

First-in-class **blood test** enabling the early and accurate diagnosis of **Endometriosis**

Endometriosis affects approximately one in nine women and girls. It is a chronic, progressive, estrogen-dependent inflammatory disease characterised by the presence of endometrial-like tissue outside the uterine cavity.

The current gold standard for diagnosing endometriosis is laparoscopic surgery. It is invasive, costly and may miss many cases, particularly in early-stage disease where up to 50% of patients may go undetected¹.

Diagnosis is often delayed, typically ranging from four to 11 years after symptom onset, which frequently begins during adolescence². This delay is multifactorial. Key contributors include the reliance on surgery in the absence of biomarker tests, non-specific symptom presentation, lack of awareness of the condition and stigma, and normalisation of symptoms such as pelvic pain³. As a result, many patients endure years of repeated consultations with general practitioners and specialists before receiving a confirmed diagnosis.



Current diagnostic delays in **Endometriosis**

With diagnosis taking on average seven years, the challenges and consequences for patients and the healthcare system are substantial⁴:

- **Delayed management** leads to prolonged patient suffering, adverse psychological impacts and increased risk of co-morbidities
- Disease progression can result in further complications including chronic pelvic pain, infertility⁵ and reduced quality in life⁴
- **Diagnostic surgery patient burden** includes time off work for laparoscopic surgery and post-operative recovery, with associated risks of surgical complications
- Significant economic cost for the healthcare system, the broader economy and individual patients 6,7,8
- Burden on the healthcare system, particularly in the public system and in rural or remote areas, forcing many patients to pay out-of-pocket due to the long wait times for specialist and surgical appointments
- Increased demand on multidisciplinary resources, involving general practitioners, gynaecologists, surgeons, anaesthetists, pathologist and nursing teams

These challenges highlight the urgent need for an accurate, non-invasive diagnostic tool to facilitate earlier detection and timely intervention.

What is **Promarker**[®]Endo

PromarkerEndo is an in vitro specialty blood test designed to accurately identify endometriosis at all stages. The test can distinguish the general population and symptomatic patients from those with early stages of disease 9.

Over 1,000 patients have been studied in the development of PromarkerEndo. The test utilises precision mass spectrometry technology to measure blood-based protein biomarkers. Biologically, each of the proteins measured plays a role relevant to disease pathophysiology including coagulation and complement cascades, lipid metabolism, oxidative defence systems, immune regulation, tissue homeostasis, and morphogenesis9.

The test integrates a panel of protein biomarker concentrations with clinical data (age and BMI) using a cloud-based algorithm to generate an individualised risk score. Unlike genetic DNA tests that assess acquired risk, PromarkerEndo detects real-time biochemical activity through the measurement of proteins in the blood.

PromarkerEndo has the potential to transform the diagnostic pathway.

The PromarkerEndo blood test can provide clinicians with a new biological tool to assess the likelihood of endometriosis in patients presenting with symptoms. PromarkerEndo can help reduce diagnostic delays, enable earlier intervention and more targeted clinical decision-making.

The test also holds utility in fertility settings.

There is an estimated three-fold increased incidence of endometriosis among otherwise healthy women undergoing fertility treatments⁵. The ability to detect or exclude endometriosis early may help guide clinical decisions around assisted reproductive strategies, improving outcomes for patients struggling with unexplained infertility.

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The path to earlier diagnosis





Biomarkers analysed



Promarker® Endo hub calculates risk



66 Early screening with a

blood test can support

timely diagnosis, inform

treatment planning, and

assist in determining the

need for surgical investigation.

Results delivered



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