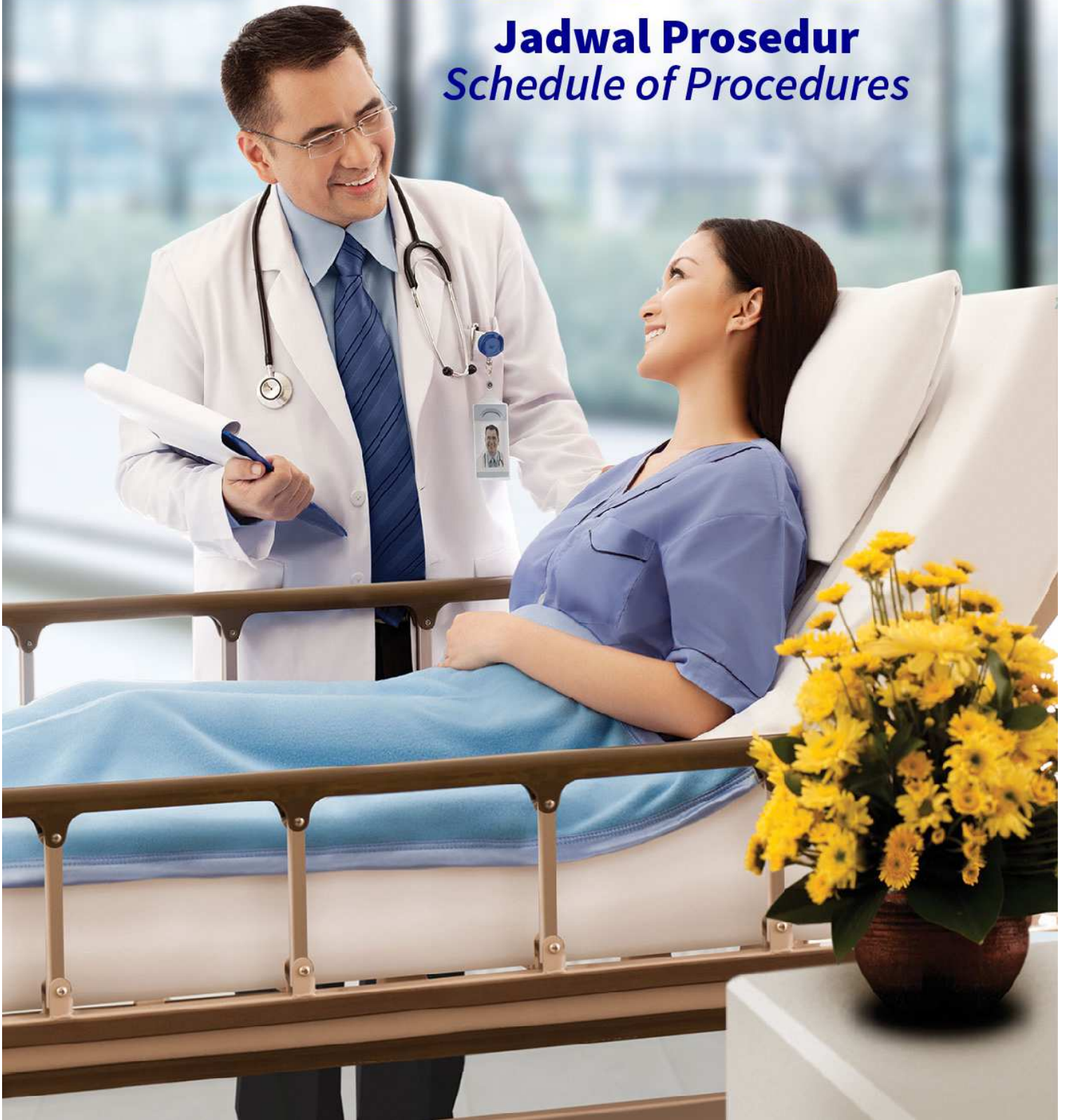




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1 simple investigations and procedures and general procedures

The following procedures and investigations are commonly carried out during or alongside an out-patient consultation. When this is the case, it is usual to charge a consultation fee plus a small uplift, or a minor procedure fee, but not both.

1A.1 Simple investigations

20110	ECG
20150	Patch testing
20210	Air conduction audiogram
20220	Audiogram with other cochlear test
20230	Impedance audiogram
20240	Impedance audiogram as part of other procedure

1A.2 Simple procedures

25000	Incision and drainage (not elsewhere covered)
H2510	Rigid sigmoidoscopy including biopsy
H5230	Injection of sclerosing substance into haemorrhoids
H5240	Banding of haemorrhoids
L8600	Unilateral varicose vein injection sclerotherapy
S1110	Curettage/cryotherapy of lesion of skin including cauterization – up to three
S1500	Biopsy of skin or subcutaneous tissue
S1510	Needle/tru-cut biopsy of muscle
S4780	Aspiration of subcutaneous haematoma
S5210	Injection into subcutaneous tissue/painful trigger point (including local anaesthetic and steroid)
S5300	Introduction of substance into skin (including hormone pellet)
V4800	Injection around apophyseal facet(s) of vertebra(e)
W9282	Joint fluid examination (eg polarising microscopy) performed by consultant including aspiration of fluid
W9040	Injection(s) into joint(s) without X-ray control
X4810	Change of cast without general anaesthetic

1B General procedures

20140	24 hour ECG Holter monitoring
20141	Long term ambulatory ECG monitoring (event recording)
20142	Insertion of implantable ECG loop recorder
20143	Removal of implantable ECG loop recorder
20130	Exercise ECG
64300	Echocardiography
20132	Exercise stress echocardiography
V5003	Manipulation of spine without GA/IV sedation (as sole procedure)
D0702	Aural toilet – including microsuction
E3680	Endoscopic laryngopharyngoscopy as sole out-patient procedure
22000	Electroencephalography (EEG) in adult or child aged over 5.
P2730	Colposcopy (+/- biopsy)
Q1280	Introduction of a Mirena coil
Q2020	Endometrial biopsy or aspiration
S4760	Fine needle aspiration cytology
25010	Paravertebral block up to two levels (without X-ray control)
25022	Stellate ganglion block (local anaesthetic)

2 brain, cranium and intracranial organs

Excision of lesion of pituitary gland includes packing of the nose and removal of packs where required. These should not be charged separately. Additional charges should not be made for cranioplasty with intracranial procedures.

2.1 Brain

A0110	Hemispherectomy	Complex
A0180	Excision of abscess of brain	Complex
A0200	Excision of lesion of tissue of brain	Complex
A0280	Awake craniotomy with ablation of lesion of brain with or without cortical mapping/stereotaxy	Complex
A0300	Stereotactic ablation of tissue of brain	Complex
A0380	Stereotactic radiosurgery of neuronal tissue using gamma knife	Complex
A0400	Open biopsy of lesion of tissue of brain	Complex
A0980	Deep brain stimulation for Parkinson's disease	Complex
A1220	Creation of ventriculovascular anastomosis	Major
A1240	Creation of ventriculoperitoneal shunt	Major
A1250	Creation of subcutaneous cerebrospinal fluid reservoir	Major
A1300	Maintenance of cerebroventricular shunt (including revision)	Major
A1430	Removal of cerebroventricular shunt	Intermediate
A1440	Irrigation of cerebroventricular shunt	Minor
A1700	Therapeutic endoscopic operations on ventricle of brain (including examination and biopsy of lesion)	Xmajor
A2080	Ventricular puncture (as sole procedure)	Minor
A2220	Puncture of cistern of brain	Minor

2.2 Cranium

A4280	Intracranial infection: burr hole	Intermediate
V0110	Reconstructive cranioplasty	Xmajor
V0130	Craniostenosis (for single suture)	Major
V0180	Craniostenosis (for more than one suture)	Xmajor
V0310	Exploratory open craniotomy	Xmajor
V0330	Exploratory burr hole of cranium	Major
V0382	Total petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex
V0383	Lateral petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex
V0390	Foramen magnum decompression	Complex
V0510	Excision of lesion of cranium	Major
V0530	Elevation of depressed fracture of cranium	Major
V0580	Repair of compound fracture of cranium	Xmajor

2.3 Meninges

A2210	Drainage of subarachnoid space of brain	Major
A3810	Excision of lesion of meninges of brain	Complex
A3830	Operation for arachnoidal cyst	Xmajor
A3900	Repair of dura	Complex
A4010	Evacuation of extradural haematoma	Complex
A4110	Evacuation of subdural haematoma or abscess	Complex
A4180	Subdural haemorrhage – tap	Minor

2.4 Nerves

A2500	Intracranial transection of cranial nerve	Complex
A2600	Other intracranial destruction of cranial nerve	Complex
A2900	Excision of lesion of cranial nerve (intracranial)	Complex
A2952	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours less than 2.5 cms performed by single surgeon	Complex
A2953	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours more than 2.5 cms or compressing brain stem performed by single surgeon	Complex
A2954	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours managed by combined oto-neurosurgical team irrespective of tumour size	Complex
A3000	Repair of cranial nerve (intracranial)	Complex
A3200	Decompression of cranial nerve (craniotomy)	Complex
A3300	Neurostimulation of cranial nerve (intracranial)	Major
A3680	Excision of cerebellopontine angle tumour	Complex

2.5 Vessels

A4080	Craniotomy – postoperative haemorrhage	Xmajor
L3320	Ligation/clipping of aneurysm of cerebral artery	Complex
L3380	Reinforcement of aneurysm of cerebral artery	Complex
L3400	Open operations on cerebral artery	Complex
A0260	Excision of arteriovenous malformation from vessels of brain	Complex

2.6 Other

B0100	Hypophysectomy	Complex
B0410	Excision of lesion of pituitary gland	Complex
B0610	Excision of pineal gland	Complex

3 spine, spinal cord and peripheral nerves

There are a large number of codes covering most clinical situations for spinal surgery. The various codes for spinal decompression, removal of disc fusion and instrumentation should be used singly and not combined except in very unusual circumstances.

Spinal fusion includes bone grafting and this should not be charged separately.

Spinal decompression includes removal of disc matter and rhizolysis. These should not be charged separately.

Spinal surgery is frequently multi-level. Multiple level surgery does not constitute a multiple procedure and will not be reimbursed as such.

Chemoneucleolysis includes discography and this should not be charged separately.

Sympathectomy should be charged as a single procedure irrespective of the number of nerve roots involved.

3.1 Spinal column (including intervertebral discs)

General note: All spinal codes, with the exception of V2560 and V2562, describe multiple levels

Cervical region

V2200	Posterior decompression +/- foraminotomy (cervical region)	Complex
V2282	Prosthetic intervertebral disc replacement in the cervical spine	Complex
V2300	Revisional posterior decompression +/- foraminotomy (cervical region)	Complex
V2990	Open door laminoplasty of the cervical region (Hirobyashi)	Complex
V3720	Posterior fusion (cervical region)	Xmajor
V2900	Anterior discectomy (cervical region)	Xmajor
V2902	Revisional anterior discectomy (cervical region)	Complex
V2950	Anterior discectomy, decompression and fusion (including bone grafting/multiple levels) (cervical region)	Complex
V2980	Combined anterior and posterior fusion of cervical spine	Complex
V3730	Trans-oral surgery including posterior fixation	Complex

Thoracic region

V2402	Posterior decompression (thoracic region)	Xmajor
V2400	Posterior decompression with fusion (thoracic region)	Complex
V2430	Revisional posterior decompression with fusion (thoracic region)	Complex
V3120	Transthoracic/anterolateral excision of intervertebral disc +/- fusion	Complex
V3122	Revisional transthoracic/anterolateral excision of intervertebral disc +/- fusion	Complex
V3140	VATS percutaneous discectomy +/- fusion (thoracic region)	Xmajor
V3100	Combined anterior discectomy and posterior fusion (thoracic region)	Complex
V3102	Revisional combined anterior discectomy and posterior fusion (thoracic region)	Complex

Lumbar region

Please note that the previous lumbar region section has been split, with a separate set of codes dealing with complex reconstruction such as surgery for scoliosis, kyphosis, fractures, tumours and infections.

V2540	Posterior excision of disc prolapse including microdiscectomy (lumbar region)	Xmajor
V2544	Revision of posterior excision of disc prolapse (lumbar region)	Complex
V2542	Posterior excision of disc prolapse with undercutting facetectomy (lumbar region)	Xmajor
V2543	Revision of posterior excision of disc prolapse with undercutting facetectomy (lumbar region)	Complex
V2560	Decompression for central spinal stenosis (one or two levels)	Xmajor
V2562	Decompression for central spinal stenosis (three or more levels)	Complex
V2570	Percutaneous vertebroplasty	Xmajor
V2660	Revision of decompression for central spinal stenosis	Complex
V2500	Primary posterior fusion +/- decompression +/- discectomy (lumbar region)	Complex
V3362	Primary posterior fusion with instrumentation +/- decompression +/- discectomy (including Graf stabilisation) (lumbar region)	Complex
V2652	Revision posterior fusion +/- instrumentation (lumbar region)	Complex
V3340	Primary anterior discectomy, decompression and anterior fusion +/- instrumentation (lumbar region)	Xmajor
V3350	Combined anterior discectomy and fusion and posterior fusion (lumbar region)	Complex
V4140	Removal of posterior spinal implant	Major
V4740	Percutaneous spinal biopsy (CT controlled)	Major
V5210	Chemonucleolysis (multiple levels)	Intermediate
W0660	Coccygectomy (multiple levels)	Intermediate
V5230	Discogram/diagnostic intervertebral disc injection under X-ray control	Minor
V5002	Manipulation of spine under GA/IV sedation (sole procedure)	Minor
V2680	Revision anterior decompression with fusion and instrumentation (lumbar region)	Complex

Scoliosis (including kyphosis, fractures, tumours and infections)

V4100	Posterior correction of scoliosis with instrumentation and fusion	Complex
V4120	Anterior correction of scoliosis with instrumentation and fusion	Complex
V4000	Combined anterior and posterior correction and instrumentation of scoliosis	Complex
V4300	Anterior vertebrectomy with decompression and implant	Complex
V4302	Combined anterior vertebrectomy with posterior fusion and instrumentation	Complex
V4142	Removal of posterior scoliosis instrumentation (as sole procedure)	Major
W2912	Application of halo (as sole procedure)	Intermediate

3.2 Spinal cord

A4400	Partial excision of spinal cord	Complex
A4500	Open operations on spinal cord	Complex
A4900	Repair of spinal myelomeningocele	Complex
A5110	Excision of intradural lesion	Complex
A5300	Drainage of spinal canal (including insertion of shunt)	Xmajor
A5530	Lumbar puncture (including spinal manometry)	Minor
A5580	CSF infusion studies	Intermediate
V4980	Excision of intramedullary tumour	Complex
A4850	Implantation/removal of intrathecal drug delivery system	Major
A4860	Implantation/removal of epidural delivery system	Major
A4730	Percutaneous cordotomy of spinal cord	Xmajor

3.3 Paraspinal injections

25011	Paravertebral block up to two levels (under X-ray control)	Minor
25012	Sacral root block (under X-ray control)	Minor
25020	Intravenous regional sympathetic block (guanethidine block) – 1 injection	Minor
25030	Stellate ganglion block (neurolytic)	Minor
25100	Coeliac plexus block, splanchnic nerve block, hypogastric block – diagnostic	Intermediate
25110	Coeliac plexus block, splanchnic nerve block, hypogastric block – therapeutic	Intermediate
25120	Dorsal root ganglion block (local anaesthetic or neurolytic)	Intermediate
25130	Dorsal root ganglion block (radiofrequency)	Major
25150	Trigeminal ganglion injection (local anaesthetic under X-ray control)	Intermediate
AA460	Destruction of branch of trigeminal nerve (neurolytic/RF/cryoprobe)	Intermediate
25160	Trigeminal ganglion radiofrequency lesion (under X-ray control)	Intermediate
A5200	Epidural injection (cervical)	Intermediate
A5210	Epidural injection (lumbar/caudal)	Minor
A5220	Epidural injection (thoracic)	Intermediate
A5230	Epidurogram	Minor
A5420	Injection of therapeutic substance into CSF	Minor
A5720	Facet or sacroiliac joint (RF) radiofrequency thermocoagulation including rhizolysis (under X-ray control) – up to 3 joints	Intermediate
A5730	Facet or sacroiliac joint (RF) radiofrequency thermocoagulation including rhizolysis (under X-ray control) – 4 to 6 joints	Major
A5750	Facet joint injection (under X-ray control) – up to 2 joints	Intermediate
A5760	Facet joint injection (under X-ray control) – 3 to 4 joints	Intermediate
A5770	Facet joint injection (under X-ray control) – 5 to 6 joints	Intermediate

3.4 Nerve roots

A5780	Rhizolysis (open)	Xmajor
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3.5 Sympathetic nerves

25020	Intravenous regional sympathetic block (guanethidine block) – 1 injection	Minor
25022	Stellate ganglion block (local anaesthetic)	Minor
25030	Stellate ganglion block (neurolytic)	Minor
A7510	Thoroscopic cervical sympathectomy	Xmajor
A7520	Thoracic sympathectomy diagnostic (local anaesthetic under X-ray control)	Intermediate
A7620	Thoracic sympathectomy therapeutic (neurolytic under X-ray control)	Major
A7500	Lumbar sympathectomy diagnostic (local anaesthetic under X-ray control)	Intermediate
A7600	Lumbar sympathectomy therapeutic (neurolytic under X-ray control)	Intermediate
A7530	Laparoscopic lumbar sympathectomy	Major
A7682	Presacral sympathectomy – diagnostic	Major
A7683	Presacral sympathectomy – therapeutic	Major
25100	Coeliac plexus block, splanchnic nerve block, hypogastric block – diagnostic	Intermediate
25110	Coeliac plexus block, splanchnic nerve block, hypogastric block – therapeutic	Intermediate

