PREAMBLE TO THE FEE GUIDE

A. 1. PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL PREAMBLE

The General Preamble to the Medical Services Commission (MSC) Payment Schedule (the "Schedule") complements the specialty preambles in the Schedule. The intention is that, together, the preambles assist medical practitioners in appropriate billing for insured services. Not every specialty requires a specific preamble; several are governed exclusively by the General Preamble. Every effort has been made to avoid confusion in the structure and language of the preambles; if, however, there is an inadvertent conflict between a fee item description, a specialty preamble and the General Preamble, the interpretation of the fee item description and/or the specialty preamble shall prevail.

The Schedule is the list of fees approved by the MSC and payable to physicians for insured medical services provided to beneficiaries enrolled with the Medical Services Plan (MSP). The preambles provide the billing rules under which the fees are to be claimed; these rules are a roadmap designed to clarify the use of the Schedule.

A. 2. INTRODUCTION TO THE GENERAL PREAMBLE

All benefits listed in the Schedule, except where specific exceptions are identified, must include the following as part of the service being claimed; payment for these inherent components is included in the listed fees:

i) Direct face-to-face encounter with the patient by the medical practitioner, appropriate physical examination when pertinent to the service and on-going monitoring of the patient's condition during the encounter, where indicated.

ii) Any inquiry of the patient or other source, including review of medical records, necessary to arrive at an opinion as to the nature and/or history of the patient's condition.

iii) Appropriate care for the patient's condition, as specifically listed in the Schedule for the service and as traditionally and/or historically expected for the service rendered.

iv) Arranging for any related assessments, procedures and/or therapy as may be appropriate, and interpreting the results, except where separate listings are applicable to these adjunctive services. (Note: This does not preclude medical practitioners rendering referred "diagnostic and approved laboratory facility[1]" services from billing for interpretation of diagnostic or laboratory test results).

[1] The Laboratory Services Act came into force on October 1, 2015. Reference should be made to the Laboratory Services Payment Schedule for definitions and a schedule of laboratory fees.

v) Arranging for any follow-up care which may be appropriate.

vi) Discussion with and providing advice and information to the patient or the patient's representative(s) regarding the patient's condition and recommended therapy, including advice as to the results of any related assessments, procedures and/or therapy which may have been arranged. No additional claims may be made to the Plan for such advice and discussion, nor for the provision of prescriptions and/or diagnostic and laboratory requisitions, unless the patient's medical condition indicates that the patient should be seen and assessed again by the medical practitioner in order to receive such advice.

vii) Making and maintaining an adequate medical record of the encounter that appropriately supports the service being claimed. A service for which an adequate medical record has not been recorded and retained is considered not to be complete and is not a benefit under the Plan.

The General Preamble is divided into four interdependent sections:

B. Definitions
C. Administrative Items
D. Types of Services

B. DEFINITIONS

Please note that definitions of specific types of medical assessments and services are provided in the corresponding section of the General Preamble.

"Age categories"

Premature Baby	-2,500 grams or less at birth
Newborn or Neonate	-from birth up to, and including, 27 days of age
Infant	-from 28 days up to, and including, 12 months of age
Child	-from 1 year up to, and including, 15 years of age

Notes:
a) for pediatric specialists – up to and including 19 years of age
b) for psychiatrists – up to and including 17 years of age

"Antenatal visit"

Pregnancy-related visits from the time of confirmation of pregnancy to delivery
Same as prenatal

“CPSBC”

College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

“Diagnostic Facility”

Means a facility, place or office principally equipped for prescribed diagnostic services, studies or procedures, and includes any branches of a diagnostic facility

“Emergency department physician”

Either a medical practitioner who is a specialist in emergency medicine or a medical practitioner who is physically and continuously present in the Emergency Department or its environs for a scheduled, designated period of time

“General practitioner”

A medical practitioner who is registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia as a General Practitioner

“Health care practitioner”

Any of the following persons entitled to practice under an enactment:

a) a chiropractor
b) a dentist
c) an optometrist
d) a podiatrist
e) a midwife
f) a nurse practitioner
g) a physical therapist
h) a massage therapist
i) a naturopathic physician or
j) an acupuncturist

“Holiday”

New Year’s Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day

The list of dates designated as statutory holidays will be issued annually by MSP

“Hospital”

An institution designated as a hospital under Section 1 of the BC Hospital Act – except in Parts 2 and 2.1, means a non-profit institution that has been designated as a hospital by the minister and is operated primarily for the reception and treatment of persons:

a) suffering from the acute phase of illness or disability
b) convalescing from or being rehabilitated after acute illness or injury, or
c) requiring extended care at a higher level than that generally provided in a private hospital licensed under Part 2.

