



INVITATION TO TENDER

** TENDER No. PH022/001

SUBJECT: Platinum Health Medical Scheme (PHMS) Pathology service

Platinum Health Medical Scheme (PHMS) hereby requests all suitable pathology service providers to submit a bid for the pathology services of the PHMS and related parties. The scope document can be found on our website www.platinumhealth.co.za/tender/Pathology. All bidders to kindly note that should they have queries or technical questions they can please forward those to Markus.Fourie@platinumhealth.co.za no later than the 11th March 2022. All tender documents need to be submitted electronically to Luisse.Scholtz@platinumhealth.co.za no later than 10am on 21st March 2022. No hardcopies will be accepted.

Short listed companies will be invited for a comprehensive presentation.

Yours Faithfully,
Platinum Health Supply Chain

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SCOPE OF WORK



The purpose of this tender is to award a contract for clinical laboratory services to the members of Platinum Health Medical Scheme and Platinum Health Occupational Health Services.

Scope:

Services to be rendered:

The following services will be required, however not limited to:

1. Haematology
2. Cytology
3. Histology
4. Microbiology
5. Molecular Pathology
6. Virology
7. Cytogenetics
8. Chemical pathology
9. Coagulation
10. Occupational Health
11. New-born Screening
12. Gene Xpert (TB)

Collection of specimens at the following geographical Platinum Health clinics/hospital must be done at least once a day (this may increase/decrease as the business changes). These geographical areas constitute 90% of volume of work (Rustenburg, Bushveld-Thabazimbi, Polokwane and Burgersfort areas):

1. Platinum Health Medical Centre in Rustenburg
2. Eland Mine Clinic
3. Sun village Clinic
4. Mogwase Clinic
5. Phokeng Clinic
6. RB Plats
7. Union Hospital
8. Moruleng Clinic
9. Amandelbult Hospital
10. Northam Platinum Mines Clinic
11. Sataria Clinic
12. Thabazimbi Consulting rooms
13. Mogalakwena Clinic
14. Polokwane Smelter
15. Northam Town Clinic
16. Twickenham Clinic
17. Modikwa Mine Clinic
18. Burgersfort Consulting rooms
19. Mokopane Consulting Rooms
20. Mashishing Consulting rooms



21. Jane Furse Clinic
22. Tharisa Mine Clinic

Collection of all specimens is required from all our Designated Services Providers and all Platinum Health Clinic operations.

Even though the above areas constitute most of our service areas, it will be a requirement that the Services must be available nationally to all our members. A national footprint is therefore essential alternatively a footprint provided by you that gives a semblance of a national footprint so that Platinum Health and its beneficiaries is not inconvenienced in any way.

Specialist Pathologists in haematology, biochemistry, anatomical pathology, microbiology, histology, cytology, virology, molecular biology and cytogenetics must be made available for telephonic or electronic consultations by our appointed General Practitioners.

The number of beneficiaries covered will be in excess of 95000.

Specific Requirements:

1. An electronic system should be in place to seamlessly interface with our Healthcare Management System, Qmed. Electronic paperless requests and results back into the system are essential. You will be given 3 months after tender award to develop the interfaces and thereafter take over from the current service provider.
2. A detailed description of your footprint must be provided that shows how and where you will deliver your services to Platinum Health.
3. Supply all specimen bottles.
4. Provide storage requirements for specimen awaiting transportation.
5. Gene Xpert TB diagnostic service. This service is essential in our drive to eliminate TB in the mining environment. Requirement for all our sites:
 - a. Perform the tests according to standards stipulated by machine manufacture and provide us with results within 24 hours (Same day results); and
 - b. Transportation of specimens from our sites Monday to Friday.
6. Archiving of results in terms of legislative requirements.
7. Pricing should be grouped by the following clinical areas in order to take into account appropriate discounts on tests:
 1. HIV management
 2. TB management (inclusive of Gene Xpert)
 3. Covid19 Management
 4. All other clinical laboratory services

Other:

1. Tender period valid for 36 months with an option to renew for a further 36 months
2. Fixed price needed for year 1.



3. Price to be in ZAR
4. Prices to be provided for all laboratory tests that you deem necessary, however as a minimum, specifically for the tests in the table below:

Tests	Number of tests in 2021
Allergy: Skin-prick tests: Immediate hypersensitivity testing (Type I reaction): Per antigen: Inhalant and food allergens	1,105
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	5,971
Full blood count (including items 3739, 3762, 3783, 3785, 3791)	23,758
Hemoglobin estimation	20,191
Grouping: A B and O antigens	1,786
Grouping: Rh antigen	1,780
Leucocytes: Total count	931
Platelet count	25,169
Prothrombin index	2,980
Therapeutic drug level: Dosage	1,305
T and B-cells EAC markers (limited to ONE marker only for CD4/8 counts)	19,132
Partial thromboplastin time	607
D-Dimer (quantitative)	1,099
Miscellaneous (body fluids, urine, exudate, fungi, puss, scrapings, etc.)	6,480
Feaces (including parasites)	590
Campylobacter in stool: Fastidious culture	590
Mycobacteria	2,967
Cytochemical stain	1,033
Antibiotic susceptibility test: Per organism	2,985
Bacteriological culture: Miscellaneous	6,281
Bacteriological culture: Fastidious organisms	3,029
Fungal culture	686
Anaerobe culture: Limited procedure	1,334
Radiometric tuberculosis culture	856
Viable cell count	4,539
Biochemical identification of bacterium: Abridged	2,695
Biochemical identification of bacterium: Extended	730
Antimicrobial substances	4,441
Radiometric mycobacterium antibiotic sensitivity	1,859
Antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): ELISA	4,682



Auto antibodies by labelled antibodies	1,172
Agglutination test per antigen	1,028
IgM: Specific antibody titer: ELISA/EMIT: Per Ag	1,356
C-reactive protein	13,345
IgG: Specific antibody titer: ELISA/EMIT: Per Ag	5,732
Albumin	11,686
Alkaline phosphatase	9,621
Amylase	725
Bilirubin: Total	9,858
Bilirubin: Conjugated	9,511
Calcium: Spectrophotometric	3,264
LDL cholesterol (chemical determination)	575
Cholesterol total	8,753
HDL cholesterol	6,901
Creatinine	41,357
Glucose: Quantitative	3,671
HbA1C	4,705
Iron	1,994
Blood gases: Astrup/pO ₂ and ancillary tests - can only be charged to a maximum of 6 times per patient per day	2,771
Magnesium: Spectrophotometric	2,928
Phosphate	2,762
Potassium	554
Protein: Total	9,519
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	13,417
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	25,795
Creatine kinase (CK)	1,760
Lactate dehydrogenase (LD)	512
Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT)	9,739
Transferrin	1,984
Triglyceride	7,157
Urea	18,716
CK-MB: Mass determination: Quantitative (Automated)	1,240
Uric acid	2,779
Troponin isoforms: Each	2,248
Sodium + potassium + chloride + CO ₂ + urea	22,542
Quantitative protein estimation: Nephelometer or Turbidometric method	1,689



Urine dipstick, per stick (irrespective of the number of tests on stick)	3,715
Protein: Quantitative	957
Identification of drug: Qualitative	1,786
Quantitative PCR (DNA/RNA)	20,408
Bacteriological DNA identification (PCR)	2,698
Quantitative PCR - viral load (not HIV) - hepatitis C, hepatitis B, CMV, etc.	536
HCG: Monoclonal immunological: Qualitative	836
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Cast Per Allergen	1,070
Free thyroxine (FT4)	2,504
Thyrotropin (TSH) + Free Thyroxine (FT4)	1,537
B-Type Natriuretic Peptide	734
Vitamin B12	646
Drug concentration: Quantitative	2,176
Testosterone	765
Oestradiol	971
Multiple antigen specific IgE screening test for Atopy	652
Thyrotropin (TSH)	5,638
Combined antigen specific IgE	782
Free tri-iodothyronine (FT3)	1,446
IgE: Total	1,168
Antigen specific IgE	8,117
Follitropin (FSH)	1,036
Lutropin (LH)	821
Prostate specific antigen	3,354
Progesterone	761
Sex hormone binding globulin	779
Ferritin	2,272
Hepatitis: Per antigen or antibody	4,854
Prolactin	726
Procalcitonin: Quantitative	2,644
Vaginal or cervical smears, each	2,483
Histology per sample	1,598
Histology per additional block, each	4,736
Serial step sections (including item 4567)	1,703
Serial step sections per additional block, each	2,711
Special stains	2,024