3.6 Peripheral nerves

Please note that throughout this section the following definitions apply:

Peripheral nerve: Digital or common digital

Major nerve: Radial, median, ulnar, anterior and posterior interosseous, axillary and musculocutaneous

A6030	Transection of peripheral nerve for neuroma	Intermediate
A6080	Neurectomy (major nerve)	Intermediate
A6400	Repair of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6402	Repair of major nerve	Major
A6300	Graft to peripheral nerve	Xmajor
A6302	Graft to major nerve	Xmajor
A6110	Excision of lesion of peripheral nerve (eg neurilemoma)	Intermediate
A6180	Excision of lesion of major nerve	Intermediate
A6510	Carpal tunnel release, including endoscopic	Intermediate
A6580	Carpal tunnel release, including endoscopic – bilateral	Intermediate
A6710	Cubital tunnel release including endoscopic (without transposition)	Intermediate
A6711	Cubital tunnel release including endoscopic – bilateral (without transposition)	Intermediate
A6600	Release of entrapment of deeply placed peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6700	Release of entrapment of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6810	Neurolysis and transposition of peripheral nerve (includes ulnar at elbow)	Intermediate
A6900	Revision of release of peripheral nerve	Major
A7310	Biopsy of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A7340	Exploration and grafting of brachial plexus	Complex

3.7 Other nerve blocks

25150	Trigeminal ganglion injection (local anaesthetic under X-ray control)	Intermediate
AA460	Destruction of branch of trigeminal nerve (neurolytic/RF/cryoprobe)	Intermediate
A7350	Local anaesthetic blockade of major nerve trunk (including occipital block, sphenopalatine block, diagnostic block of trigeminal branch, intercostal nerve block and suprascapular nerve block)	Minor
A7352	Ultrasound guided nerve block as sole procedure	Minor
A7300	Permanent lesion of major nerve trunk (radiofrequency, cryoprobe or phenol)	Intermediate
A7302	Continuous nerve block as sole procedure	Minor

3.8 Other procedures

25160	Trigeminal ganglion radiofrequency lesion (under X-ray control)	Intermediate
Y0910	Sclerosant injections (eg ligaments of back)	Minor
X3760	Simple intramuscular injection, without X-ray control (as sole procedure)	Minor
X3770	Intramuscular injection with X-ray control (eg piriformis block)	Minor
X3750	Botulinus toxin injections to muscle	Minor
Y3800	Insertion of indwelling axillary catheter	Intermediate
Y3810	Insertion of indwelling pleural catheter	Intermediate
Y3820	Insertion of indwelling psoas catheter	Intermediate
T6520	Tendon sheath injection	Minor
T7290	Trigger point injection/Enthesis – one injection	Minor
T7292	Trigger point injection/Enthesis – more than one injection	Minor
X3590	Intravenous infusion (as sole procedure)	Minor
V5484	Spinal dynamic stabilisation devices (interspinous process distraction system eg X-stop)	Xmajor

3.9 Neurophysiological procedures

22003	Sleep electroencephalography (EEG)	Minor
22004	24 hour ambulatory electroencephalography	Minor
22005	24 hour video telemetry electroencephalography (EEG)	Minor
22022	Recording and reporting on electromyography and nerveconduction studies (EMG); CTS (bilateral U.L. only) or peripheral neuropathy	Minor
22023	Recording and reporting on electromyography and nerve conduction studies (EMG); mononeuropathy (eg ulnar), Cx/lumbar radiculopathy, myopathy	Minor
22024	Recording and reporting on electromyography and nerve conduction studies (EMG); mononeuritis multiplex, MND-AHC, multiple muscle monitoring (eg torticollis), myaesthesia gravis (– SFEMG)	Minor
22025	Recording and reporting on electromyography and nerve conduction studies (EMG); myaesthesia gravis (+ SFEMG)	Minor
22028	Inpatient sleep study (polysomnography)	Minor
22011	Recording and reporting on evoked potential study	Minor
A8480	Transtympanic electrocochleography	Intermediate

4 eye and orbital contents

The benefit for cataract removal by the various approaches includes subconjunctival injection and injection into the anterior chamber where required. These should not be charged separately. When it is necessary to convert a phakoemulsification into an extra capsularextraction this should be charged as a single procedure.

When a procedure is performed under local anaesthesia, we will reimburse a small additional charge to the surgeon or a standby charge to the anaesthetist. We do not, however, reimburse anaesthesia charges from both surgeon and anaesthetist.

Retrobular injection. This code is for therapeutic retrobulbar injection. It is not for anaesthesia during cataract surgery which should be charged as an anaesthetic fee.

Removal of sutures. This code is for use after keratoplasty only.

4.1 Globe and orbit

C0110	Exenteration of orbit	Major
C0120	Enucleation/evisceration of eyeball	Major
C0122	Enucleation/evisceration of eyeball (with implant)	Major
C0212	Excision of lesion of orbit – anterior approach	Major
C0213	Excision of lesion of orbit – lateral orbitomy	Major
C0512	Simple reconstruction of socket (not including implant or graft)	Major
C0513	Reconstruction of socket with either implant or graft	Complex
C0514	Reconstruction of socket with implant and graft	Complex
C0610	Biopsy of lesion of orbit	Intermediate
C0620	Drainage of orbit	Intermediate
C0630	Decompression of orbit	Major
C0640	Removal of foreign body from orbit	Major
C0650	Exploration of orbit (as sole procedure)	Major
C0840	Orbital injection	Minor

4.2 Eyebrow and lid

C1010	Excision of lesion of eyebrow	Minor
C1040	Suture of eyebrow	Minor
C1110	Excision of lesion of canthus	Intermediate
C1160	Canthotomy	Minor
C1210	Excision of lesion of eyelid	Minor
C1230	Curettage/cryotherapy of lesion of eyelid	Minor
C1420	Graft of skin to eyelid	Intermediate
C1540	Surgical correction of trichiasis/upper lid entropion, including graft/flap	Minor
C1532	Correction of trichiasis by electrolysis/diathermy/cryotherapy/laser	Minor
C1640	Tarsorrhaphy	Intermediate
C1700	Total reconstruction of eyelid – unilateral	Major
C1710	Suture of eyelid (laceration) (as sole procedure)	Minor
C1810	Correction of ptosis of eyelid – simple, including tarsomullerectomy	Major
C1812	Correction of ptosis of eyelid – complex	Major
C1813	Correction of ptosis of eyelid with autologous fascia lata	Major
C2220	Biopsy of lesion of eyelid	Minor

4.3 Lacrimal system

C2540	Dacryocystorhinostomy, including insertion of tube	Major
C2542	Dacryocystorhinostomy (endoscopic/laser assisted), including insertion of tube	Xmajor
C2550	Lacrimal intubation (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
C2610	Excision/biopsy of lacrimal sac	Intermediate
C2640	Incision of lacrimal sac	Minor
C2650	Syringing and irrigation of lacrimal system (as sole procedure)	Minor
C2910	Puncto-canaliculoplasty	Minor

4.4 Muscles

C3112	Surgical correction of squint – horizontal 1 muscle	Major
C3113	Surgical correction of squint – horizontal 2 muscles (in one eye, or one muscle in each of two eyes)	Major
C3114	Surgical correction of squint – inferior oblique surgery	Major
C3115	Surgical correction of squint – other vertical muscles	Major
C3180	Revision of squint surgery	Xmajor
C3530	Surgical correction of squint with adjustable sutures	Xmajor
C3780	Injection of botulinum toxin into extraocular or periocular muscles	Intermediate

4.5 Conjunctiva

C3910	Excision/biopsy of conjunctival lesion	Minor
C3920	Cauterisation including cryotherapy to conjunctival lesion	Minor
C3950	Radiotherapy to conjunctival lesion	Minor
C4010	Mucosal graft to conjunctiva	Intermediate
C4050	Suture of conjunctiva	Minor
C4100	Drainage of conjunctival cyst	Minor
C4340	Subconjunctival injection	Minor
C4350	Exploration of conjunctiva (including removal of foreign body)	Minor

4.6 Cornea

C4520	Excision of lesion of cornea	Minor
C4620	Lamellar graft (keratoplasty) to cornea	Xmajor
C4630	Perforating graft (keratoplasty) to cornea	Xmajor
C4650	Revision of corneal graft/wound	Major
C4690	Implantation of synthetic corneal rings for keratoconus (including INTACS)	Intermediate
C4710	Repair of corneal wound	Minor
C4730	Removal of corneal suture	Minor
C4810	Removal of superficial corneal foreign body	Minor
C4980	Tension sutures	Intermediate
C5180	Corneal scraping for culture	Minor
C3960	Excision of pterygium	Minor

4.7 Sclera

C5300	Excision of lesion of sclera	Intermediate
C5720	Repair of scleral laceration	Intermediate
C5730	Scleral graft	Major

4.8 Iris and anterior chamber

C5910	Iridocyclectomy	Xmajor
C5920	Surgical iridectomy	Intermediate
C6010	Surgical trabeculectomy or other penetrating glaucoma procedures	Major
C6012	Canaloplasty (of Schlemm's Canal with microcatheter) combined with phakoemulsification of lens with implant "phako-canaloplasty"	Major
C6110	Laser trabeculoplasty	Intermediate
C6130	Goniotomy (surgical treatment of glaucoma)	Major
C6150	Revision of previous glaucoma surgery	Major
C6160	Complex glaucoma surgery (including antimetabolites/insertion of seton devices)	Major
C6230	Laser iridotomy	Intermediate
C6410	Repair of prolapsed iris	Major
C6420	Excision of lesion of iris	Major
C6450	Removal of foreign body from iris	Major
C6610	Ciliary body ablation	Intermediate
C6710	Cyclodialysis (separation of ciliary body)	Major
C6910	Reformation of anterior chamber	Major
C6920	Paracentesis	Intermediate
C6930	Injection into anterior chamber	Minor
C6940	Irrigation/aspiration of anterior chamber	Minor
C6980	Removal of foreign body from anterior chamber	Intermediate
C6990	Insertion of valve into anterior chamber of eye	Major

4.9 Lens

C7100	Extracapsular extraction without implant – bilateral	Xmajor
C7110	Extracapsular extraction without implant – unilateral	Major
C7123	Phakoemulsification of lens without implant – unilateral	Intermediate
C7124	Phakoemulsification of lens without implant – bilateral	Major
C7122	Phakoemulsification of lens with implant – unilateral	Intermediate
C7125	Phakoemulsification of lens with implant – bilateral	Major
C7180	Extracapsular extraction with implant – unilateral	Major
C7181	Cataract anaesthetic standby	Minor
C7190	Extracapsular extraction with implant – bilateral	Xmajor
C7340	Yag laser photodisruption of posterior capsule of lens (including laser capsulotomy)	Minor
C7510	Secondary insertion of lens implant	Major
C7520	Lens implant/exchange	Major
C7530	Removal of lens implant	Intermediate

4.10 Vitreous

C7910	Anterior vitrectomy	Major
C7922	Pars plana vitrectomy/vitreous biopsy	Major
C7923	Intravitreal injection of pharmaceutical for neovascular age-related macular degeneration	Major
C7920	Pars plana vitrectomy with internal tamponade, scleral buckling and retinopexy	Xmajor
C7982	Pars plana vitrectomy with internal tamponade, scleral buckling and retinopexy, including dissection or excision of epiretinal membrane/macular surgery	Complex

4.11 Retina

C5432	Conventional retinal surgery (may include scleral buckling, injection of gas, drainage and retinopexy)	Xmajor
C8440	Retinal examination under anaesthetic including retinopexy if necessary	Minor
C5480	Removal of silicone oil	Intermediate
C8200	Laser photocoagulation/cryotherapy of lesion of retina	Intermediate
C8240	Photodynamic therapy to the retina (PDT)	Intermediate

4.12 General

C8650	Fluorescein angiography of eye (including ocular photography)	Minor
C8652	Ocular photography (as sole procedure)	Minor
C8654	Insertion and removal of radioactive plaque into eye	Major

5 ear, nose and throat

Septorhinoplasty is only eligible under certain limited circumstances for restoration of normal appearance immediately after trauma/tumour. The presence of nasal obstruction does not make a septorhinoplasty eligible for benefit. We request that all such procedures are preauthorised to avoid disappointment to policyholders.

Uvulopalatoplasty is not included in our schedule and is not eligible under any circumstances for treatment of sleep apnoea.

FESS includes removal of nasal polyps and antrotomy and these should not be charges as extra.

5.1 External ear

D0110	Total excision of pinna	Major
D0140	Excision of preauricular sinus	Intermediate
D0132	Excision accessory auricle/preauricular appendage	Minor
D0210	Excision of lesion of pinna	Intermediate
D0280	Removal of multiple bony exostoses external auditory canal	Intermediate
D0410	Drainage of haematoma/abscess of pinna	Minor
D0610	Biopsy of lesion of pinna (as sole procedure)	Minor
D0812	Removal of solitary osteoma of external auditory canal	Intermediate
D0310	Reconstruction of external ear for anotia/microtia using cartilage	Complex
D0330	Pinnaplasty (including bilateral)	Intermediate
D0342	Bony meatoplasty	Major
D0340	Soft tissue meatoplasty of external auditory canal	Intermediate
D0630	Repair of pinna	Minor
D0730	Removal of foreign body from external auditory canal (and bilateral)	Minor
D0810	Excision of lesion of external auditory canal	Minor
D0820	Reconstruction of external auditory canal	Xmajor

5.2 Middle ear and mastoid

D1010	Radical mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Major
D1020	Modified radical mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Xmajor
D1040	Simple mastoidectomy	Major
D1060	Revision of mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Major
D1240	Exploration of facial nerve, mastoid segment, facial nerve	Xmajor
D1540	Exploration of entire middle ear course of VII	Complex
D1440	Combined approach tympanoplasty – intact canal wall tympanoplasty	Major
D1420	Myringoplasty	Major
D1510	Myringotomy and insertion of tube through tympanic membrane (and bilateral)	Intermediate
D1520	Suction clearance of middle ear (as sole procedure)	Minor
D1530	Myringotomy (and bilateral)	Minor
D1610	Ossiculoplasty	Xmajor
D2030	Removal of grommets	Minor
D1710	Stapedectomy	Major
D1720	Revision stapedectomy	Xmajor
D1900	Middle ear tumour excision	Major
D1910	Middle ear polypectomy	Minor
D2040	Diagnostic tympanotomy (as sole procedure)	Major
D2050	Tympanic neurectomy	Xmajor
T8950	Repair of perilymph fistula	Major
V0382	Total petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex
V0383	Lateral petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex
W1870	Drainage of petrous apex for sepsis	Complex

5.3 Inner ear

A8480	Transtympanic electrocochleography	Intermediate
D2610	Operation(s) on endolymphatic sac	Major
D2620	Membranous labyrinthectomy	Xmajor
D2630	Osseous labyrinthectomy	Xmajor
D2420	Insertion of cochlear implant	Complex
AA489	Transtympanic chemical labyrinthectomy	Major
A2952	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours less than 2.5 cms performed by single surgeon	Complex
A2953	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours more than 2.5 cms or compressing brain stem performed by single surgeon	Complex
A2954	Excision of acoustic and cerebello-pontine angle neuroma – tumours managed by combined oto-neurosurgical team irrespective of tumour size	Complex

5.4 Nose and nasal cavity

E0110	Total excision of nose Major E0230 Septorhinoplasty +/- graft/implant following trauma or excision of tumour	Major
E0260	Rhinoplasty following trauma or excision of tumour	Major
E0310	Submucous resection of nasal septum	Intermediate
E0330	Biopsy of of septum of nose	Minor
E0340	Closure of perforation of septum of nose	Intermediate
E0360	Septoplasty of nose	Intermediate
E0380	Nasal septum cauterisation (and bilateral)	Minor
E0412	Reduction turbinates of nose (laser, diathermy, out fracture etc)	Minor
E0420	Reduction turbinates of nose (trim, radical excision)	Intermediate
E0440	Division of adhesions of turbinate of nose (and bilateral)	Minor
E0520	Ligation of artery of internal nose (including endoscopic)	Intermediate
E0610	Packing of cavity of nose (as sole procedure)	Minor
E0810	Polypectomy of internal nose (and bilateral, including endoscopic)	Minor
E0820	Excision of lesion of internal nose	Minor
E0850	Removal of foreign body from cavity of nose	Minor
E0910	Excision of lesion of external nose	Minor

5.5 Nasal sinuses

E1220	Caldwell-Luc procedure	Intermediate
E1240	Vidian neurectomy (including endoscopic)	Major
E1260	Image guided endoscopic frontal, sphenoid and/or ethmoid sinus surgery	Major
E1310	Antral puncture and washout (and bilateral)	Minor
E1330	Intranasal antrostomy including endoscopic (and bilateral)	Intermediate
E1350	Closure of oroantral fistula	Intermediate
E1410	External frontoethmoidectomy	Major
E1420	Intranasal ethmoidectomy (and bilateral)	Intermediate
E1432	FESS endoscopic uncinectomy, anterior and posterior ethmoidectomy (and bilateral)	Major
E1440	Transantral ethmoidectomy (and bilateral)	Major
E1450	Bone flap to frontal sinus (and bilateral)	Major
E1460	Trephining of frontal sinus	Minor
E1480	Endoscopic exploration frontal sinus beyond frontoethmoid recess	Xmajor
E1500	Operation(s) on sphenoid sinus (including endoscopic)	Intermediate
E1742	Lateral rhinotomy into sinuses	Intermediate
E1780	Diagnostic endoscopy of sinus (as sole procedure)	Minor
E1750	Transnasal repair of leaking CSF (including endoscopic)	Xmajor
W2620	Manipulation under anaesthesia of fractured nose (as sole procedure)	Minor
V0700	Craniofacial resection	Complex