“Medical practitioner”

A medical practitioner as entitled to practice under the Medical Practitioners Regulations to the Health Professions Act;

“Microsurgery”

Surgery for which a significant portion of the procedure is done using an operating microscope for magnification. Magnification by other than an operating microscope is not microsurgery

“MSC”

Medical Services Commission: A statutory body, reporting to the Minister, consisting of 9 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as follows:

a) 3 members appointed from among 3 or more persons nominated by the British Columbia Medical Association;
b) 3 members appointed on the joint recommendation of the minister and the British Columbia Medical Association to represent beneficiaries;
c) 3 members appointed to represent the government.

See Preamble C. 2. for additional details

“MSP”

Medical Services Plan

“No charge referral”

Notifying MSP of a referral is usually done by including the practitioner number of the physician to who the patient is being referred on your FFS claim. If no FFS claim is being submitted, a “no charge referral” is a claim submitted to MSP under fee item 03333 with a zero dollar amount.

“Palliative care”

Care provided to a terminally ill patient during the final 6 months of life, where a decision has been made that there will be no aggressive treatment of the underlying disease, and care is directed to maintaining the comfort of the patient until death occurs.

“Practitioner”

a) a medical practitioner, as defined above, or
b) a health care practitioner who is registered with the Medical Services Plan;

“PREFIXES TO FEE CODES”

Note: These Prefixes to fee services should not be submitted when billing

A designates services not insured by the Medical Services Plan.
B designates services included in the visit fee.
C designates fee items for which it is not required to indicate by letter the need for a certified surgeon to assist at surgery (see fee item 70019).
G designates fee items which originated from the Joint Clinical Committees and have been transferred to the MSC Payment Schedule.
H designates listings which are administered through the Claims payment system but are not funded through the medical practitioners’ Available Amount.
P designates fee items approved on a provisional basis and awaiting further review.
S designates fee items for which the surgical assistant’s fee is not payable.
T designates fee items approved on a temporary basis awaiting further information.
V designates general surgery fee items that are exempt from the post-operative general preamble rule (D. 5. 1.). Therefore, fee item 71008 can be billed for post-operative care within the first 14 days post-operative days in hospital.
Y designates office or hospital visit on the same day is billable in addition to the procedure fee.

“Referral”

A request from one practitioner to another practitioner to render a service for a specific patient; typically the service is one or more of a consultation, a laboratory service, diagnostic test, specific surgical or medical treatment.

Referring Practitioner:

Notify MSP of a referral by including the MSP practitioner number of the physician being referred to in the “Referred to Field” on your fee for service (FFS) claim. If no FFS claim is being submitted, a claim record for a “no charge referral” may be submitted to MSP under fee item 03333 with a zero dollar amount. If the referring physician does not have a MSP practitioner number (eg. alternative payment practitioner), a written request for the referral must be sent to the practitioner being referred to and a copy retained in the patient’s clinical record.

Referred to Practitioner:

Notify MSP that a referral has been made to you by including the MSP practitioner number of the referring physician in the “Referred by Field” on your FFS claim.

On occasion, a MSP practitioner's number is not available, (eg. alternative payment practitioner), for these rare cases the following generic numbers have been established:

- 99957 – referral by retired/deceased/moved out of province physician
- 99991 – referral by a chiropractor to an orthopedic specialist
- 99992 – referral by an optometrist to an ophthalmologist and referral by an optometrist to a neurologist
- 99993 – referral by a salaried, sessional or contract physician
- 99994 – referral by a dentist
- 99996 – referred by public health for a TB x-ray
- 99997 – referred by a primary care organization
- 99998 – referred by an Out of Province physician

The generic numbers may be used in place of the MSP practitioner number. The name of the physician should be documented in the note field in the FFS claim and a record of the referral must be retained in the patient's clinical record.

"Specialist"

A medical practitioner who is a Certificant or a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and/or be so recognized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia in that particular specialty.

"Third party"

A person or organization other than the patient, his/her agent, or MSP that is requesting and/or assuming financial responsibility for a medical or medically related service.

"Transferral"

The transfer of responsibility from one medical practitioner to another for the care of patient, temporarily or permanently.

This is distinguished from a referral, and does not provide the basis for billing a consultation; the exception is that, when the complexity or severity of illness necessitates that accepting the transferral requires an initial chart review and physical examination, a limited or full consultation may be medically necessary and is requested by the transferring medical practitioner.

