace3	Beat2 and Beat2N
	Pace4	Beat3 and Beat3N
		Beat4
		Pace1
		Pace2
Providers	Make use of ICON as the DSP	
Protocols/formularies	Essential (all options) Core and Enhanced (Pace3 and Pace4)	
Registration on oncology programme	Only approved treatment would qualify for the oncology benefit	
	ICON network has to be used	
	Evidence-based medicine principles are applied	
	Registered indication/s of medicines at the MCC are taken into account	
	Medicines reimbursed at MRP	
Biologicals and other costly medicine	Annual limit applicable Pace2: R192 126* Pace3: R384 507* Pace4: R569 070*	Annual limit applicable Beat1 and Beat1N, Beat2 and Beat2N, Beat3 and Beat3N, • Beat4, • Pace1, • Rhythm1 and Rhythm2, No benefit available, except where treatment is PMB level of care for a specific cancer and its stage.
	*per beneficiary subject to pre-authorization at Bestmed	

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