5.6 Throat

E1910	Total pharyngectomy	Complex
E1920	Partial pharyngectomy	Xmajor
E2100	Repair of pharynx	Major
E2010	Adenoidectomy	Minor
E2320	Operation(s) on pharyngeal pouch (exterior approach)	Major
E2400	Therapeutic endoscopic operation on pharynx	Minor
E2480	Pharyngeal pouch – endoscopic procedures	Major
E2500	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of pharynx/larynx (including biopsy) (as sole procedure)	Minor
F3400	Tonsillectomy – child (and bilateral) up to and including age 12	Intermediate
F3440	Tonsillectomy – adult, age 13+ (and bilateral)	Intermediate
F3480	Adenotonsillectomy (and bilateral)	Intermediate
F3620	Drainage of peritonsillar abscess (quinsy)	Minor
E2330	Removal of lesion of parapharyngeal space	Major
F3650	Arrest of haemorrhage following tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy	Intermediate

5.7 Larynx and trachea

E2910	Total laryngectomy	Complex
E2940	Partial laryngectomy	Major
E2920	Horizontal supraglottic laryngectomy	Major
E2930	Vertical hemilaryngectomy	Major
E2970	Sub-total laryngectomy	Xmajor
E2950	Laryngofissure and cordectomy of vocal cord	Major
E3400	Cordectomy (endoscopic)	Intermediate
E3410	Laser surgery to vocal cord (including microlaryngoscopy)	Intermediate
E2952	Laryngofissure	Major
E3010	Glottoplasty	Major
E3100	Reconstruction of larynx with graft	Complex
E3520	Microlaryngoscopy/laryngoscopy +/- endoscopic excision of lesion of larynx	Intermediate
E3810	Injection into larynx	Intermediate
E3900	Partial excision of trachea with reconstruction	Complex
E4030	Tracheoplasty	Major
E4100	Insertion of voice prosthesis (TOF)	Major
E4210	Tracheostomy	Intermediate
E4230	Mini-tracheostomy (percutaneous)	Minor
AA378	Pharyngolaryngectomy	Complex
E2140	Reconstruction using stomach pull up following pharyngolaryngectomy	Complex
E2150	Reconstruction free jejunal graft following pharyngolaryngectomy	Complex
E2300	Pharyngeal myotomy	Intermediate

5.8 Fiberoptic endoscopic procedures (GA or LA)

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E4840	Dilatation of tracheal stricture including insertion of stent	Intermediate
E4510	Fiberoptic examination of trachea including biopsy/removal of foreign body	Minor
E5180	Diagnostic bronchoscopy +/- biopsy	Minor
E4800	Therapeutic bronchoscopy (including laser, cryotherapy, lavage, snare, dilatation of stricture, insertion of stent)	Minor
E4850	Therapeutic bronchoscopy for removal of foreign body	Minor
E4990	Flexible panendoscopy	Intermediate
E4991	Rigid panendoscopy	Intermediate

6 face, mouth, salivary and thyroid

Charges for removal of roots should not be made in conjunction with removal of impacted teeth.

When bone grafting is used as part of treatment of a bone cyst, this should not be charged as a separate service. Specifically the code for alveolar bone grafting is not appropriate in these circumstances.

Closure of an oro-antral fistula should not be charged in conjunction with removal of impacted teeth/complex buried roots.

6.1 Face and jaws

V0820	Open reduction and fixation of fractured jaw	Intermediate
V0830	Closed reduction and fixation of fractured jaw	Intermediate
V0930	Closed reduction of fracture of zygomatic complex of bones	Intermediate
V0980	Open reduction of fracture of zygomatic complex of bones	Major
V1082	Partial maxillectomy for malignancy	Xmajor
V1083	Hemimaxillectomy for malignancy	Xmajor
V1150	Removal of internal fixation and/or intermaxillary fixation from jaw	Minor
V1330	Biopsy of lesion of facial bone	Minor
V1422	Extensive segmental excision of mandible	Xmajor
V1423	Extensive excision of mandible with disarticulation	Xmajor
V1440	Excision of lesion of jaw	Intermediate
V1730	Extraoral fixation of mandible	Intermediate
V1910	Reconstruction of jaw (non-vascularised reconstruction)	Xmajor
V1930	Alveolar bone graft – unilateral	Intermediate
V1931	Alveolar bone graft – bilateral	Intermediate
V2020	Prosthetic replacement of temporomandibular joint	Xmajor
V2030	Arthroplasty of temporomandibular bone joint	Major
V2110	Temporomandibular menisectomy	Major
V2120	Reduction of dislocation of temporomandibular joint	Intermediate
V0910	Open reduction and fixation of nasal ethmoidal fracture	Complex

6.2 Lips

F0110	Excision of vermilion border of lip and advance of mucosa of lip	Intermediate
F0200	Excision of lesion of lip	Intermediate
F0420	Reconstruction of lip using skin flap	Major
F0530	Suture of lip	Minor

6.3 Tongue

F2210	Total glossectomy	Xmajor
F2220	Partial glossectomy for malignancy	Major
F2310	Excision/destruction of lesion of tongue	Intermediate
F2620	Frenotomy/frenectomy of tongue	Minor
F2640	Freeing of adhesions of tongue	Minor
F2650	Suture of tongue	Intermediate
F2660	Tongue flap – first stage and second stage	Major

6.4 Palate

F2810	Excision/destruction of lesion of palate	Intermediate
F3070	Suture of palate	Minor

6.5 Mouth cavity

F1140	Vestibuloplasty	Intermediate
F3810	Excision/destruction of lesion of mouth	Minor
F4050	Graft of skin or mucosa to mouth	Intermediate
F4040	Suture of mouth as sole procedure	Minor
F4210	Biopsy of lesion of mouth	Minor
F4230	Removal of excess mucosa from mouth	Intermediate

6.6 Salivary glands

F4400	Excision of parotid gland (other than F4410/F4430)	Major
F4410	Total excision of parotid gland and preservation of facial nerve	Xmajor
F4430	Partial excision of parotid gland and preservation of facial nerve	Xmajor
F4440	Excision of submandibular gland	Intermediate
F4450	Excision of sublingual gland	Intermediate
F4600	Incisional drainage of abscess or haematoma of salivary glands (ie including submandibular, parotid and sublingual glands)	Minor
F4810	Open biopsy of lesion of salivary gland	Minor
F4640	Fine needle aspiration of parotid gland	Minor
F4830	Therapeutic sialendoscopy	Intermediate
F5010	Transposition of parotid duct (including bilateral)	Intermediate
F5020	Transposition of submandibular duct (including bilateral)	Intermediate
F5110	Open extraction of calculus from parotid duct	Intermediate
F5120	Open extraction of calculus from submandibular duct	Intermediate
F5510	Dilatation of parotid duct	Minor
F5610	Manipulative removal of calculus from parotid duct	Intermediate

6.7 Teeth

F0830	Replantation of tooth/teeth following trauma	Intermediate
F0910	Surgical removal of impacted/buried tooth/teeth	Intermediate
F0950	Surgical removal of complicated buried roots	Intermediate
F1810	Enucleation of cyst of jaw	Intermediate

6.8 Neck

T8510	Radical dissection of cervical lymph nodes	Complex
T8722	Selective dissection of cervical lymph nodes, levels 1 to 4	Xmajor
T8723	Selective dissection of cervical lymph nodes, levels 1 to 5 (+/- 6)	Complex
T8610	Biopsy/sampling of cervical lymph nodes	Minor
T9400	Operations on branchial cyst	Intermediate
T9420	Operations on branchial fistula	Major

6.9 Thyroid and parathyroid glands

B0812	Total thyroidectomy/near total thyroidectomy	Major
B0813	Total thyroidectomy including block dissection of lymph nodes	Major
B0820	Bilateral subtotal thyroidectomy	Major
B0830	Total thyroid lobectomy and isthmectomy	Major
B0850	Isthmectomy of thyroid gland	Major
B0860	Partial thyroidectomy (not elsewhere classified)	Major
B1250	Thyroid: re-operation	Complex
B0900	Operations on aberrant thyroid tissue (including excision/removal of retrosternal goitre)	Xmajor
B1012	Excision of thyroglossal cyst/tract	Intermediate
B1220	Fine needle aspiration of thyroid gland	Minor
B1230	Core biopsy of thyroid gland	Minor
B1450	Parathyroidectomy	Xmajor
B1680	Parathyroid: re-operation	Xmajor
B1690	Mediastinal parathyroidectomy with sternotomy	Complex
E3180	Thyroplasty (Isshiki type 1)	Major

7 breast

7.1 Excision/biopsy codes

B2800	Excision/biopsy of breast lump/fibroadenoma of breast	Intermediate
B2810	Segmental resection or quadrantectomy	Intermediate
B2820	Wide local excision of lesion of breast	Intermediate
B2821	Wide local excision of lesion of breast – bilateral	Major
B2830	Repeat local excision to clear margins	Intermediate
B2880	Excision biopsy of breast lesion after localisation	Intermediate
B3220	Core biopsy of lesion of breast	Minor
B3212	Percutaneous suction core biopsy	Minor
T9000	Sentinel node mapping with blue dye or radioactive probe for breast cancer	Intermediate
T9020	Sentinel node mapping with blue dye and radioactive probe for breast cancer	Intermediate

7.2 Mastectomy (excluding implant/reconstruction)

B2710	Radical mastectomy including block dissection	Major
B2742	Modified radical mastectomy including lymph node sampling	Major
B2743	Modified radical mastectomy excluding lymph node sampling	Major
B2744	Modified radical mastectomy including lymph node clearance	Major
B2780	Simple mastectomy (including axillary node biopsy)	Major
B2752	Subcutaneous mastectomy	Major

7.3 Reconstruction

For all immediate reconstructions following a mastectomy, it is not necessary to differentiate between mastectomy techniques.

All these codes are applicable to a single surgeon working alone. Where two consultants are operating as a team, however, the separate codes for mastectomy and reconstruction should be used.

B2912	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using latissimus dorsi	Xmajor
B2913	Reconstruction of breast using latissimus dorsi (including delayed reconstruction)	Xmajor
B3012	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using expandable prosthesis	Xmajor
B3013	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using fixed prosthesis	Xmajor
B3014	Reconstruction of breast using expandable prosthesis (including delayed reconstruction)	Major
B3015	Reconstruction of breast using fixed prosthesis (including delayed reconstruction)	Major
B3016	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using fat transfer	Xmajor
B3017	Reconstruction of breast using fat transfer (including delayed reconstruction)	Major
B3018	Redo reconstruction of breast using fat transfer	Intermediate
B2982	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using pedicled TRAM	Complex
B2984	Reconstruction of breast using pedicled TRAM (including delayed reconstruction)	Complex
B2983	Mastectomy and immediate reconstruction of breast using free TRAM	Complex
B2985	Reconstruction of breast using free TRAM (including delayed reconstruction)	Complex
B2986	Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforator flap reconstruction of breast (DIEP)	Complex
B2700	Subcutaneous mastectomy with immediate implant	Major
B3180	Implantation of prosthesis following mastectomy	Intermediate

7.4 Other

B3310	Drainage of breast abscess	Minor
B3440	Microdochotomy	Intermediate
B3590	Operation(s) on ducts of nipple	Intermediate

8 thorax and intrathoracic organs

It is common practice with a number of intra-thoracic procedures to perform a rigid bronchoscopy. This should not be separately itemised for billing purposes when this is a routine part of the procedure.

Insertion of a chest drain should not be charged for separately with intra-thoracic surgery.

8.1 Oesophagus

G0100	Oesophagectomy/oesophagogastrrectomy with anastomosis in chest	Complex
G0300	Sub-total oesophagectomy with anastomosis in neck	Complex
G0220	Total oesophagectomy and interposition of intestine	Complex
G0260	Endoscopically assisted oesophagectomy	Complex
G0400	Open excision of lesion of oesophagus	Major
G1400	VATS excision lesion of oesophagus	Xmajor
G0500	Bypass of oesophagus	Xmajor
G0640	Closure of bypass of oesophagus	Major
G0740	Repair of ruptured oesophagus	Complex
G0920	Oesophagocardiomyotomy (Heller's operation)	Major
G1440	Injection sclerotherapy for oesophageal varices	Intermediate
G2402	Transthoracic fundoplication	Xmajor
G2400	Transthoracic fundoplication and gastroplasty	Xmajor
G2312	Transthoracic repair of paraoesophageal hiatus hernia	Xmajor
G2320	Transthoracic repair of diaphragmatic hernia (acquired)	Xmajor
G2330	Transabdominal repair of hiatus hernia	Major
G2340	Transabdominal repair of diaphragmatic hernia	Complex
G2430	Transabdominal antireflux operations	Complex
G2590	Revision of antireflux procedures	Complex
A2781	Laparoscopic vagotomy/seromyotomy	Major

8.2 Chest wall

T0110	Thoracoplasty	Xmajor
T0132	Excision of chest wall tumour – with chest wall reconstruction	Xmajor
T0133	Excision of chest wall tumour – without chest wall reconstruction	Xmajor
T0212	Secondary correction of scoliosis-related chest wall deformity (posterior costoplasty) (as sole procedure)	Complex
T0320	Exploratory thoracotomy	Major
T0810	Resection of rib and open drainage of pleural cavity	Major
E4722	Thoracotomy and closure of bronchopleural fistula	Xmajor
T1500	Repair of rupture of diaphragm	Complex
T1620	Plication of paralysed diaphragm	Xmajor

8.3 Trachea

E3900	Partial excision of trachea with reconstruction	Complex
E4030	Tracheoplasty	Major
E4100	Insertion of voice prosthesis (TOF)	Major
E4210	Tracheostomy	Intermediate
E4230	Mini-tracheostomy (percutaneous)	Minor

8.4 Fiberoptic endoscopic procedures (GA or LA)

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E4840	Dilatation of tracheal stricture including insertion of stent	Intermediate
E4510	Fiberoptic examination of trachea including biopsy/removal of foreign body	Minor
E5180	Diagnostic bronchoscopy +/- biopsy	Minor
E4800	Therapeutic bronchoscopy (including laser, cryotherapy, lavage, snare, dilatation of stricture, insertion of stent)	Minor
E4850	Therapeutic bronchoscopy for removal of foreign body	Minor

8.5 Bronchi/lungs/pleura

E4400	Carinal resection +/- pneumonectomy	Complex
E5410	Pneumonectomy	Complex
E5430	Pulmonary lobectomy including segmental resection	Complex
E4600	Sleeve resection of bronchus or pulmonary artery with pulmonary resection	Complex
E5480	Lung resection with resection of chest wall	Complex
E5520	Open excision of lesion of lung	Complex
E5532	Thoracotomy and lung biopsy as sole procedure	Intermediate
E5533	Percutaneous radiofrequency ablation of malignant neoplasm of lung	Complex
E5704	Thoracotomy bullectomy – unilateral +/- pleurodesis in presence of emphysema	Xmajor
E5703	Thoracotomy bullectomy – bilateral	Complex
E5702	Thoracotomy lung volume reduction – unilateral	Complex
E5700	Thoracotomy lung volume reduction – bilateral	Complex
T0710	Decortication of pleura of lung	Complex
E5705	Thoracotomy pleurectomy/pleurodesis +/- ligation of bullae for pneumothorax	Xmajor
T0910	Open pleural biopsy	Xmajor
T1480	Insertion of pleuroperitoneal shunt	Intermediate
T1220	Drainage of pleural cavity	Minor
T1240	Insertion of tube drain into pleural cavity	Minor
T1300	Introduction of substance into pleural cavity with chest drain	Minor
T1410	Needle biopsy of pleura	Minor
E5910	Needle biopsy of lung	Minor

8.6 Mediastinum

B1690	Mediastinal parathyroidectomy with sternotomy	Complex
B1800	Thymectomy for myasthenia gravis	Major
E6300	Diagnostic mediastinoscopy	Intermediate
E6100	Open resection of invasive mediastinal tumour	Complex

8.7 Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS)

E5432	VATS lobectomy	Major
E5442	VATS wedge resection of lung	Major
E5932	VATS lung biopsy	Intermediate
E5590	VATS bullectomy – unilateral	Major
E5591	VATS bullectomy – bilateral	Complex
E5592	VATS lung volume reduction – unilateral	Complex
E5593	VATS lung volume reduction – bilateral	Complex
E6200	VATS excision lesion of mediastinum including thymectomy	Xmajor
T1100	Diagnostic thoracoscopy (+/- biopsy)	Minor
T1032	Thoracoscopy and drainage and chemical pleurodesis	Intermediate
T1030	VATS pleurodesis/pleurectomy	Major
G1400	VATS excision lesion of oesophagus	Xmajor
G0922	VATS oesophageal/oesophagogastric myotomy	Major
A7560	VATS sympathectomy – unilateral	Major
A7561	VATS sympathectomy – bilateral	Xmajor
E5594	VATS debridement of empyema	Major
G2331	Laparoscopic repair of hiatus hernia with antireflux procedure (eg fundoplication)	Major

8.8 Heart – cardiac surgery

We will provide benefit for surgeon and anaesthetist standby during coronary angioplasty provided the surgeon and anaesthetist are physically present and have no other obligations at that time. There is a code AA588 for this purpose. Please note, however, should surgery become necessary we will not also reimburse a charge for standby.

The benefit for therapeutic interventional procedures such as angioplasty with stenting or ablation includes an amount for any diagnostic procedure performed on the same day. Transoesophageal echocardiography should not be charged as an addition with valve procedures.