"Time categories"

- 12-month period – any period of twelve consecutive months
- Calendar year – the period from January 1 to December 31
- Day – a calendar day
- Fiscal year – from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the following year
- Month – a calendar month
- Week – any period of 7 consecutive days
- Calendar week – from Sunday to Saturday

“Uninsured service”

– A service that is not a benefit as defined by the MSC

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C. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

C. 1. Fees Payable by the Medical Services Plan (MSP)

A Payment Schedule for medical practitioners is established under Section 26 of the *Medicare Protection Act* and is referred to in the Master Agreement between the Government of the Province of British Columbia, the Medical Services Commission (MSC) and the British Columbia Medical Association (Doctors of BC). The fees listed are the amounts payable by the Medical Services Plan (MSP) of British Columbia for listed benefits. "Benefits" under the Act are limited to services which are medically required for the diagnosis and/or treatment of a patient, which are not excluded by legislation or regulation, and which are rendered personally by medical practitioners or by others delegated to perform them in accordance with the Commission's policies on delegated services.

Services requested or required by a "third party" for other than medical requirements are not insured under MSP. Services such as consultations, laboratory investigations, anesthesiology, surgical assistance, etc. rendered solely in association with other services which are not benefits also are not considered benefits under MSP, except in special circumstances as approved by the Medical Services Commission (e.g., Dental Anesthesia Policy).

C. 2. Setting and Modification of Fees

The tri-partite Medical Services Commission (MSC) manages the Medical Services Plan (MSP) on behalf of the Government of British Columbia in accordance with the *Medicare Protection Act* and Regulations. The MSC is the body that has the statutory authority to set the fees that are payable for insured medical services provided to beneficiaries enrolled with the Medical Services Plan (MSP). The MSC payment Schedule is the official list of fees for which insured services are paid by MSP.

The BC Medical Association (Doctors of BC) maintains and publishes the Doctors of BC Guide to Fees. The Guide mirrors the MSC Payment Schedule, with some exceptions including recommended private fees for uninsured services.

The process for additions, deletions or other changes to the MSC Payment Schedule, are made in accordance with the Master Agreement. Medical practitioners who wish to have modifications to the MSC Payment Schedule considered should submit their proposals to the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee through the appropriate Section. The Government and the Doctors of BC have agreed to consult with each other prior to submitting a recommendation to the MSC. If both parties agree, in writing, to a revision, MSC will adopt the recommendation as part of the MSC Payment Schedule as long as the service is medically necessary and consistent with the requirements of the *Medicare Protection Act* and Regulations and it agrees with the estimated projected cost that will result from the revision. In the case where there is no agreement between Government and the Doctors of BC, both parties may make a separate recommendation to the MSC and the MSC will determine the changes, if any, to the MSC Payment Schedule.

Usually, the earliest retroactive effective date that may be established for a new or interim fee code, is April 1st of the current fiscal year. For services not listed in the MSC Payment Schedule, please refer to the following sections C. 3. & C. 4.

Setting of Non-MSP-Insured Fees - General Considerations

The Non-MSP-Insured Fees have been set by the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee in conjunction with Section representatives and in accordance with general policy established by the Board of Directors. Under the arrangement with the MSC, MSP fees have been approved by the MSC.

The recommended values for services when not paid for by the MSP, WorkSafeBC or ICBC are listed under "Non-MSP-Insured Fee". The charges for these uninsured services, including A-lettered items, are not to be construed as maximum or minimum charges but only as a general guide for services of average complexity, by which the individual physician dealing with the patient can set a proper and responsible value on the individual services provided:

a. You are in no way obligated, ethically or otherwise, to follow these Non-MSP-Insured Fees and you may charge either a higher or lower fee according to your own judgement.
b. No special sanction of any kind is employed nor will be employed by the Association to enforce these Non-MSP-Insured Fees, and you are free to exercise your discretion and judgement with respect to any charge made for any service rendered that is not payable by the MSP, WorkSafeBC or ICBC or otherwise specified in the Preamble.
c. If the patient's financial circumstances are unusual, and other doctors have been called in attendance, it is the responsibility of the attending physician to acquaint his/her colleagues of such circumstances. Each doctor concerned in the care of the patient shall give or send to the patient or his/her agent a statement showing his/her own professional services.
d. The fees listed under "MSP and WorkSafeBC Fee" have been accepted by the Medical Services Plan and WorkSafeBC through negotiated agreements as the basis for their Guide to Fees. WorkSafeBC supplies its own reporting and billing forms upon which one is asked to insert the MSP payment number to facilitate payments. MSP is currently processing claims on behalf of WorkSafeBC as an agent. It is mandatory for physicians to submit WorkSafeBC claims through MSP unless specifically exempted by WorkSafeBC.

