

## **INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANTS**

Over the past few months, Pharmaceutical Services and the British Columbia Medical Association have been working together to facilitate physician participation in research into the effectiveness of cholinesterase inhibitors for the treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.

In recognition that participation in the research program falls outside regular physician activities, the ministry, in consultation with the BCMA, has established MSP fee items for physician participation in this research program for informing, referring and providing follow-up information to the University of Victoria's Centre on Aging.

Physician participation in this program is voluntary and the fees are payable over and above established billing for office visits. The fee items come into effect on July 1, 2009, and may be billed after July 6, 2009.

The attached ADTI Research Compensation Algorithm provides an overview of the associated fee items (payment and timelines). Please see the Research Program information package sent to physicians for additional details on the process to follow for both physicians and specialists participating in this research program, including the fee items and samples of the research documentation.

If you have any questions about these fees, please see the attached Qs and As or visit the ADTI website at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/adi/clinician/index.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/adi/clinician/index.html). If you still have questions, please call the ADTI's Project Office at 250 952-1594.

Your assistance with this program is greatly appreciated. Working together, we can improve the knowledge, understanding and support required to accommodate the increasing number of British Columbians affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

# ADTI RESEARCH COMPENSATION ALGORITHM

**At 0 months**, when patient is diagnosed with AD and the decision to treat with ChEIs made:

**STEP 1 - Physician advises patient & caregiver of research**  
Submit HLTH 5369 with optional section completed  
→ Claim **G97001 - \$15**



Physician confirms patient/caregiver willing to participate in research studies

**If YES**



**STEP 2 - Physician submits Referral Fax to UVic**  
→ Claim **G97004 - \$50**

UVic's Centre on Aging staff confirm patient eligibility & written consent

**If YES**



**At 6 months**, physician confirms patient is indeterminate responder and is still interested in participating in the study

**If YES**



**STEP 3 - Physician submits:**

1. Allocation Fax to UVic  
→ Claim **G97005 - \$50**
2. Clock-Drawing Test to UVic  
→ Claim **G97006 - \$50**
3. HLTH 5370 to PSD with optional section completed  
→ Claim **G97002 - \$15**



**At 12, 18 and 24 months**

1. Submit Clock-Drawing Test to UVic  
→ Claim **G97006 - \$50**
2. Submit Medication Stop Fax (if appropriate)  
→ Claim **G97007 - \$15**
3. Submit HLTH 5370 with optional section completed  
→ Claim **G97002 - \$15**

**IF NO**

**Every 6 months up to 24 months**

- Submit HLTH 5370 with optional section completed  
→ Claim **G97002 - \$15**

**and when patient stops treatment**

- Submit HLTH 5370 with optional section completed and reason for termination  
→ Claim **G97003 - \$15**