K0500	Atrial inversion for transposition of great vessels	Complex
K0700	Correction of total anomalous pulmonary venous connection	Complex
K1800	Placement of valve to cardiac conduit	Complex
K1850	Redo operations for placement of valve to cardiac conduit	Complex
K2310	Excision of cardiac tumour	Complex
K2540	Replacement of mitral valve with sub-valve preservation	Complex
K2580	Repair of mitral valve	Complex
K2542	Replacement of mitral valve – redo operation	Complex
K2600	Replacement or repair of aortic valve	Complex
K2612	Replacement of aortic valve with homograft or stentless porcine	Complex
K2613	Replacement of aortic valve – redo operation	Complex
L2382	Aortic root replacement with valve conduit or homograft and/or remodelling	Complex
K2610	Ross procedure	Complex
K2700	Replacement of tricuspid valve (including valvuloplasty)	Complex
K2780	Repair of tricuspid valve, eg for Ebstein's disease	Complex
K2800	Replacement of pulmonary valve (including valvuloplasty/valvotomy)	Complex
K3100	Open valvotomy	Complex
K3210	Closed mitral valvotomy	Complex
K3500	Therapeutic transluminal operation(s) on valve of heart	Xmajor
K4100	Bypass for coronary artery(ies) including harvesting of grafts and endarterectomy	Complex
K4410	Redo of bypass graft for coronary artery(ies) including harvesting of grafts	Complex
K4600	Off-pump coronary artery bypass (OPCAB)	Complex
K4880	Correction of anomalous coronary arteries	Complex
K5282	Microwave ablation for atrial fibrillation in association with other cardiac surgery	Intermediate
K5330	Repair of post infarction ventricular septal defect	Complex
K5380	Repair of ventricular aneurysm	Complex
K5530	Ventriculoplasty, including ventriculectomy (Batista operation)	Complex
K6180	Short-term circulatory support with left ventricular assist device	Complex
K6700	Pericardiectomy	Complex
K6810	Decompression of cardiac tamponade or re-exploration for bleeding	Xmajor
L2560	Percutaneous or open placement of intraaortic balloon (including subsequent removal)	Intermediate
L0610	Formation of atriopulmonary connection (or any modification of Fontan type procedure)	Complex
L2360	Repair of interrupted aortic arch	Complex

8.9 Heart – cardiology

K1690	Non-surgical reduction of the myocardial septum	Complex
K4900	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of coronary artery(ies) (including laser)	Complex
K4902	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of coronary artery(ies) with intravascular ultrasound (including laser)	Complex
K4910	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of coronary artery(ies) with stent insertion	Complex
K4912	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of coronary artery(ies) with stent insertion and intravascular ultrasound	Complex
K5280	Map guided surgery for ventricular arrhythmias (including mapping)	Xmajor
K5710	Percutaneous transluminal ablation of atrioventricular junction	Xmajor
K5780	Percutaneous transluminal ablation of accessory pathway or selected modification of AV node (including mapping)	Complex
K5730	Ablation of atrial arrhythmia	Complex
K5740	Ablation of ventricular arrhythmia	Complex
K5750	Internal cardioversion	Intermediate
K5760	Percutaneous pulmonary vein isolation	Major
K5810	Diagnostic intracardiac electrophysiological study including characterisation of intracardiac conduction and any testing of antiarrhythmic drug efficacy by programmed stimulation	Major
K6000	Cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein (single chamber)	Major
K6010	Cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein (dual chamber)	Major
K6020	Resiting of intravenous cardiac pacemaker system	Intermediate
K6030	Replacement of generator for intravenous cardiac pacemaker system (without lead change)	Major
K6082	Removal of pacing system (generator only)	Intermediate
K6040	Removal of pacing system with bypass	Complex
K6080	Removal of pacing system without bypass (including leads)	Minor
K6100	Implantation of automatic cardioverter/defibrillator	Complex
K6510	Adult cardiac catheterisation (including coronary arteriography, catheterisation of right/left side of heart/contrast radiology)	Intermediate
K6512	Pressure wire measurement study as sole procedure	Major
K6820	Pericardiocentesis	Intermediate
K6520	Paediatric cardiac catheterisation	Major

8.10 Great vessels

L0620	Creation of communication between pulmonary artery and aorta	Complex
L0900	Formation of cavopulmonary shunt (Glenn)	Complex
L0710	Creation of shunt from subclavian artery to pulmonary artery	Complex
L7042	Atrial switch procedure for transposition of great vessels	Complex
L1080	Open operations/repair of pulmonary artery	Complex
L1240	Pulmonary embolectomy	Complex
L1300	Transluminal operations on pulmonary artery	Xmajor
L1810	Repair of leaking aneurysm of ascending aorta	Complex
L1880	Repair of leaking aneurysm of arch of aorta	Complex
L1890	Repair of leaking aneurysm of thoracic aorta	Complex
L1892	Immediate repair of aortic dissection (ie within two weeks of happening)	Complex
L1910	Elective repair of aneurysm of ascending aorta	Complex
L1980	Elective repair of aneurysm of arch of aorta	Complex
L1990	Elective repair of aneurysm of thoracic aorta	Complex
L1992	Delayed repair of aortic dissection (ie more than two weeks after happening)	Complex
L2190	Replacement of thoracoabdominal aneurysms	Complex
L2200	Revision of prosthesis of abdominal aorta	Complex
L2290	Excision of infected aortic graft with bypass	Complex
L2302	Coarctation repair	Complex
L2303	Coarctation repair involving prosthetic graft	Complex
L2350	Redo procedures on ascending aorta and proximal descending aorta	Complex
L2600	Percutaneous transluminal balloon operations on aorta	Major
W7042	Cannulation or decannulation for ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation)	Major

8.11 Other

A2720	Proximal gastric vagotomy	Major
A2730	Highly selective vagotomy	Major
A2780	Vagotomy and pyloroplasty	Major
X5020	External cardioversion	Minor
64302	Transoesophageal echocardiography	Intermediate
AA588	Coronary angioplasty standby team	Minor

9 vascular system

9.1 Head and neck

L2930	Bypass carotid artery from the arch	Complex
L2950	Carotid endarterectomy	Complex
L3710	Bypass of subclavian artery from the arch	Complex
L3711	Bypass of subclavian artery – extrathoracic	Complex
L3730	Endarterectomy and patch repair of subclavian artery	Complex

9.2 Thoracic vessels

L1810	Repair of leaking aneurysm of ascending aorta	Complex
L1880	Repair of leaking aneurysm of arch of aorta	Complex
L1890	Repair of leaking aneurysm of thoracic aorta	Complex
L1892	Immediate repair of aortic dissection (ie within two weeks of happening)	Complex
L1910	Elective repair of aneurysm of ascending aorta	Complex
L1980	Elective repair of aneurysm of arch of aorta	Complex
L1990	Elective repair of aneurysm of thoracic aorta	Complex
L1992	Delayed repair of aortic dissection (ie more than two weeks after happening)	Complex
L2190	Replacement of thoracoabdominal aneurysms	Complex
L2290	Excision of infected aortic graft with bypass	Complex
L2600	Percutaneous transluminal balloon operations on aorta	Major

9.3 Renal vessels

L4140	Endarterectomy of renal artery	Complex
L4190	Reconstruction of renal artery(ies)	Complex
L4292	Reconstruction of transplant renal artery	Xmajor
L4300	Transluminal operations on renal artery	Major

9.4 Abdominal vessels

L1620	Axillo-unifemoral bypass	Complex
L1680	Axillo-bifemoral bypass	Complex
L1940	Infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm tube graft	Complex
L1960	Infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm bifurcation graft	Complex
L2200	Revision of prosthesis of abdominal aorta	Complex
L2600	Percutaneous transluminal balloon operations on aorta	Major
L4530	Endarterectomy and patch repair of visceral branch of abdominal aorta	Complex
L4600	Other open operations on other visceral branch of abdominal aorta	Complex

9.5 Iliofemoral vessels

L5100	Aortoiliac, aortofemoral, iliofemoral bypass	Complex
L5180	Aorto-bifemoral bypass	Complex
L5210	Endarterectomy and patch repair of iliac artery	Complex
L5300	Open operations on iliac artery	Complex
L5400	Transluminal operations on iliac artery	Intermediate
L5910	Femorofemoral bypass	Complex
L5922	Femoropopliteal bypass using prosthesis	Complex
L5923	Femoropopliteal bypass using vein	Complex
L5924	Femoropopliteal bypass using vein cuff/patch	Complex
L5950	Femorodistal calf bypass using prosthesis +/-vein cuff/patch	Complex
L5960	Femorodistal calf bypass using vein	Complex
L6000	Endarterectomy of femoral artery	Complex
L6230	Reconstruction/bypass for popliteal aneurysm	Complex
L6300	Transluminal procedures on femoral artery	Major
L6530	Revision femoral bypass graft	Xmajor

9.6 Non-specific

L6710	Biopsy of artery (including temporal) (as sole procedure)	Minor
L6800	Repair of limb artery	Xmajor
L6840	Repair of limb artery using vein graft	Xmajor
L7010	Open embolectomy of artery	Xmajor
L7110	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of artery	Intermediate
L7420	Creation of arteriovenous fistula (including subsequent closure)	Intermediate
L7422	Creation of arteriovenous fistula for dialysis	Intermediate
L7423	Ligation of arteriovenous fistula for dialysis	Intermediate
L7520	Repair of acquired arteriovenous fistula	Complex
L7580	Repair arteriovenous fistula	Complex
L7410	Creation of arteriovenous shunt (synthetic graft)	Major
L8110	Creation of peritoneovenous shunt (Levine/Denver)	Intermediate
L9000	Open removal of thrombus from vein	Major
L9110	Insertion of tunnelled central venous catheter (Hickman Line)	Intermediate
L9112	Surgical insertion of central venous dialysis line	Intermediate
L9113	Percutaneous insertion of central venous dialysis line	Intermediate
L9114	Removal of central venous dialysis line	Minor
L9115	Implantation of port device (PowerPort)	Intermediate
X4110	Open insertion of Tenckhoff catheter	Intermediate
X4112	Percutaneous insertion of Tenckhoff catheter	Minor
X4120	Removal of Tenckhoff catheter	Minor
L9350	Basilic vein transposition	Major
L9180	Insertion of portocath/vasoport unit	Intermediate
L9730	Isolated limb perfusion	Xmajor
L9760	Enhanced external counter pulsation	Intermediate

9.7 Varicose veins

L8510	Ligation/stripping of long or short saphenous vein (including local excision/multiple phlebectomy)	Intermediate
L8512	Endovenous laser treatment (EVLT) of single vein including local excision/phlebectomy – unilateral	Intermediate
L8513	Endovenous laser treatment (EVLT) of single vein including local excision/phlebectomy – bilateral	Major
L8514	Endovenous laser treatment (EVLT) of multiple veins including local excision/phlebectomy – unilateral	Major
L8515	Endovenous laser treatment (EVLT) of multiple veins including local excision/phlebectomy – bilateral	Major
L8520	Ligation/stripping of long or short saphenous vein (including local excision/multiple phlebectomy) – bilateral	Major
L8530	Operations for recurrent varicose veins with re-exploration of groin and/or popliteal fossa – unilateral	Major
L8532	Operations for recurrent varicose veins without re-exploration of groin or popliteal fossa – unilateral	Major
L8540	Radiofrequency ablation of varicose veins (VNUS) – unilateral	Intermediate
L8541	Radiofrequency ablation of varicose veins (VNUS) – bilateral	Major
L8580	Operations for recurrent varicose veins with re-exploration of groin – bilateral	Xmajor
L8582	Operations for recurrent varicose veins without re-exploration of groin and/or popliteal fossa – bilateral	Xmajor
L8680	Bilateral varicose vein injection sclerotherapy	Intermediate
L8620	Ultrasound-guided foam Sclerotherapy for varicose vein(s) – unilateral	Intermediate
L8621	Ultrasound-guided foam Sclerotherapy for varicose vein(s) – bilateral	Intermediate
L8700	Ligation/stripping of long and short saphenous veins (including local excision/multiple phlebectomy)	Major
L8750	Local excision (multiple phlebectomy) of varicose vein(s) of leg – unilateral	Intermediate
L8751	Local excision (multiple phlebectomy) of varicose vein(s) of leg – bilateral	Intermediate
L8780	Ligation/stripping of long and short saphenous veins (including local excision/multiple phlebectomy) bilateral	Complex
L9510	Venography (and bilateral)	Minor
L9580	Varicography for recurrent varicose veins	Minor

9.8 Lymphatic system

T8510	Radical dissection of cervical lymph nodes	Complex
T8722	Selective dissection of cervical lymph nodes, levels 1 to 4	Xmajor
T8723	Selective dissection of cervical lymph nodes, levels 1 to 5 (+/- 6)	Complex
T8520	Block dissection of axillary lymph nodes (axillary clearance levels 1 to 3)	Major
T8540	Block dissection of para-aortic lymph nodes	Xmajor
T8550	Block dissection of inguinal lymph nodes	Major
T8592	Laparoscopic retroperitoneal lymph node dissection	Major
T8594	Laparoscopic para-aortic lymph node dissection	Complex
T8580	Block dissection of pelvic lymph nodes (as sole procedure)	Major
T8610	Biopsy/sampling of cervical lymph nodes	Minor
T8620	Sampling of axillary lymph nodes	Minor
T8640	Sampling of internal mammary lymph nodes	Intermediate
T8700	Excision biopsy of lymph node for diagnosis (cervical, inguinal, axillary)	Intermediate
T8900	Operations on lymphatic duct not elsewhere classified	Xmajor
T9610	Excision of cystic hygroma	Major
T9000	Sentinel node mapping with blue dye or radioactive probe for breast cancer	Intermediate
T9020	Sentinel node mapping with blue dye and radioactive probe for breast cancer	Intermediate

10 endoscopic gastrointestinal procedures

The benefit for endoscopic therapeutic procedures includes an amount for diagnostic endoscopy. This should therefore not be charged for separately.

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G1900	Rigid oesophagoscopy including any biopsy, laser or diathermy destruction of Lesions	Intermediate
G6500	Diagnostic oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD) includes forceps biopsy, biopsy urease test and dye spray	Minor
G4430	Therapeutic oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD) with bougie dilatation	Minor
G4410	Therapeutic oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD) with insertion of prosthesis, therapy for acutely bleeding ulcer or banding of varices	Intermediate
G4440	Therapeutic oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD) with insertion of percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy/percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy	Intermediate
G1440	Injection sclerotherapy for oesophageal varices	Intermediate
G2110	Oesophageal physiology studies (including pH measurement and manometry)	Minor
G4480	Therapeutic enteroscopy	Intermediate
G7900	Ileoscopy via stoma with therapy	Minor
G8080	Capsule endoscopy including interpretation and evaluation	Intermediate
H2502	Diagnostic flexible sigmoidoscopy, includes forceps biopsy	Minor
H2503	Therapeutic sigmoidoscopy with snare loop biopsy or excision of lesion	Minor
H2002	Diagnostic colonoscopy, includes forceps biopsy of colon and ileum	Intermediate
H2003	Therapeutic colonoscopy with snare loop biopsy or excision of lesion	Intermediate
H2180	Fibreoptic colonoscopy and recanalisation of tumour	Major
J4300	Diagnostic ERCP (includes forceps biopsy)	Intermediate
J3900	Therapeutic ERCP (including insertion of biliary or pancreatic prosthesis, sphincterotomy and stone extraction)	Major
G4520	Diagnostic enteroscopy	Intermediate
G4530	Catheterless oesophageal pH monitoring (eg Bravo)	Intermediate
H2220	Endoscopic ultrasound for tumour staging	Intermediate
J6730	Endoscopic upper gastrointestinal ultrasound, eg for pancreaticobiliary diagnosis/transmucosal biopsy	Intermediate

11 abdomen (excluding urinary and reproductive organs)

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11.1 Oesophagus

G0100	Oesophagectomy/oesophagogastrectomy with anastomosis in chest	Complex
G0300	Sub-total oesophagectomy with anastomosis in neck	Complex
G0220	Total oesophagectomy and interposition of intestine	Complex
G0400	Open excision of lesion of oesophagus	Major
G0500	Bypass of oesophagus	Xmajor
G0920	Oesophagocardiomyotomy (Heller's operation)	Major
G0980	Thorascopic oesophagogastric myotomy	Major
G1440	Injection sclerotherapy for oesophageal varices	Intermediate
G2402	Transthoracic fundoplication	Xmajor
G2400	Transthoracic fundoplication and gastroplasty	Xmajor
G2312	Transthoracic repair of paraoesophageal hiatus hernia	Xmajor
G2320	Transthoracic repair of diaphragmatic hernia (acquired)	Xmajor
G2330	Transabdominal repair of hiatus hernia	Major
G2331	Laparoscopic repair of hiatus hernia with antireflux (eg fundoplication)	Major
G2340	Transabdominal repair of diaphragmatic hernia	Complex
G2430	Transabdominal antireflux operations	Complex
G2590	Revision of antireflux procedures	Complex
A2781	Laparoscopic vagotomy/seromyotomy	Major

11.2 Stomach

A2720	Proximal gastric vagotomy	Major
A2730	Highly selective vagotomy	Major
A2780	Vagotomy and pyloroplasty	Major
G2710	Total gastrectomy and excision of surrounding tissue	Complex
G2800	Partial gastrectomy	Xmajor
G2810	Partial gastrectomy and excision of surrounding tissue	Complex
G3210	Gastrojejunostomy	Major
G3220	Revision of gastrojejunostomy	Xmajor
G3100	Laparoscopic biliary gastric bypass	Complex
G3400	Gastrostomy	Major
G3440	Closure of Gastrostomy	Major
G3520	Closure of perforated ulcer of stomach	Major
G3580	Laparoscopic closure of peptic ulcer	Major
G3800	Open operations on stomach not elsewhere classified	Major
G4010	Pyloromyotomy	Major
G4030	Pyloroplasty	Major