Attorney General and Crown Counsel

Information concerning Attorney General and Crown Counsel fees are contained in the Medical-Legal Matters section of this Guide to Fees.

Canadian Armed Forces Members (CAF)

Medical services provided to eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members are to be billed using the same fee codes and rates established in provincial/territorial schedules for insured services in the province/territory where services are rendered. Where provincial/territorial rates for local residents do not exist, the CAF has its own billing rates for supplementary services. All billing for medical services provided to CAF members is to be directed to Medavie Blue Cross for processing. CAF members are not to be billed directly for services paid for by CAF.

All health care providers can file their claims for health services rendered directly to Medavie Blue Cross via the website: https://www.medaviebc.ca/en/health-professionals/resources.

C. 3. Services Not Listed in the Schedule

Services not listed in the MSC Payment Schedule must not be billed to MSP under other listings. These services should be billed under the appropriate miscellaneous fee as described in section C. 4.

On recommendation of the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee and agreed to by Government, interim listings may be designated by the MSC for new procedures or other services for a limited period of time to allow definitive listings to be established.

However, prior to establishment of a new or interim fee code, an individual or the section may request special consideration to bill for a medically required service not currently listed by following the procedure under Miscellaneous Services (C. 4.).

C. 4. Miscellaneous Services

This section relates to services not listed in the MSC Payment Schedule that are:

- new medically necessary services generally considered to be accepted standards of care in the medical community currently and not considered experimental in nature;
- unusually complex procedures, for established but infrequently performed procedures;
- for unlisted “team” procedures, or
- for any medically required service for which the medical practitioner desires independent consideration to be given by MSP

Claims under a miscellaneous fee code will be accepted for adjudication only if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- An estimate of an appropriate fee, with rational for the level of that fee

- Sufficient documentation of the services (such as the operative report) to substantiate the claim.

The Medical Services Plan will review the fee estimate proposed and the supporting documentation and by comparing with the service provided with comparable services listed in the MSC Payment Schedule, determine the level of compensation. While an application for a new fee item is in process (as per Section C. 2.), MSP will pay for the service at a percentage of a comparable fee until the new fee item is effective. Should it be determined that a new listing will not be established due to the infrequency of the unlisted service, payments will be made at 100% of the comparable service.

Miscellaneous (…99) Fee Items

00099	General Services
00199	General Practice
00299	Dermatology
00399	General Internal Medicine
00499	Neurology
00599	Pediatrics
00699	Psychiatry
00999	Diagnostic Procedures
01499	Critical Care
01799	Physical Medicine
01899	Emergency Medicine
01999	Anesthesia
02599	Otolaryngology
02999	Ophthalmology
03999	Neurosurgery
04999	Obstetrics & Gynecology
06999	Plastic Surgery
07999	General Surgery/Cardiac Surgery
08699	X-ray
08899	Miscellaneous Diagnostic Ultrasound
08999	Urology
09899	Nuclear Medicine
30999	Clinical Immunology and Allergy
31999	Rheumatology
32199	Respirology
33199	Cardiology
33299	Endocrinology and Metabolism
33399	Gastroenterology
33499	Geriatric Medicine
33599	Hematology and Oncology
33699	Infectious Diseases
33899	Nephrology
33999	Occupational Medicine
59999	Orthopaedics
77799	Vascular Surgery
79199	Thoracic Surgery

If a medical practitioner wishes to dispute the adjudication of a claim submitted under a miscellaneous fee, please refer to section C. 12. on Disputed Payments.

C. 5. Inclusive Services and Fees

If it is not medically necessary for a patient to be personally reassessed prior to prescription renewal, specialty referral, release of diagnostic or laboratory results, etc., claims for these services must not be made to MSP regardless of whether or not a medical practitioner chooses to see his/her patients personally or speak with them via the telephone.

Some services listed in the MSC Payment Schedule have fees which are specifically intended to cover multiple services over extended time periods. Examples are most surgical procedures, the critical care per diem listings and some obstetrical listings. The preambles and Schedule are explicit where these intentions occur.

When, because of serious complications or coincidental non-related illness, additional care is required beyond that which would normally be recognized as included in the listed service, MSP will give independent consideration to claims for this additional care, if adequate explanation is submitted with the claim.