Immunoperoxidase studies	1,064
Antibiotic MIC per organism per antibiotic	1,254
Non-radiometric automated blood cultures	2,665
Rapid automated bacterial identification per organism	2,159
Rapid automated antibiotic susceptibility per organism	1,622

2. TENDER Specifics

Tenders should be grouped by the following clinical areas:

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Please indicate which of above services or if all services will be rendered.

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PLEASE NOTE: IF TENDERS HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE OUTCOME OF A TENDER WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CLOSING DATE, THE OFFER SUBMITTED CAN BE REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN UNSUCCESSFULL.

Item Description

Pathology service





CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

Please note that failure to comply with any of the under mentioned conditions may invalidate your Tender

1. Platinum Health does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept a tender in whole or in part.
2. Extensions of the tender closing time and date will not generally be granted. Any application for such extension must be submitted in writing, stating the reasons therefore, prior to the closing time and date. Tenders will only be extended if granted, in writing, by Platinum Health purchasing department.
3. Prices inclusive of delivery charges and exclusive of VAT are required.
4. The following information must be included in your Tender:
 - 4.1 Delivery completion time.
 - 4.2 Trade and / or settlement discounts.
 - 4.3 Delivery direct to required site of Platinum Health
 - 4.4 Tender validity period.
 - 4.5 Vendor contact person and contact details
 - 4.6 Platinum Health Tender number is clearly reflected on the Tender.
5. Further queries or technical questions regarding Scope of Work, can be forward to Markus.Fourie@platinumhealth.co.za no later than the 9th March 2022
All services described in the scope of work completed will be subjected to the approval of delegated representative.
6. All tender documents need to be submitted electronically to LuiSe.Scholtz@platinumhealth.co.za no later than 10am on 21st March 2022. No hardcopies will be accepted.
7. **Should you be awarded the tender, As from 1 April 2022 it is required that all staff sent to our sites need to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination prior to doing work or deliveries at our sites.**

This addendum shall be deemed to be incorporated in any purchase order/s which may be awarded and shall be read together with and supplementary to any Contract stipulated therein. In the event of any duplication or ambiguity arising between the contents of the addendum and the wording of the contract referred to in order/s, the wording of the contract shall take precedence.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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Without detracting from the provisions of this order, insofar as the Contractor's services, or any portion thereof, is undertaken on the Company's premises, all work performed in connection therewith, shall be performed accordance with the following provisions:

The Contractor undertakes to comply with all of the provisions of the Mine health and Safety Act, or the Occupational Health and Safety Act, as may be applicable in respect of its own employees and sub-contractor's, as well as in relation to persons employed by the Company, and any other persons. The Contractor furthermore shall ensure that any sub-contractors employed by it, comply with the provisions set out in this clause.

The Contractor shall comply with all conditions regarding safety and procedures in respect thereof as laid down in the "Contractor's Mine Safety Pack". A copy of this document is obtainable through the Mine Safety Officer.

CONTRACTOR'S ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The Contractor shall accept all risk of damages arising out of or resulting from the carrying out of its service for the Company, by its and/or its sub-contractors its/their operations in terms of this contract, whether to itself and/or its sub-contractors, representatives of employees or to any of its and/or their property.

Without in any way detracting from the generality of the above Contractor agrees to reimburse the company on any additional costs, which the company may incur as a result of the Contractor's

- Failure to adhere to the Company's safety regulations
- Contributing to the Company's safety statistics

INDEMNIFICATION AND EXCLUSION OF COMPANY'S LIABILITY

The Company shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct or consequential, of whatsoever nature a howsoever arising, occasioned to the Contractor or to any other person or property, and arising out of, or in connection with the provision of services by the Contractor.