11.3 Duodenum

G5000	Open excision of lesion of duodenum	Xmajor
G5100	Bypass of duodenum	Major
G5320	Closure of perforated ulcer of duodenum	Major

11.4 Small intestine

G5810	Excision of jejunum	Major
G6000	Open formation of jejunostomy	Major
G6080	Laparoscopically assisted resection of small intestine	Major
G6082	Open resection of small intestine tumour	Major
G6100	Bypass of jejunum	Major
G6710	Intubation of jejunum for decompression of intestine (without laparotomy)	Major
G7100	Bypass of ileum	Major
G7250	Ileoanal anastomosis and creation of pouch	Complex
G7402	Open formation of ileostomy	Major
G7403	Laparoscopic ileostomy	Major
G7512	Revision of ileostomy – local	Major
G7513	Revision of ileostomy – laparotomy	Major
G7530	Closure of ileostomy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
G7810	Open operations on ileum (including reduction of intussusception)	Major
G7880	Redo operations on ileum/colon	Complex

11.5 Large intestine

H0210	Appendicectomy	Major
H0280	Laparoscopic appendicectomy	Major
H0310	Drainage of abscess of appendix or drainage of intra-abdominal abscess	Major
H0510	Total excision of colon and ileorectal anastomosis	Complex
H0610	Extended excision of right hemicolon	Xmajor
H0700	Other excision of right hemicolon	Xmajor
H0750	Laparoscopically assisted right hemicolectomy	Xmajor
H0800	Excision of transverse colon	Xmajor
H0900	Excision of left hemicolon	Xmajor
H1000	Excision of sigmoid colon	Xmajor
H1200	Excision of lesion of colon (transabdominal)	Major
H1300	Bypass of colon	Major
H1542	Closure of colostomy	Major
H1581	Laparoscopic colostomy and stoma formation (including revision)	Major
H1590	Open formation of colostomy	Major
H1700	Intra abdominal manipulation of colon (including reduction of intussusception)	Major
H1880	Laparoscopically assisted left colon resection	Xmajor
H3010	Radiological reduction of intussusception of colon using barium enema	Minor

11.6 Rectum/anus

G7250	Ileoanal anastomosis and creation of pouch	Complex
H0410	Panproctocolectomy and ileostomy	Complex
H3310	Abdominoperineal pull through resection with colo-anal anastomosis +/- colonic pouch and associated stoma	Complex
H3320	Abdominoperineal resection of rectum and anus	Complex
H3322	Laparoscopic abdominoperineal resection	Complex
H3332	Anterior resection – high (ie colorectal anastomosis above the peritoneal reflection)	Complex
H3334	Anterior resection – low (ie colorectal anastomosis at or below the peritoneal reflection)	Complex
H3362	Hartmann's procedure	Xmajor
H3363	Colectomy and colostomy and preservation of rectum	Xmajor
H3364	Laparoscopic anterior resection – high (ie colorectal anastomosis above the peritoneal reflection)	Complex
H3365	Laparoscopic anterior resection – low (ie colorectal anastomosis at or below the peritoneal reflection)	Complex
H3380	Partial excision of rectum and sigmoid colon for prolapse	Xmajor
H3390	Reversal of Hartmann's procedure	Complex
H3400	Open excision of lesion of rectum and colon	Major
H3500	Fixation of rectum for prolapse	Major
H3580	Laparoscopic rectopexy	Major
H4000	Transanal resection of rectal cancer	Major
H4122	Transanal endoscopic microsurgery	Xmajor
H4130	Perianal excision of lesion of rectum (including sigmoidoscopy)	Intermediate
H4180	Full or partial thickness rectal biopsy	Minor
H4200	Perineal repair of prolapse of rectum	Major
H4480	Dilation of stricture of rectum	Minor
H4680	Repair of faecal fistula	Intermediate
H4800	Excision of lesion of anus	Minor
H4900	Destruction of lesion of anus	Minor
H5020	Repair of anal sphincter (including sigmoidoscopy)	Major
H5080	Repair of anal trauma	Intermediate
H5100	Haemorrhoidectomy (including sigmoidoscopy)	Intermediate
H5101	Laser haemorrhoidectomy (including sigmoidoscopy)	Intermediate
H5250	Circular stapling haemorrhoidectomy	Intermediate
L7032	Ultrasound guided haemorrhoidal artery ligation	Minor
H5400	Anorectal stretch	Minor
H5510	Laying open of low anal fistula (including sigmoidoscopy)	Intermediate
H5520	Laying open of high anal fistula (including sigmoidoscopy)	Major
H5620	Lateral sphincterotomy of anus	Minor
H5640	Excision of anal fissure	Minor
H5800	Drainage through perineal region (including ischiorectal abscess) (including sigmoidoscopy)	Minor
H5940	Excision of pilonidal sinus and suture/skin graft	Intermediate
H6020	Laying open of pilonidal sinus	Minor
H4430	Examination of rectum under anaesthetic (as sole procedure)	Minor
H0480	Abdominal revision of restorative proctocolectomy	Complex

11.7 Other organs (mainly digestive)

B2232	Adrenalectomy – unilateral (open)	Major
B2233	Adrenalectomy – unilateral (laparoscopic)	Major
B2222	Adrenalectomy – bilateral (open)	Xmajor
B2223	Adrenalectomy – bilateral (laparoscopic)	Xmajor
J0200	Partial excision of liver	Complex
J0210	Hemihepatectomy	Complex
J0310	Resection of liver tumour	Complex
J0400	Repair of liver (including therapeutic laparoscopic operations on liver)	Major
J0510	Open drainage of liver	Intermediate
J0740	Open liver resection and ablation	Complex
J0900	Diagnostic laparoscopy (including any biopsy)	Intermediate
J1300	Percutaneous biopsy of lesion of liver	Minor
J1400	Open puncture of liver	Major
J1800	Cholecystectomy (including mini-cholecystectomy)	Major
J1820	Cholecystectomy with exploration of common bile duct	Major
J1830	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy	Xmajor
J1880	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy with perioperative cholangiogram	Xmajor
J1900	Anastomosis of gall bladder (to another viscus)	Xmajor
J2720	Partial excision of bile duct and anastomosis of bile duct to duodenum/jejunum	Xmajor
J2800	Excision of lesion of bile duct	Major
J2900	Anastomosis of hepatic duct	Complex
J3000	Anastomosis of common bile duct	Major
J3100	Open introduction of prosthesis into bile duct	Major
J3200	Repair of bile duct	Xmajor
J3300	Incision of bile duct (including exploration for calculus removal)	Major
J3500	Sphincterotomy of bile duct and pancreatic duct using duodenal approach	Major
J5000	Percutaneous examination of bile duct	Intermediate
J5500	Total pancreatectomy and excision of surrounding tissue	Complex
J5520	Total pancreatectomy	Complex
J5610	Pancreatoduodenectomy and excision of surrounding tissue (Whipple's procedure)	Complex
J5700	Distal pancreatectomy	Xmajor
J5800	Excision of lesion of pancreas	Major
J5900	Anastomosis of pancreatic duct (to another viscus)	Xmajor
J6100	Open drainage of lesion of pancreas	Major
J6180	Drainage of pancreatic abscess	Major
J6200	Incision of pancreas	Major
J6300	Open examination of pancreas	Major
J6600	Therapeutic percutaneous operations on pancreas	Major
J6900	Open splenectomy	Major
J6980	Laparoscopic splenectomy	Major
L8110	Creation of peritoneovenous shunt (Levine/Denver)	Intermediate

11.8 Major vessels

L7040	Open cannulation of intra-abdominal artery for infusion chemotherapy	Major
L7710	Creation of portocaval shunt	Complex
L7920	Plication of vena cava	Xmajor
L7980	Repair of wound of major artery or vein of abdomen (including aorta and vena cava)	Major

11.9 Abdominal wall

T1900	Simple excision of inguinal hernial sac (herniotomy) – unilateral	Intermediate
T1910	Simple excision of inguinal hernial sac (herniotomy) – bilateral	Major
T2000	Primary repair of inguinal hernia	Intermediate
T2010	Primary repair of inguinal hernia – bilateral	Major
T2080	Primary repair of strangulated inguinal hernia	Major
T2100	Repair of recurrent inguinal hernia	Major
T2110	Repair of recurrent inguinal hernia – bilateral	Xmajor
T2002	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia – unilateral	Intermediate
T2012	Laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernia – bilateral	Intermediate
T2102	Laparoscopic repair of recurrent inguinal hernia – unilateral	Intermediate
T2112	Laparoscopic repair of recurrent inguinal hernia – bilateral	Intermediate
T2200	Primary repair of femoral hernia	Intermediate
T2280	Primary repair of strangulated femoral hernia	Major
T2300	Repair of recurrent femoral hernia	Major
T2400	Repair of umbilical hernia (irrespective of age)	Intermediate
T2500	Primary repair of incisional hernia	Intermediate
T2600	Repair of recurrent incisional hernia	Major
T2502	Laparoscopic repair of incisional hernia	Major
T2700	Repair of other hernia of abdominal wall	Intermediate
T2830	Resuture of previous incision in abdominal wall ('burst abdomen')	Intermediate
T7972	Exploration and repair of groin disruption including repair of muscle fascia and tendons (Gilmore's Groin Repair)	Intermediate

11.10 Peritoneum

T3010	Laparotomy for postoperative haemorrhage	Major
T3080	Laparotomy and repair of multiple visceral trauma	Complex
T3410	Open drainage of subphrenic abscess	Major
T3600	Operations on omentum	Major
T3910	Excision of retroperitoneal tumour	Xmajor
T3930	Retroperitoneal abscess	Intermediate
T3980	Excision of presacral tumour	Intermediate
T4300	Laparoscopic adhesiolysis (including biopsy)	Intermediate
T4302	Open adhesiolysis (including biopsy)	Intermediate
T4610	Paracentesis abdominis for ascites	Minor
T4680	Suprapubic drainage of pelvic abscess	Intermediate

12 urinary system and male reproductive organs

We assume that the following (when required) are an intrinsic part of all endoscopic therapeutic procedures of the urethra, prostate, bladder, ureters and kidney. This includes not only procedures such as resection of bladder tumours and TURP but also insertion and removal of JJ stents, retrograde pyelography etc.

M4510	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of bladder (including any biopsy)
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M7700	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of urethra (as sole procedure)
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M3000	Endoscopic examination of ureter
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The following procedures are only eligible for benefit where the primary pathology being treated is a urethral stricture or otherwise in exceptional circumstances. Where the procedure represents gaining access for a cystoscope or other instrument, additional charges should not be made.

M7920	Dilatation of urethra (including cystoscopy)
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M7940	Internal urethrotomy (including cystoscopy)
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M5820	Dilatation of outlet of female bladder (with cystoscopy)
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Generally we consider that the various procedures for extraction of calculi include cystoscopy, diagnostic ureteroscopy, retrograde pyelography and insertion of stent where required. We will consider making additional benefit available for difficult procedures on a case by case basis. This does not apply to insertion or removal of stent when performed at a different time from the main procedure.

12.1 Kidney/renal pelvic

M0102	Transplantation of kidney – 1st and 2nd transplant	Xmajor
M0103	Transplantation of kidney – 3rd transplant	Xmajor
M0104	Transplantation of kidney into patient with abnormal, augmented or absent bladder	Xmajor
M0210	Nephrectomy and excision of perirenal tissue	Xmajor
M0220	Nephroureterectomy – unilateral	Xmajor
M0221	Nephroureterectomy – bilateral	Xmajor
M0222	Nephroureterectomy for live donor transplantation	Xmajor
M0250	Nephrectomy – unilateral	Major
M0251	Nephrectomy – bilateral	Major
M0260	Transplant nephrectomy	Major
M0280	Laparoscopic nephrectomy	Major
M0380	Laparoscopic upper or lower pole heminephrectomy	Complex
M0412	De-roofing and aspiration of renal para pelvic cyst	Major
M0840	Exploration of renal transplant for bleeding	Intermediate
M0812	Open biopsy of renal transplant	Intermediate
M0813	Percutaneous biopsy of renal transplant	Minor
M0814	Open biopsy of native kidney	Major
M0300	Partial excision of kidney	Major
M0510	Open pyeloplasty	Major
M0550	Repair of kidney wound	Xmajor
M0610	Open removal of calculus from kidney	Major
M0680	Drainage of pyonephrosis	Intermediate
M0800	Other open operations on kidney	Major
M1000	Therapeutic endoscopic operations on kidney (including cystoscopy and retrograde catheterisation)	Major
M1080	Laparoscopic pyeloplasty	Complex
M0880	Open drainage of perinephric abscess	Major
M0910	Endoscopic fragmentation of calculus of kidney	Major
M0940	Percutaneous nephrolithotomy (including cystoscopy and retrograde catheterisation)	Complex
M1110	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of kidney (including biopsy)	Major
M1310	Percutaneous fine needle biopsy of lesion of kidney	Minor
M1360	Percutaneous insertion of nephrostomy tube	Intermediate
M1380	Percutaneous tru-cut needle biopsy of lesion of kidney	Intermediate
M1400	Extracorporeal fragmentation of calculus of kidney (lithotripsy) – single treatment	Intermediate
M2890	Push manipulation of stone prior to lithotripsy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate

12.2 Ureter

M1820	Excision of segment of ureter	Major
M1910	Construction of ileal conduit including ureteric implantation	Xmajor
M2012	Replantation of ureter into bowel (including bilateral)	Xmajor
M2030	Bilateral replantation of ureter into bladder	Xmajor
M2080	Unilateral replantation of ureter into bladder	Major
M2100	Other connection of ureter	Major
M2130	Ileal or colonic replacement of ureter	Complex
M2160	Reconstruction of transplant ureter	Xmajor
M2202	Ureterostomy – formation	Major
M2200	Ureterostomy – closure	Major
M2210	Open correction vesicoureteric reflux – unilateral	Major
M2280	Open correction vesicoureteric reflux – bilateral	Xmajor
M2510	Excision of ureterocele (with or without ureteric reimplantation) – unilateral	Major
M2511	Excision of ureterocele (with or without ureteric reimplantation) – bilateral	Xmajor
M2310	Open ureterolithotomy	Major
M2530	Ureterolysis – unilateral	Major
M2580	Ureterolysis – bilateral	Xmajor
M2600	Therapeutic nephroscopic operations on ureter	Major
M2730	Ureteroscopic extraction of calculus of ureter	Intermediate
M2920	Endoscopic insertion of prosthesis into ureter	Major
M2930	Removal of prosthesis from ureter	Minor
M2932	Cystoscopy and removal of transplant stent	Minor
M3000	Endoscopic examination of ureter	Intermediate
M3010	Endoscopic retrograde pyelography	Intermediate
M3110	Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy of calculus of ureter	Major
M3202	Operations on ureteric orifice (including endoscopic)	Intermediate

12.3 Bladder

M2981	Endoscopic antireflux procedure (and bilateral)	Intermediate
M3400	Total cystectomy (with construction of intestinal conduit or bladder)	Complex
M3500	Partial cystectomy	Major
M3510	Diverticulectomy of bladder	Major
M3600	Enlargement of bladder	Complex
M3700	Repair of bladder	Major
M3640	Repair of bladder exstrophy	Complex
M3602	Enterocystoplasty	Complex
M3720	Repair of vesicocolic fistula	Xmajor
M3780	Repair of cutaneous vesical fistula	Intermediate
M3820	Cystostomy and insertion of suprapubic tube into bladder	Intermediate
M3880	Stab cystotomy	Minor
M3900	Open removal of calculus from bladder	Intermediate
M4110	Open excision of lesion from bladder	Major
M4210	Endoscopic resection of lesion of bladder (including cystoscopy)	Major
M4230	Endoscopic destruction of lesion of bladder (including cystoscopy)	Intermediate
M4310	Endoscopic transection of bladder (including cystoscopy)	Major
M4320	Endoscopic hydrostatic distention of bladder (including cystoscopy)	Minor
M4400	Sphincterotomy	Intermediate
M4410	Litholapaxy	Major
M4420	Endoscopic extraction of calculus of bladder (including cystoscopy)	Intermediate
M4430	Endoscopic removal of foreign body from bladder (including cystoscopy)	Intermediate
M4480	Resection of bladder neck	Intermediate
M4510	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of bladder (including any biopsy)	Minor
M4712	Bladder instillation of pharmacologic agent	Minor
M4780	Urodynamic studies/urodynamic assessment	Minor
M4910	Closure of cystostomy	Intermediate
M5100	Combined abdominal and vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder (including sling procedures)	Major
M5180	Combined abdominal and vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder (including sling procedures) – redo operation	Xmajor
M5220	Retropubic suspension of neck of bladder (including colposuspension)	Major
M5222	Laparoscopic colposuspension	Major
M5280	Retropubic suspension of neck of bladder (including colposuspension) – redo operation	Major
M5300	Vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder	Major
M5250	Needle suspension of bladder neck	Intermediate
M5630	Therapeutic injection into bladder neck for treatment of stress incontinence (periurethral bulking agents),including cystoscopy	Intermediate
M7590	Tension-free urethropexy, including administration of local anaesthetic by operating surgeon	Major
M5520	Implantation of artificial urinary sphincter at bladder neck and/or removal (including cystoscopy)	Major
M5820	Dilatation of outlet of female bladder (with cystoscopy)	Minor
M6620	Endoscopic incision of outlet of male bladder (with cystoscopy)	Intermediate
P2510	Repair of vesicovaginal fistula	Major

12.4 Urethra

M5580	Excision of urethral caruncle	Minor
M5600	Therapeutic endoscopic operations on outlet of female bladder	Intermediate
M7200	Urethrectomy	Major
M7280	Urethral valve resection	Major
M7330	Closure of fistula of urethra	Intermediate
M7340	Repair of urethrorectal fistula	Major
M7360	Simple urethroplasty, ie first attempt, anterior urethra	Major
M7361	Complex urethroplasty, ie posterior urethral repairs and second (or further) anterior repairs	Major
M7380	Repair of rupture of urethra	Major
M7500	Excision of diverticulum of urethra	Intermediate
M7620	Removal of foreign body from urethra	Minor
M7700	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of urethra (as sole procedure)	Minor
M7920	Dilatation of urethra (including cystoscopy)	Minor
M7940	Internal urethrotomy (including cystoscopy)	Intermediate

12.5 Prostate

M6100	Open excision of prostatic adenoma	Major
M6180	Radical prostatectomy, reconstruction of bladder neck including bilateral pelvic lymphadenectomy	Complex
M6182	Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy	Complex
M6530	Endoscopic resection of prostate (TUR) (including cystoscopy)	Major
M6532	Holmium laser resection of prostate (HoLRP)	Xmajor
M6580	Endoscopic biopsy of prostate	Intermediate
M6533	Holmium Laser Enucleation of Prostatic Adenoma (HoLEP)	Major
M6582	Saturation biopsy of the prostate	Intermediate
M6730	Drainage of prostatic abscess	Intermediate
M6750	Transurethral needle ablation (TUNA)	Major
M6760	Photoselective vaporisation of prostate (GreenLight/Niagara laser PVP)	Xmajor
M6762	Photoselective vaporisation of prostate (KTP Laser PVP)	Xmajor
M6780	Prostatic hyperthermia (up to six courses)	Major
M7020	Prostate, needle biopsy	Minor
M7080	Insertion of urethral stent for relief of prostatic obstruction	Major
26000	Planning for introduction of radioactive implant into prostate (Brachytherapy stage I)	Major
M6790	Introduction of radioactive implant into prostate (Brachytherapy stage II)	Complex

12.6 Genitalia

M8120	Meatoplasty	Intermediate
M8130	External meatotomy of urethral orifice	Minor
N0500	Bilateral excision of testes	Major
N0630	Laparoscopic orchidectomy	Intermediate
N0680	Orchidectomy and excision of spermatic cord	Intermediate
N0700	Excision of lesion of testis	Intermediate
N0820	Orchidopexy bilateral	Major
N0920	Orchidopexy	Intermediate
N0930	Abdominal undescended testis	Major
N1000	Prosthesis of testis (insertion or removal)	Intermediate
N1100	Correction of hydrocele	Intermediate
N1320	Fixation of testis	Intermediate
N1340	Biopsy of testis	Minor
N1350	Exploration of testis (including biopsy)	Intermediate
N1352	Laparoscopy for impalpable testis	Intermediate
N1380	Bilateral fixation of testis	Intermediate
N1510	Bilateral epididymectomy	Intermediate
N1520	Unilateral epididymectomy	Minor
N1580	Excision of epididymal cyst	Intermediate
N1900	Operation(s) on varicocele	Intermediate
N2050	Vasography (including scrotal exploration)	Minor
N2200	Operation(s) on seminal vesicle	Major
N2610	Total amputation of penis	Major
N2620	Partial amputation of penis	Major
N2710	Excision of lesion of penis	Intermediate
N2780	Operation for Peyronie's disease (eg Nesbitt's)	Intermediate
N2781	Lue's procedure for Peyronie's disease	Intermediate
N2820	Reconstruction of penis	Major
N2840	Repair of avulsion of penis	Major
N2842	Frenuloplasty of penis	Minor
N2880	Repair of injury to penis	Intermediate
N3010	Preputioplasty	Intermediate
N3020	Division of preputial adhesions	Minor
N3030	Circumcision	Intermediate
N3210	Biopsy of lesion of penis	Minor

13 pregnancy and confinement

Please note, these procedures are not eligible under the majority of our plans.

R2810	Curettage of delivered uterus	Minor
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14 female reproductive organs

The benefit for hysteroscopy includes an amount for D&C and insertion of mirena coil. We will not reimburse additional charges for this as a separate service.

Similarly where a therapeutic hysteroscopy is performed, we will not reimburse an additional charge for a diagnostic hysteroscopy.

The benefit for hysterectomy for ovarian malignancy includes an amount for removal of omentum and this should not be listed as extra.

We consider insertion of suprapubic catheter to be an intrinsic part of procedures such as a suprapubic sling or retropubic suspension of bladder neck and will not reimburse these as an additional procedure.

The benefit for colposcopy includes an amount for punch biopsy.

The benefit for therapeutic laparoscopy includes an amount for diagnostic laparoscopy.

The code for insertion of prosthesis into the ureter is designed for use by urologists inserting a stent and not for the circumstances where the ureter is being identified during hysterectomy. We recognise that this does involve some additional work and consider that a small uplift would be reasonable.

The code for division of adhesions is no longer in our Schedule. Adhesions are a part of a large number of gynaecological pathologies and the benefit for treatment includes an amount for division of adhesions. We do however accept that there are some cases where numerous dense adhesions add considerably to the complexity of a procedure and in such cases suggest an enhanced fee is submitted together with a note of explanation.

Postoperative analgesia is part of all surgery. We will not reimburse additional charges by surgeons or anaesthetists for wound infiltration with local anaesthetic.

14.1 Uterus/adnexa

Q0710	Radical hysterectomy and lymphadenectomy (Wertheim's)	Complex
Q0712	Radical trachelectomy including laparoscopic and removal of lymph nodes	Complex
Q0740	Total abdominal hysterectomy (+/- oophorectomy)	Major
Q0750	Subtotal abdominal hysterectomy (+/- oophorectomy)	Major
Q0800	Vaginal hysterectomy (including laparoscopically assisted)	Major
Q0880	Hysterectomy with excision/biopsy and or removal of omentum and uterine adnexa for ovarian malignancy	Xmajor
Q0920	Myomectomy (including laparoscopically)	Major
Q0950	Plastic reconstruction of uterus	Major
Q1700	Therapeutic endoscopic operations on uterus (including endometrial ablation excluding microwave or radiofrequency ablation)	Major
Q1702	Microwave endometrial ablation	Major
Q1800	Hysteroscopy including biopsy, dilatation, curettage and polypectomy	Intermediate
Q1802	Hysteroscopy with resection of fibroid	Major
Q2230	Oophorectomy and salpingectomy (as sole procedure) (including bilateral)	Major
Q3110	Removal of products of conception from fallopian tube (ectopic pregnancy) including laparoscopically	Major
Q3800	Laparoscopy and therapeutic procedures including laser, diathermy and destruction eg for endometriosis, adhesiolysis, tubal surgery	Major
Q3900	Laparoscopy (including eg puncture of ovarian cysts +/- biopsy, minor endometriosis)	Intermediate
Q4400	Ovarian cystectomy, (as sole procedure) (and bilateral)	Major
T8580	Block dissection of pelvic lymph nodes (as sole procedure)	Major
X1410	Total exenteration of pelvis	Complex
X1420	Anterior exenteration of pelvis	Complex
X1430	Posterior exenteration of pelvis	Complex

14.2 Suspension

M5100	Combined abdominal and vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder (including sling procedures)	Major
M5180	Combined abdominal and vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder (including sling procedures) – redo operation	Xmajor
M5220	Retropubic suspension of neck of bladder (including colposuspension)	Major
M5280	Retropubic suspension of neck of bladder (including colposuspension) – redo operation	Major
M5300	Vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder	Major
M5250	Needle suspension of bladder neck	Intermediate
M5630	Therapeutic injection into bladder neck for treatment of stress incontinence (periurethral bulking agents),including cystoscopy	Intermediate
M7590	Tension-free urethropexy, including administration of local anaesthetic by operating surgeon	Major
Q2080	Ventrosuspension of uterus (including laparoscopic)	Intermediate

14.3 Cervix uteri

Q0100	Amputation of cervix uteri	Intermediate
Q0220	Laser destruction of lesion of cervix uteri	Minor
Q0230	Cauterisation of lesion of cervix uteri (including loop diathermy)	Minor
Q0330	Cone biopsy of cervix uteri (including laser)	Intermediate
Q0340	Punch biopsy of cervix uteri	Minor
Q1010	Dilatation of cervix uteri and curettage of retained products of conception following spontaneous abortion	Intermediate
Q1030	Dilatation of cervix uteri and curettage of uterus including polypectomy and diathermy of cervix	Minor

14.4 Vagina/perineum

M3710	Cystourethroplasty	Major
M5582	Diathermy of urethral caruncle	Minor
P1300	Operations on female perineum	Minor
P1400	Incision of introitus of vagina	Minor
P1920	Excision of septum of vagina	Intermediate
P2000	Excision of lesion of vagina (eg warts and cysts)	Intermediate
P2100	Construction of vagina	Xmajor
P2210	Anterior +/- posterior colporrhaphy and amputation of cervix uteri (including primary repair of enterocele)	Major
P2230	Posterior colporrhaphy	Intermediate
P2310	Anterior +/- posterior colporrhaphy (including primary repair of enterocele)	Major
P2340	Repair of enterocele (+/- posterior repair colporrhaphy) (as sole procedure)	Major
P2380	Anterior (+/- posterior) colporrhaphy with vaginal hysterectomy (including primary repair of enterocele)	Xmajor
P2420	Sacrocolpopexy	Major
P2450	Sacrospinous fixation	Major
P2510	Repair of vesicovaginal fistula	Major
P2520	Repair of urethrovaginal fistula	Major
P2530	Repair of rectovaginal fistula	Xmajor
P2932	Examination of vagina under anaesthetic as sole procedure	Minor

14.5 Vulva/labia

P0310	Excision of Bartholin gland	Intermediate
P0320	Marsupialisation of Bartholin cyst	Intermediate
P0510	Simple vulvectomy	Major
P0550	Excision of excess labial tissue	Intermediate
P0580	Radical vulvectomy (including block dissection of inguinal gland)	Complex
P0600	Excision of lesion of vulva	Minor

15 skin and subcutaneous tissue

When skin lesions are removed either by excision biopsy or wide excision, the resulting defect can usually be closed by primary suture. It is our view, therefore, that the primary closure is an intrinsic part of these procedures. When Moh's micrographic surgery is performed, the resulting defect is normally of a size and shape that cannot be closed by primary suture. In these cases, a small skin graft or local flap is routinely performed. The benefit for the procedure includes an amount for flap closure. Where the lesion being removed is in a site which causes particular problems, we will allow flexibility, but we ask that sufficient clinical detail is provided with the claim to allow this to be taken into account.

Many excisions or excision biopsies are performed under local anaesthesia. This is considered by us to be intrinsic to the procedure and is not eligible for separate benefit. The fee payable for anaesthesia is for care of an unconscious or semiconscious patient during surgery and not for simple administration of an injection. Where sedation is performed we accept that it is reasonable to make a charge to reflect the increased responsibility and risk associated with care of an unconscious or semiconscious patient. In these circumstances, a small additional fee would be appropriate.

The codes for removal of malignant lesions should only be used where a malignant lesion is removed with a margin of normal tissue.

15.1 Lesions of skin

H5680	Excision of pressure sore excluding repair	Intermediate
S0410	Wide excision of sweat glands – bilateral axillae	Minor
S0520	Microscopically controlled excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue (including Moh's chemosurgery)	Xmajor
S0602	Primary excision of malignant lesion – head and neck	Intermediate
S0603	Primary excision of malignant lesion – trunk and limbs	Intermediate
S0604	Secondary excision of malignant lesion – head and neck	Intermediate
S0605	Secondary excision of malignant lesion – trunk and limbs	Intermediate
S0606	Photodynamic therapy to malignant lesion of skin – up to three	Intermediate
S0607	Photodynamic therapy to malignant lesion of skin – four or more	Major
S0608	Sentinel lymph node biopsy for melanoma	Intermediate
S0632	Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – up to three, Head and Neck	Minor
S0633	Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – up to three, Trunk and Limbs	Minor
S0642	Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – four or more, Head and Neck	Intermediate
S0643	Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – four or more, Trunk and Limbs	Intermediate
S0922	Laser destruction of lesion(s) of skin – up to 25 cm ² – in area	Minor
S0923	Laser destruction of lesion(s) over 25cm ² – in area	Minor
S0940	Photodynamic therapy to non malignant lesions of skin	Intermediate
S0820	Curettage/cryotherapy of lesions of skin including cauterisation – four or more	Intermediate
S1420	Shave biopsy of lesion of skin	Minor
S4480	Removal of foreign body in deeper tissue	Intermediate
S4720	Drainage of lesion of skin, including abscess	Minor
S4740	Drainage of large subcutaneous abscess/haematoma	Minor
S6400	Excision of nail bed (Zadek's)	Intermediate
S7010	Wedge excision or avulsion of nail including chemical ablation of nail bed	Minor

15.2 Repair

S4212	Debridement and primary suture of wound without involvement of deeper tissue (skin and subcutaneous fat only) – head and neck	Intermediate
S4213	Debridement and primary suture of wound without involvement of deeper tissue (skin and subcutaneous fat only) – trunk and limbs	Intermediate
S4182	Debridement and primary suture of wound with involvement of deeper tissue – head and neck	Intermediate
S4183	Debridement and primary suture of wound with involvement of deeper tissue – trunk and limbs	Intermediate
S4230	Secondary suture of skin	Minor
S4812	Insertion of skin expander into tissue	Intermediate
S4930	Removal of skin expander or valve	Intermediate
S5710	Debridement of wound (and surgical toilet) – up to 25cm ² in area	Minor
S5712	Debridement of wound (and surgical toilet) – over 25cm ² in area	Minor
T7790	Excision of benign soft tissue tumour (eg glomus, giant cell)	Major
W0960	Excision of benign tumour of bone with bone grafting	Xmajor
W0950	Radical clearance of malignant tumour of soft tissue or bone (not otherwise specified)	Complex

15.3 Burns, scars and contractures

S5520	Burn wound/scar excision, head, neck, hands, feet and genitalia, 9 cm ² –25 cm ²	Intermediate
S5523	Burn wound/scar excision, head, neck, hands, feet and genitalia, greater than 25 cm ²	Major
S5524	Burn wound/scar excision, trunk and limbs (not more than 2% body surface area)	Intermediate
S5525	Burn wound/scar excision, trunk and limbs (between 2% and 10% of body area)	Intermediate
S5526	Burn wound/scar excision trunk and limbs (between 10% and 25% of body area)	Major
S5532	Dressing of burn of skin or subcutaneous tissue – less than 2%	Minor
S5533	Dressing of burn of skin or subcutaneous tissue – 2% – 10%	Minor
S5534	Dressing of burn of skin or subcutaneous tissue – 10% – 25%	Minor
S5535	Dressing of burn of skin or subcutaneous tissue – greater than 25%	Minor
S5560	Release of burn scar contracture, head, neck, hands, feet and genitalia	Xmajor
S5562	Release of burn scar contracture, trunk and limbs	Major

15.4 Flaps and free skin grafts

Flaps

Unless explicitly stated these codes relate to the formation, division and transfer of the flap and include repair of the donor site. They do not include excision of skin or wound at the recipient site.

S2500	Local flap – 9 cm ² or more (excluding graft/flap to secondary defect)	Major
S2503	Local flap – 9 cm ² or more (including graft/flap to secondary defect)	Xmajor
S1700	Distant flap – delay/division/inset	Major
S2002	Small island flap (less than 9 cm ²)	Intermediate
S2000	Large island skin flap (9 cm ² or more) (eg radical forearm) including closure of secondary defect)	Xmajor
S1740	Large myocutaneous (muscular/cutaneous) flap (9 cm ² or more) including closure of secondary defect	Xmajor
B2984	Delayed reconstruction of breast using pedicled TRAM	Complex
S1750	Large muscle flap (9 cm ² or more) including skin graft and closure of secondary defect	Xmajor
S1900	Distant pedicle flap – elevation including transfer (including closure/grafting to secondary defect)	Complex
S2220	Neurovascular island flap	Xmajor
T7602	Microvascular free tissue transfer (when added to other codes) including closure of secondary defect	Complex
T7603	Microvascular free tissue transfer (as sole procedure including closure of secondary defect)	Complex
T7604	Vein/artery graft of part of microvascular free tissue transfer	Major
T7620	Free functioning muscle transfer (as sole procedure) including closure of secondary defect	Complex
W3180	Free composite (ie including bone) vascularised grafts	Complex
S3100	Re-exploration of free flap	Xmajor

Free skin grafts

Unless explicitly stated these codes relate to the formation, division and transfer of the graft and include repair of the donor site. They do not include excision of skin or wound at the recipient site. All definitions relate to recipient sites unless otherwise stated.

S3500	Split autograft of skin, trunk and limbs – over 25 cm ² and up to 5% of body surface area	Major
S3532	Split autograft of skin, trunk and limbs – each additional 5% of body surface area	Major
S3622	Full thickness graft, trunk and limbs – up to 9 cm ² in area	Intermediate
S3623	Full thickness graft, trunk and limbs – each additional 25 cm ² in area	Minor
S3624	Full thickness graft, head, neck, hands and genitalia – up to 9 cm ² in area	Major
S3625	Full thickness graft, head, neck, hands and genitalia each additional 16 cm ² in area	Minor

16 bones, joints and connective tissue/tendon muscle

When a procedure code includes the narrative “including arthroscopic”, the majority of specialists do not make additional charges for either a diagnostic or a therapeutic arthroscopy and we do not consider these to be additional procedures (except in unusual circumstances).