The Contractor hereby indemnifies and holds the Company, Platinum Health, its Companies and/or their employees, agents or representatives, harmless in respect of any such claim or action, against:

All loss and damage sustained by the Company, and/or its representatives or employees and incurred in connection with the provision of service to it, and

All claims, demands, proceedings, costs (including costs on an attorney and client scale), charges and expenses which may be incurred by the Company, in connection with sustained loss and damages, that may arise out of any act or omission of the part of the Contractor or it's invitees acting in pursuance of this contract.



The Contractor hereby indemnifies the Company against any claim, which might be made against the Company for the unauthorised use of infringement of any patent rights, trademarks or protected rights in respect of any suppliers and against cost incurred in that connection. All royalties, damages and expenses arising from the use by any Company of such patent rights, trademarks or protected rights shall be payable by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to take over and conduct at its own expense any action arising from alleged infringement of others' rights if so required by the Company.

INSURANCE AGAINST LOSS

The Contractor shall at its own expenses, effect and maintain adequate insurance cover for all loss or damage which may be suffered by the Contractor and/or the Company, as a result of any incident arising out of, or in connection with the performance of rights and obligations by the Contractor, in accordance with this contract. The Contractor shall ensure that all insurance cover, taken out by it, in accordance with the requirements of this order, includes equal cover for its sub-contractor's operations and/or business to be carried out by the said sub-contractors, and/or in respect of anything arising there from.

The Contractor shall ensure that it is registered with the Compensation Commissioner, in accordance with the requirements of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act, 130 of 1993 as amended, and shall provide the Budgeting and Ordering Co-ordinator with its Compensation Fund registration number.

The Contractor warrants that all the Contractor's employees who at any time may be employed by the Contractor on the Company's premises are insured in terms of the said Act and are insured for a minimum death benefit of R 200,000.00 per employee.

It shall be a condition of this contract that no service shall be affected in terms of this contract, until the Contractor has provided proof of registration with the Compensation Fund, and submitted proof of payment of the tariff assessments, required of it by the Compensation Fund. It shall further be a condition of this contract, that the Contractor shall at all times ensure that such payment or tariff assessments are kept up to date.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH

The Contractor shall, in performing its obligations in terms of this contract, comply at its own expense with all applicable laws, regulations, by-laws and the requirements of any local or other authorities, promulgated from time to time.



Without derogating from the above, the Contractor agrees and hereby acknowledges that it has read and fully understands the implications of inter alia the following Acts:

Mine Health and Safety Act No. 29 of 1996;
Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act No.30 of 1993;
The Hazardous Substances Act No. 15 of 1973;
The Road Traffic Act 23 of 1989 and National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996;
The Explosives Act 26 of 1956;
The Minerals Act and Regulations of 1991;
The relevant environmental legislation;

Insofar as they pertain to the provision of service and vehicles and equipment, used in connection therewith.

In the absence of any specific legislation, ordinance or by-law, the Contractor shall implement to the extent that is applicable and appropriate, the terms and conditions of the Anglo Platinum Environmental Guidelines for Contractors, ADC 027, as amended from time to time, available from Anglo Platinum Management Services (PTY) Ltd., which guidelines shall be deemed to be specifically incorporated herein.

EMERGENCY HOSPITALISATION

In the event of any of the Contractor's employees, or the employees of the Contractor's sub-contractors, becoming ill or being injured on the Company's property through any cause whatsoever, including assault, the Company reserves the right to arrange for such temporary emergency medical and hospital services as it considers necessary at the Company's nearest first aid facility or the Company's hospital, and the Contractor undertakes and agrees to pay all expenses thereby incurred.

The Contractor agrees that the first port of call for any of its employees or sub-contractor's being injured on the Company's property through any because whatsoever shall be the Company nearest first aid facility or the Company's hospital and the Contractor undertakes to pay all expenses thereby incurred.