We consider that decompression in the subacromial region which is frequently performed arthroscopically is covered by the code for subacromial decompression.

This includes EUA, arthroscopy, and decompression of the subacromial region, excision of distal clavicle, reconstruction of acromioclavicular joint, acromioplasty and repair of a small rotator cuff tear. We will not routinely reimburse this as a multiple procedure although we will allow flexibility in individual cases. In such cases, we ask that sufficient clinical detail is provided to allow assessment by an orthopaedic consultant.

Knee arthroscopy. At most knee arthroscopies, in addition to the main procedure, a number of lesser procedures are frequently performed such as excision of synovium, drilling of cartilage, removal of loose bodies, excision of plica lateral release etc. The code W8500 should be used in isolation for multiple arthroscopic procedures.

EUA/MUA/Injection into joint. With all arthroscopies we consider that EUA/MUA and injection into joint are part of the procedure. The only circumstances we would reimburse as a multiple is where the injection is into a different joint and we ask that this is made clear on the invoice.

Application of plaster of Paris is part of any procedure where immobilisation is routine – e.g. fracture reduction, tendon repairs and various osteotomies. As a rule we will not reimburse extra charges for this procedure.

Where a procedure usually or frequently necessitates bone grafting, additional charges should not be made for this as a separate service.

There are a significant number of other areas where in our opinion orthopaedic procedures have been unreasonably disaggregated in the past. The medical department would be pleased to provide further guidance on request.

Please note that all procedure codes and descriptions include the application of the first cast. For subsequent, additional application of cast use code in Fractures section (16.3).

Please also note that all procedure codes in the fixation/arthrodesis section have been moved to individual areas.

The following definitions are used throughout this section:

Long bones – clavicle, fibula, humerus, radius, scapula, tibia and ulna

Small bones – all bones of hand, wrist, foot, ankle and also the patella

Large joints – ankle, elbow, hip, knee, shoulder and wrist

Small joints – all other joints of the hand and foot

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16.1 Connective tissue/tendon muscle

W6960	Needle biopsy of synovium	Minor
T5230	Excision of plantar fibroma	Intermediate
T5900	Excision of ganglion	Intermediate
T6000	Repeat excision of ganglion	Intermediate
T6220	Excision of bursa	Intermediate
T6400	Transfer of tendon (not otherwise specified)	Intermediate
T6580	Tendon graft, as sole procedure (not otherwise specified)	Intermediate
T6800	Secondary repair of tendon (including graft, transfer and/or prosthesis) (not otherwise specified)	Major
T6910	Tenolysis, of extensor (not otherwise specified)	Intermediate
T6980	Tenolysis, of flexor tendon (not otherwise specified)	Major
T7010	Percutaneous tenotomy	Minor
T7050	Lengthening of tendon(s) or open tenotomy	Intermediate
T7110	Tenosynovectomy	Intermediate
T7230	Release of constriction of sheath of tendon (eg trigger finger)	Intermediate
T8002	Minor release of muscle for pain or contracture (involving small joint)	Intermediate
T8003	Major release of muscle for pain or contracture (eg Quadriceps) (involving large joint)	Intermediate
T8100	Open biopsy of muscle or soft tissue lesion	Minor
W8100	Open excision of calcific deposit (eg shoulder, hip)	Minor
A8460	Static single measurement of muscle compartment pressures with manometer	Minor
A8470	Dynamic laboratory investigation involving measurement of muscle compartment pressures with manometer	Intermediate

16.2 Bone (non-specific)

W0640	Total excision of sesamoid bone	Intermediate
W0700	Excision of ectopic bone	Minor
W0850	Partial excision of bone (including exostoses)	Intermediate
T7790	Excision of benign soft tissue tumour (eg glomus, giant cell)	Major
W0960	Excision of benign tumour of bone with bone grafting	Xmajor
W0950	Radical clearance of malignant tumour of soft tissue or bone (not otherwise specified)	Complex
W1080	Osteotomy of long bone, with/without fixation, including graft	Major
W1800	Drainage/debridement of bone(s), including sequestectomy for osteomyelitis	Intermediate
W3510	Introduction of therapeutic substance into bone	Minor
W3620	Open bone biopsy	Intermediate
W3622	Needle biopsy of bone	Minor
W3650	Diagnostic aspiration and/or trephine biopsy of bone marrow	Minor
AA609	Peripheral bone density measurement performed by physician	Minor

16.3 Fractures

For the sake of simplicity the Fractures section has been split into a number of sub-sections

Long bones

W1920	Primary open reduction of long bone with fixation	Major
W2100	Primary open reduction of intra-articular fracture of long bone with internal fixation, eg proximal humerus or proximal tibia (with or without arthroscopic assistance)	Major
W2310	Secondary open reduction of fractured long bone and intra-medullary fixation or internal fixation for non-union/ mal-union – including intra-articular (including bone graft)	Xmajor
W2380	Locked intramedullary nailing of fractured long bone	Xmajor
W2500	Closed reduction of fracture of long bone with external fixation (excluding fixation by cast or percutaneous K-wires)	Major
W2502	Closed reduction of fracture of long bone, including cast or percutaneous K-wires	Intermediate

Small bones

W1940	Primary open reduction of small bone with fixation including intra-articular	Intermediate
W2300	Secondary open reduction of fracture of small bone, including intra-articular fracture for delayed/non-union (including bone graft)	Major
W2580	Closed reduction of fracture of small bone with external fixator	Intermediate
W2582	Closed reduction of fracture of small bone, including cast or percutaneous K-wires	Intermediate

Pelvis/acetabulum and femur

W1910	Primary reduction of fracture of neck of femur and internal fixation	Xmajor
W1320	Osteotomy of proximal femur – adult	Xmajor
W1642	Open reduction/internal fixation of posterior rim of acetabulum	Complex
W1643	Open reduction/internal fixation of either posterior wall/ column or acetabulum or anterior column of acetabulum	Complex
W1644	Open reduction/internal fixation of both columns of acetabulum	Complex
W1645	Open reduction/internal fixation plus bone graft symphysis pubis	Complex
W1646	Open reduction/internal fixation of sacroiliac joint	Complex
W1647	Open reduction/internal fixation of fractures of the greater trochanter, including fixation of non-union of greater trochanter after trochanteric Osteotomy	Xmajor

Joints

W6630	Primary closed reduction of fracture or dislocation of joint, with or without fixation including cast application	Intermediate
W6522	Primary open reduction of dislocation of small joint	Intermediate
W6523	Primary open reduction of dislocation of large joint	Intermediate
W6702	Secondary open reduction of dislocation of small joint	Intermediate
W6703	Secondary open reduction of dislocation of large joint	Intermediate

Fixation devices

W2830	Removal of internal fixation from bone/joint, excluding K-wires	Intermediate
W3020	Adjustments to Ilizarov frame/rings	Major
W3040	Application of Ilizarov frame for secondary non-union/ mal-union including Osteotomy	Complex
W3050	Adjustments to pin sites secondary for non-union/mal-union	Minor
W3032	Removal of fixator/frame/pins/wires and change of plaster	Intermediate
W3530	Removal of percutaneous wire	Minor

Other (eg POP)

X4822	Change of cast under general anaesthetic	Minor
T5540	Fasciotomy of limb	Major
S5730	Surgical toilet and debridement of deep wound, including traumatic or postoperative aetiology	Minor
W3100	Bone graft (except where part of another procedure)	Major

16.4 Nerves

Please note that throughout this section the following definitions apply:

Peripheral nerve: Digital or common digital
 Major nerve: Radial, median, ulnar, anterior and posterior interosseous, axillary and musculocutaneous

A6030	Transection of peripheral nerve for neuroma	Intermediate
A6080	Neurectomy (major nerve)	Intermediate
A6400	Repair of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6402	Repair of major nerve	Major
A6300	Graft to peripheral nerve	Xmajor
A6302	Graft to major nerve	Xmajor
A6110	Excision of lesion of peripheral nerve (eg neurilemoma)	Intermediate
A6180	Excision of lesion of major nerve	Intermediate
A6510	Carpal tunnel release, including endoscopic	Intermediate
A6580	Carpal tunnel release, including endoscopic – bilateral	Intermediate
A6710	Cubital tunnel release, including endoscopic (without transposition)	Intermediate
A6711	Cubital tunnel release, including endoscopic – bilateral (without transposition)	Intermediate
A6600	Release of entrapment of deeply placed peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6700	Release of entrapment of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A6810	Neurolysis and transposition of peripheral nerve (includes ulnar at elbow)	Intermediate
A6900	Revision of release of peripheral nerve	Major
A7310	Biopsy of peripheral nerve	Intermediate
A7340	Exploration and grafting of brachial plexus	Complex

16.5 Joints, including replacement/reconstruction (not listed elsewhere)

W6912	Total synovectomy of small joint	Major
W6913	Total synovectomy of large joint	Major
W7400	Reconstruction of ligament	Major
W7500	Prosthetic open repair of ligament	Major
W7800	Release of contracture of joint	Intermediate
W8150	Arthrotomy of large joint, including removal of loose body from joint	Intermediate
W8180	Arthrotomy of small joint, including removal of loose body from joint	Minor
W9030	Injection(s) into joint(s) under X-ray control	Minor
W9012	Therapeutic local anaesthetic/aspiration – large joint – single	Minor
W9013	Therapeutic local anaesthetic/aspiration large joint – more than 1 joint	Minor
W9014	Therapeutic local anaesthetic/aspiration – small joint – single	Minor
W9015	Therapeutic local anaesthetic/aspiration small joint – more than 1 joint	Minor
W9016	Therapeutic local anaesthetic/aspiration of joint under imaging control	Minor
W9017	Yttrium joint injection (with radioactive precautions)	Minor
W5722	Excision reconstruction of small joint	Major
W5723	Excision reconstruction of large joint	Major
W5540	Debridement of infected total joint replacement	Major
W8300	Therapeutic arthroscopic operation on articular cartilage (other than W8200 and W8230) (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8380	Therapeutic arthroscopic operation on articular cartilage (other than W8200) – bilateral (as sole procedure)	Major
W8600	Therapeutic arthroscopic operation on cavity of joint (not otherwise specified) (as sole procedure)	Major
W8680	Therapeutic arthroscopic operation on cavity of joint – bilateral (not otherwise specified) (as sole procedure)	Complex
W8700	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of joint, with or without biopsy (not otherwise specified) (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8780	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of joint, with or without biopsy – bilateral (not otherwise specified) (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8782	Flexible arthroscopy, +/- biopsy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W9020	Dynamic arthrogram of joint	Intermediate

16.6 Hand

Incision/excision

T5202	Dupuytren's fasciectomy single digit with proximal interphalangeal joint	Intermediate
T5210	Dupuytren's fasciectomy multiple digits with proximal interphalangeal joints	Major
T5222	Dupuytren's dermofasciectomy and graft, or for recurrent disease – single digit	Major
T5223	Dupuytren's dermofasciectomy and graft, or for recurrent disease – multiple digits	Major
T5410	Dupuytren's subcutaneous fasciotomy	Minor
W0230	Soft tissue procedures on joints of hand including synovectomy	Xmajor
W0282	Total excision of trapezium	Xmajor
W0283	Total excision of trapezium with spacer	Xmajor
W0284	Total excision of trapezium and ligament reconstruction	Xmajor
W0285	Trapeziometacarpal joint surface replacement	Major

Repair/reconstruction

T6710	Primary repair of extensor of hand	Intermediate
T6820	Secondary repair or reconstruction of extensor of hand/forearm	Major
T6914	Tenolysis of extensor tendon of hand	Intermediate
T6750	Primary repair of flexor of hand (excluding Zone II)	Intermediate
T6752	Primary repair of flexor of hand in Zone II	Major
T6830	Secondary or second repair of 1st stage reconstruction of flexor of hand	Major
T6832	Second stage reconstruction of flexor of hand	Major
T6982	Tenolysis of flexor tendon of hand	Intermediate
T6402	Tendon transfer of hand – single	Major
T6410	Tendon transfer of hand – multiple (eg for radial nerve injury)	Major
W0120	Pollicisation of finger for thumb reconstruction	Complex
W0512	Interpositional silastic arthroplasty of MCP/PIP joints – single	Major
W0513	Prosthetic interpositional silastic arthroplasty of MCP/PIP joints – multiple	Major
W0514	Prosthetic surface arthroplasty of interphalangeal/metacarpophalangeal joint – single joint (both cemented and uncemented)	Major
W5310	Total prosthetic replacement of wrist joint	Xmajor
W8830	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of wrist joint, with or without biopsy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8602	Therapeutic arthroscopy of wrist joint (sole procedure)	Major
W7482	Scaphoid lunate ligament reconstruction	Major
W7483	Triquetrolunate ligament reconstruction	Major
W7484	Multiple ligament reconstruction	Xmajor
W7485	Small joint (eg interphalangeal/metacarpophalangeal joint) ligament reconstruction	Major
W7486	Carpometacarpal joint ligament reconstruction	Major
W6230	Vascular implantation to carpal bone	Xmajor
W0110	Toe to hand transfer (as sole procedure) including closure of secondary defect	Complex

Fixation/arthrodesis

W3200	Open reduction and internal fixation of cancellous bone graft scaphoid non-union	Major
W3202	Open reduction and internal fixation wedge reconstruction bone graft scaphoid non-union	Major
W3203	Early open reduction and internal fixation of scaphoid fracture ie within six weeks of fracture	Major
W6202	Partial fusion of wrist	Intermediate
W6200	Total fusion of all joints of wrist with or without graft and with or without internal fixation	Major
W5930	Fusion of digit joint(s) of hand with or without graft and with or without internal fixation	Intermediate

Other (eg amputation)

X0710	Forequarter amputation	Complex
X0720	Disarticulation of shoulder	Xmajor
X0750	Amputation of arm	Major
X0820	Partial amputation of digit	Intermediate
X0822	Amputation of whole ray	Major
X0880	Amputation through mid-carpal/transmetacarpal	Intermediate
X0910	Hindquarter amputation	Complex

16.7 Shoulder

Incision/excision

W0610	Total excision of cervical rib	Major
W0890	Excision distal clavicle, as sole procedure	Major

Repair/reconstruction

A7340	Exploration and grafting of brachial plexus	Complex
W4900	Shoulder hemiarthroplasty, as sole procedure	Xmajor
W4930	Revisional shoulder hemiarthroplasty	Xmajor
W4902	Shoulder hemiarthroplasty and/or reconstruction for fracture	Xmajor
W5000	Primary total shoulder replacement	Xmajor
W5030	Revision total shoulder replacement	Complex
W4920	Conversion of hemiarthroplasty to total shoulder replacement	Complex
W5600	Primary repair of rupture of acromioclavicular or sternoclavicular joint including internal fixation	Xmajor
W5630	Secondary repair of acromioclavicular or sternoclavicular joint +/- internal fixation	Xmajor
W7712	Stabilisation of unidirectional instability of shoulder joint, including anterior, posterior and arthroscopic	Major
W7713	Stabilisation of multi-directional instability of shoulder joint	Major
W7715	Coracoid bone block transfer for recurrent instability of shoulder (Bristow Latarjet procedure)	Major
W7760	Labral repair (shoulder stabilisation)	Major
W7780	Revision stabilisation of shoulder joint	Xmajor
W7810	Open arthrolysis of shoulder contracture	Major
W7872	Arthroscopic arthrolysis of shoulder contracture	Major
T7480	Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy of calcific tendonitis of the shoulder	Intermediate
T7910	Open sub-acromial decompression and extensive, greater than 2cm tear rotator cuff repair with excision of distal clavicle	Major
T7982	Arthroscopic sub-acromial decompression and limited, less than 2cm tear rotator cuff repair (including arthroscopic procedures in glenohumeral joint)	Intermediate
T7983	Open sub-acromial decompression and limited, less than 2cm tear rotator cuff repair	Intermediate
T7990	Revision rotator cuff repair	Major
W8192	Open subacromial decompression, as sole procedure	Major
W8193	Arthroscopic subacromial decompression as sole procedure	Major
W8194	Arthroscopic sub-acromial decompression and excision of distal clavicle (including arthroscopic procedures in glenohumeral joint)	Major
W8603	Therapeutic arthroscopy of shoulder (as sole procedure)	Major
W8820	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of shoulder joint, with or without biopsy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
T6450	Tenodesis of biceps tendon (as sole procedure)	Major

Fixation/arthrodesis

W6012	Primary arthrodesis of joint with or without graft and with or without internal fixation – shoulder	Major
W6030	Revision or conversion to arthrodesis of shoulder	Xmajor
W2810	Plating and bone grafting for non-union of clavicle	Major
W4940	Scapulothoracic fusion	Xmajor

Other

W9111	Manipulation of joint (including intra articular injection) for 'frozen shoulder' – (as sole procedure) – bilateral	Intermediate
W9112	Manipulation of joint (including intra articular injection) for 'frozen shoulder' – (as sole procedure)	Minor

16.8 Elbow Incision/excision

W5550	Excision of radial head (as sole procedure)	Major
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Repair/reconstruction

W5510	Total prosthetic replacement of elbow	Xmajor
W5520	Revisional prosthetic replacement of elbow	Complex
T8050	Surgical release of humeral epicondylitis (lateral or medial) (eg 'Tennis Elbow')	Intermediate
W5560	OK (Outerbridge and Kashiwagi) procedure	Major
W5512	Prosthetic replacement of radial head	Xmajor
T6782	Repair of distal biceps tendon	Major
W7850	Open artholysis of elbow	Major
W5502	Interposition arthroplasty of elbow	Xmajor
W5040	Replacement of elbow and shoulder (single operation)	Complex

16.9 Hip, leg and pelvis

Incision/excision

W0702	Excision of ectopic bone around a total hip replacement	Intermediate
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Repair, reconstruction and replacement

W3712	Primary total hip replacement with or without cement	Xmajor
W3713	Complex primary total hip replacement requiring bone grafting or femoral osteotomy	Xmajor
W3714	Total hip replacement, with or without cement, after excision arthroplasty or arthrodesis, including converseon of hemiarthroplasty or revision of other previous hip surgery which involved internal fixation	Xmajor
W3715	Metal on metal hip resurfacing arthroplasty	Xmajor
W3716	Minimally invasive hip replacement (2 incisions)	Complex
W3717	Minimally invasive hip replacement (one incision)	Xmajor
W3719	Metal on metal hip resurfacing arthroplasty – bilateral	Complex
W3732	Revision of uncemented or cemented total hip replacement without adjunctive procedures	Complex
W3733	Revision of total hip replacement including insertion of reconstruction rings, plates, screws, etc. and/or impaction bone grafting to acetabulum and/or femur	Complex
W3734	Second, third or further revision total hip replacement or proximal femoral replacement (excluding acetabular liner and head changes)	Complex
W3942	Removal of total hip replacement and creating a pseudarthrosis	Xmajor
W3943	Removal of total hip replacement and complete clearance of cement	Complex
W3944	Acetabular liner and head changes	Complex
W3780	Total prosthetic replacement of the hip, with or without cement, bilateral	Complex
W4600	Prosthetic replacement of head of femur	Major
W1700	Shelf augmentation of acetabulum, eg Wainwright or Trillat	Xmajor
T7930	Repair of abductor mechanism of hip	Major
W1648	Osteotomy/transfer of greater trochanter in isolation	Xmajor
W6600	Closed reduction of dislocated hip prosthesis	Intermediate
W6540	Open reduction of dislocated hip prosthesis	Major
W8800	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of hip joint including washout, with or without biopsy (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8620	Therapeutic arthroscopic examination of hip joint with or without biopsy	Xmajor

Fixation/arthrodesis

W6013	Primary arthrodesis of hip joint with or without graft and with or without internal fixation – hip	Major
W1640	Simple pelvic osteotomy and fixation eg Salter or Chiari osteotomies	Major
W1649	Complex pelvic osteotomies and fixation, eg triple osteotomy, periacetabular osteotomy	Complex
W1911	Core decompression of hip	Major
W1912	Pinning of head of femur – open or percutaneous (eg slipped femoral epiphysis, undisplaced neck fracture)	Major
W1913	Pinning for bilateral slipped upper femoral epiphysis	Xmajor
W3945	Open reduction and internal fixation for periprosthetic fracture around hip	Xmajor
W4542	Open reduction, internal fixation and revision of femoral component for periprosthetic fracture	Complex
W4543	Open reduction, internal fixation and complete revision for periprosthetic fracture	Complex

Other

X0930	Amputation of leg/foot (including Symes Lisfranc and Chopart)	Major
X2280	Manipulation of hip and casting	Minor
T6213	Soft tissue operations in the region of the greater trochanter (trochanteric bursitis, snapping hip)	Major
W9018	Percutaneous biopsy/ arthrography/ aspiration in assessment of total hip replacement	Minor

16.10 Knee

Incision/excision

W1660	Tibial osteotomy	Major
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Repair/reconstruction

W3090	Core decompression of knee	Major
W4210	Total prosthetic replacement of knee joint, with or without cement, +/- patella	Xmajor
W4212	Minimally invasive knee replacement	Complex
W5200	Unicompartmental knee replacement	Xmajor
W4280	Total prosthetic replacement of knee – bilateral	Complex
W4230	Revision of total replacement of knee joint	Complex
W4200	Complex primary total knee replacement (ie including bone graft, augmentation or osteotomy)	Complex
W4240	2 stage revision of total knee replacement for infection – first stage	Xmajor
W4242	2 stage revision of total knee replacement for infection – second stage	Xmajor
W7580	Open surgical stabilisation of patella, including application of cast (adult)	Xmajor
W7582	Open surgical stabilisation of patella, including application of cast (child)	Xmajor
W0632	Prosthetic patellofemoral replacement (as sole procedure)	Major
W7583	Repair of patellar/quadriceps tendon	Major
W8520	Arthroscopy of knee (including examination under anaesthetic, washout and biopsy) (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8520	Arthroscopy of knee (including examination under anaesthetic, washout and biopsy) (as sole procedure)	Minor
W8200	Arthroscopic meniscectomy (including debridement)	Major
W8280	Arthroscopic meniscectomy (including debridement) – bilateral	Complex
W8500	Multiple arthroscopic operation on knee (including meniscectomy, chondroplasty, drilling or microfracture)	Major
W8580	Multiple arthroscopic operation on knee (including meniscectomy, chondroplasty, drilling or microfracture) – bilateral	Complex
W8230	Arthroscopic meniscal repair	Major
W7492	Arthroscopic lateral release	Intermediate
W0630	Patellectomy	Major
W8400	Repair of knee ligaments (open or arthroscopic)	Major
W7420	Autograft anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (as sole procedure)	Xmajor
W7490	Reconstruction of posterior lateral corner of knee	Major
W7410	Multiple ligament reconstruction of knee including posterior cruciate ligament	Complex
W7470	Revision of anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction	Xmajor
W7480	Posterior cruciate ligament reconstruction including arthroscopic	Xmajor
W3110	Osteochondral grafting	Xmajor

Fixation/arthrodesis

W6014	Primary arthrodesis of knee joint with or without graft and with or without internal fixation	Major
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16.11 Foot

Ankle

T6720	Tendo Achilles lengthening percutaneous	Intermediate
T6722	Tendo Achilles lengthening primary open	Major
T6723	Tendo Achilles lengthening repeat procedure	Major
T6780	Primary repair of Achilles tendon	Intermediate
T6810	Secondary repair of Achilles tendon	Major
T6822	Secondary repair of Achilles tendon with tendon or fascial graft	Xmajor
W8840	Diagnostic arthroscopic examination of ankle including anterior synovectomy to gain vision (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8630	Simple therapeutic arthroscopy of ankle with either soft tissue procedures or bony procedures +/- joint surface procedures (as sole procedure)	Major
W8640	Complex therapeutic arthroscopy of ankle, with multiple bony, joint surface and soft tissue procedures (as sole procedure)	Major
W4410	Total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint	Xmajor
W4420	Complex total replacement of ankle (ie including custom prosthesis, wedges, internal fixation of fractures)	Complex
W4430	Revision of total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint	Complex
T6770	Peroneal sling/groove reconstruction and replacement of dislocated peroneal tendons	Major
W7530	Repair of lateral collateral ligament complex	Major
W7430	Reconstruction of lateral collateral ligament complex	Major
W6015	Ankle arthrodesis – open	Intermediate
W6016	Ankle arthrodesis with autogenous graft	Intermediate
W6017	Ankle arthrodesis with internal fixation (arthroscopic)	Intermediate
W6018	Ankle arthrodesis – revision, including conversion from total ankle replacement	Intermediate
W6019	Ankle syndesmosis reconstruction	Complex

Hind foot and mid foot

W8850	Diagnostic subtalar arthroscopy including synovectomy to gain vision (as sole procedure)	Intermediate
W8650	Therapeutic subtalar arthroscopy additional to synovectomy to gain vision	Major
W0432	Isolated subtalar fusion or mid foot fusion with autogenous graft (adult)	Major
W0434	Isolated subtalar fusion or mid foot fusion without autogenous graft (adult)	Major
W0420	Triple fusion of joints of hindfoot without autogenous graft	Major
W0422	Triple fusion of joints of hindfoot with autogenous graft	Major
W0460	Complex procedure to mid foot or hind foot without autogenous bone graft (osteotomy/fusion +/- tendon transfers)	Xmajor
W0462	Complex procedure to mid foot or hind foot with autogenous bone graft (osteotomy/fusion +/- tendon transfers/fixation)	Xmajor
W0463	Complex procedure to mid foot and hind foot without autogenous graft (osteotomy/fusion +/- tendon transfers/fixation)	Complex
W0464	Complex procedure to mid foot and hind foot with autogenous graft (including osteotomy, fusion +/- tendon transfers, fixation)	Complex

Forefoot

W0300	Multiple procedures on forefoot	Xmajor
W0310	Multiple procedures on forefoot – bilateral	Complex
W1590	Correction of retracted/dislocated metatarsophalangeal joint including tendon transfer, division/realignment of bone and internal fixation	Major
W1040	Osteotomy of small bone of foot (including internal fixation)	Intermediate

Hallux

W0860	Metatarsophalangeal cheilectomy – unilateral	Major
W0861	Metatarsophalangeal cheilectomy – bilateral	Xmajor
W7910	Metatarsal osteotomy for hallux valgus, with or without internal fixation and soft tissue correction	Major
W7980	Metatarsal osteotomy for hallux valgus, with or without internal fixation and soft tissue correction – bilateral	Xmajor
W5700	Excision arthroplasty of first metatarsophalangeal joint with prosthetic implantation or interposition arthroplasty	Major
W5701	Excision arthroplasty of first metatarsophalangeal joint with prosthetic implantation or interposition arthroplasty – bilateral	Xmajor
W5710	Excision arthroplasty of first metatarsophalangeal joint including Keller’s	Intermediate
W5780	Excision arthroplasty of first metatarsophalangeal joint including Keller’s – bilateral	Major
W0330	Fusion of first metatarsophalangeal joint	Intermediate
W0380	Fusion of first metatarsophalangeal joint – bilateral	Major

Toes

T6460	Tendon transfer of toe – unilateral	Intermediate
T6461	Tendon transfer of toe – bilateral	Major
W5940	Fusion of interphalangeal joint(s) of toe (including internal fixation)	Intermediate
W5980	Fusion of interphalangeal joint(s) of toe (including internal fixation) – bilateral	Major
T6462	Excision or partial excision of IP joint of lesser toe with tendon transfer	Intermediate

General foot

T6762	Repair of tendon of foot – flexor	Minor
T6763	Repair of tendon of foot – extensor	Minor
X1110	Amputation of toe	Intermediate
X0822	Amputation of whole ray	Major
X0930	Amputation of leg/foot (including Symes Lisfranc and Chopart)	Major
W7900	Excision of medial eminence 1st or 5th MT head with soft tissue repair (bunionectomy)	Intermediate

16.12 External fixation/traction

W2910	Application of skeletal traction to bone	Minor
W2930	Removal of skeletal traction from bone	Minor
W3010	Application of external fixation to bone	Major
W3030	Removal of external fixation from bone	Minor

17 interventional radiology

Many therapeutic procedures necessitate a diagnostic procedure. For example, angioplasty cannot be performed without angiography. We will not reimburse additional charges for these diagnostic procedures unless a separate and distinct procedure took place.

We will not normally reimburse standby fees for these procedures. If it is felt to be clinically necessary to have a surgeon on standby, we request you contact our medical department.

Please note that all procedures prefixed with XR are intended for use by interventional radiologists only. The code and narrative for all these procedures includes imaging guidance by one of the following methods: X-ray, CT/MRI, fluoroscopy or ultrasound.

17.1 Biopsy

XR100	Fluoroscopically guided biopsy(ies)	Intermediate
XR110	Ultrasound guided biopsy(ies)	Intermediate
XR120	CT/MRI guided biopsy(ies)	Intermediate
XR121	Image guided vacuum assisted excision biopsy of breast lesions	Intermediate
XR130	Transjugular/transfemoral plugged liver biopsy(ies)	Intermediate

17.2 Drainage

XR170	Fluoroscopically guided drainage of fluid collection	Intermediate
XR180	Ultrasound guided drainage of fluid collection	Intermediate
XR190	CT/MRI guided drainage of fluid collection	Major

17.3 Angioplasty

XR516	Angioplasty of iliac artery	Major
XR252	Venoplasty	Major
XR254	Angioplasty of other arteries (eg subclavian, tibial, femoro-popliteal)	Major
XR430	Renal angioplasty	Major
XR260	Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent	Major
XR270	Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent-graft	Major
XR280	Insertion of aortic metallic stent-graft	Complex
XR290	Cerebral angioplasty with or without insertion of metallic stent	Complex

17.4 Embolisation

XR442	Embolisation of varicocele of gonadal vein	Major
XR352	Embolisation of artery/vein	Major
XR360	Embolisation of vascular mass (including uterine embolisation)	Complex
XR370	Embolisation of bronchial artery	Complex
XR380	Embolisation of aneurysm	Complex
XR306	Endovascular treatment of cerebral aneurysm	Xmajor
XR390	Embolisation of arteriovenous malformation	Complex
XR302	Endovascular management of brain arteriovenous malformation (including two separate interventions)	Complex
XR303	Additional management of brain arteriovenous malformation (per additional intervention)	Minor

17.5 Thrombolysis

XR410	Thrombolysis or aspiration of thrombus under imaging control	Intermediate
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17.6 Dilatation

XR450	Dilatation of stricture under imaging control	Intermediate
XR542	Balloon kyphoplasty for vertebral compression fractures – single level	Major
XR543	Balloon Kyphoplasty for vertebral compression fractures – multiple levels	Xmajor
XR565	Percutaneous dilatation of biliary stricture under imaging control	Xmajor

17.7 Head and neck

XR315	Endoluminal stone extraction from salivary duct under imaging control	Intermediate
XR320	Dilatation/stenting of nasolacrimal duct under imaging control	Major

17.8 Spine

XR500	Chemoneucleolysis	Intermediate
XR510	Fluoroscopically guided discectomy (including laser)	Major
XR520	CT guided discectomy (including laser)	Complex
XR530	Fluoroscopically guided percutaneous vertebroplasty	Major
XR540	CT guided percutaneous vertebroplasty	Complex
XR542	Balloon kyphoplasty for vertebral compression fractures – single level	Major
XR543	Balloon Kyphoplasty for vertebral compression fractures – multiple levels	Xmajor

17.9 Thorax

XR595	Insertion of tracheal/bronchial metallic stent	Major
XR600	Insertion of oesophageal metallic stent under imaging control	Major

17.10 Gastrointestinal

XR585	Percutaneous gastrostomy	Major
XR590	Percutaneous gastrojejunostomy	Major
H3010	Radiological reduction of intussusception of colon using barium enema	Minor

17.11 Liver

XR580	Percutaneous cholecystostomy	Major
XR570	Percutaneous insertion of plastic biliary endoprosthesis	Major
XR575	Percutaneous insertion of metallic biliary endoprosthesis	Xmajor
XR576	Biliary drainage with occluded stent in place	Major
XR610	Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt	Complex

17.12 Urinary

XR630	Percutaneous nephrostomy	Intermediate
XR640	Percutaneous removal of calculus	Xmajor
XR650	Percutaneous pyelolysis	Xmajor
XR660	Insertion of stent into ureters – unilateral	Major
XR661	Insertion of stent into ureters – bilateral	Major

17.13 Other

XR910	Insertion of central venous catheter – non-tunneled (X-ray guided)	Intermediate
XR917	Peripherally inserted central venous catheters (PICCs) under X-ray guidance	Intermediate
XR915	Insertion of central venous catheter – tunneled (X-ray guided)	Intermediate
XR916	Removal of central venous catheter – tunneled (X-ray guided)	Minor
XR920	Cyst ablation under imaging control	Intermediate
XR935	Insertion/removal of vena cava filter	Intermediate
XR940	Retrieval of foreign body under X-ray guidance	Major
XR950	Occlusion of fistula under imaging control	Major
XR960	Percutaneous thermal coagulation of mass	Complex
XR962	Percutaneous chemical ablation of tumour – ultrasound guided	Intermediate
XR963	Percutaneous chemical ablation of tumour – CT guided	Intermediate
XR964	Liver Ablation (Radiofrequency)	Complex
XR967	CT guided thermocoagulation of osteoid osteoma	Complex
XR968	Colonic stent insertion	Major

18 chemotherapy

These codes are intended to be inclusive of consultations.

X0001	Clinical supervision and planning for the delivery of chemotherapy regimens for 0 – 7 days
X0002	Clinical supervision and planning for the delivery of chemotherapy regimens for 8 – 14 days
X0003	Clinical supervision and planning for the delivery of chemotherapy regimens for 15 to 21
X0004	Clinical supervision and planning for the delivery of chemotherapy regimens for 22 to 28 days

19 anaesthesia billing principles

1. Operations should be coded using the single OPCS which describes the operation performed plus all its component part. Bills should not include any other items apart from this OPCS code. Additional codes should only be used for genuine separate and additional procedures.
2. The anaesthetic benefit attached to the code includes an amount for preoperative assessment whether performed on the ward or at a clinic, the anaesthetic including monitoring and all postoperative care whether in ITU or HDU plus the provision of analgesia including by nerve block or epidural. Under no circumstances should any of these be billed for separately.
3. There is no code for CVP lines as part of anaesthesia or ITU care and specifically the code L9110 should not be used.
4. The service of anaesthesia is for the entire treatment from preoperative assessment to postoperative care. It is not for an actual injection and it is unreasonable therefore for a surgeon to invoice for anaesthesia and an anaesthetist to also do so – for example with cataract operations.
5. The creation of spurious procedures such as skin infiltration with local anaesthesia in conjunction with an operative procedure could in our view be considered to be fraudulent billing.
6. There are some cases which are far more complicated than is usual or where unexpected ITU costs are incurred. Whilst we generally set benefits on a swings and roundabouts basis, in these difficult cases we would expect anaesthetists to contact us to discuss the case and we will consider payment of additional benefit.

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