C. 6. Medical Research

Costs of medical services (such as examinations by medical practitioners, laboratory procedures, other diagnostic procedures) which are provided solely for the purposes of research or experimentation are not the responsibility of the patient or MSP. However, it is recognized that medical research may involve what is generally considered to be accepted therapies or procedures, and the fact that a therapy or procedure is performed as part of a research study or protocol does not preclude it from being a service insured by MSP. In the situation where therapies or procedures are part of a research study, only those reasonable costs customarily related to routine and accepted care of a patient's problem are considered to be insured by MSP; additional services carried out specifically for the purposes of the research are not the responsibility of MSP.

Experimental Medicine

New procedures and therapies not performed elsewhere and which involve a radical departure from the customary approaches to a medical problem, are considered to be experimental medicine. Services related to such experimental medicine are not chargeable to MSP.

New therapies and procedures which have been described elsewhere may or may not be deemed to be experimental medicine for the purposes of determining eligibility for payment by MSP.

Until new procedures or therapies are proven by peer-reviewed studies and adopted by the medical community, they are experimental. Services related to such experimental medicine are not the responsibility of the Medical Services Plan.

Coverage:

- Associated costs for any routine follow up care and diagnostic procedures related to experimental medicine are the responsibility of the patient.
- Care related to complications of any treatment, including experimental medicine, is covered by the Medical Services Plan. Care may include direct telephone consultation with physicians as required and clinical services provided directly to patients. Physician claims are billed under existing mechanisms through the Medical Services Plan Fee-for-Service system (see the MSC Payment Schedule for further information).

Process:

Where such a new therapy or procedure is being introduced into British Columbia and the medical practitioners performing the new therapy or procedure wish to have a new fee item inserted into the fee schedule to cover the new therapy or procedure, the process to be used is as follows:

An application for a new fee item related to the new therapy or procedure will be submitted by the appropriate section(s) of the Doctors of BC to the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee for consideration, with documentation supporting the introduction of this item into the payment schedule. The Doctors of BC Tariff Committee will advise the Medical Services Commission whether or not this new therapy constitutes experimental medicine. If the Tariff Committee considers that the item is experimental, it will not be considered an insured service and will not be introduced into the fee schedule. If the Medical Services Commission, on the advice of Tariff Committee, determines that the new therapy or procedure is not experimental medicine, the fee item application will be handled in the usual manner for a new fee.

When a new therapy or procedure is being performed outside British Columbia, a patient or patient advocate may request that the services associated with this new therapy or procedure be considered insured services by MSP. The situation will be reviewed by the Medical Services Commission utilizing information obtained from various sources, such as medical practitioners, the Doctors of BC or evidence based research. If it is determined that the new therapy or procedure is experimental, then the cost of medical services provided for this type of medical care will not be the responsibility of MSP. If it is considered that the therapy or procedure is not experimental, the cost of the medical services associated with this treatment will be in part or in whole the responsibility of MSP.

If the procedures are accepted as no longer being experimental, they may be added into the MSC Payment Schedule, if approved by the MSC after the appropriate review process has been followed (see section C. 3.).

C. 7. MSP Billing Number

A billing number consists of two numbers – a practitioner number and a payment number. The practitioner number identifies the practitioner performing and taking responsibility for the service. The payment number identifies the person or party to whom a payment will be directed by the Medical Services Plan (MSP). Each claim submitted must include both a practitioner number and payment number.

C. 8. Group Practice, Partnerships, and Locum Tenens

The *Medicare Protection Act* requires that each medical practitioner will charge for his/her own services. For MSP and WorkSafeBC (WSBC) billings this requires the use of the individual's personal practitioner number. This includes members of Group Practices, Partnerships and Locum Tenens. Non compliance may impact the level of benefits a medical practitioner may accrue under the Benefits Subsidiary Agreement.

Exceptions to this rule are the hospital-based Diagnostic Imaging, and where specifically allowed by the MSC.

C. 9. Assignment of Payment

An "Assignment of Payment" is a legal agreement by which an attending practitioner designates payment for his/her services to another party. In this circumstance, the designated party may use the attending practitioner's practitioner number in combination with its own payment number when submitting claims to MSP. To authorize MSP to make payment to a designated party, the attending practitioner must complete and file an "Assignment of Payment" form. However, even though the payment has been assigned, the responsibility for the clinical service and its appropriate billing remains with the practitioner whose practitioner number is used.

C. 10. Adequate Medical Records of a Benefit under MSP

Except for referred "diagnostic facility" services and approved laboratory facility services, a medical record is not considered adequate unless it contains all information which may be designated or implied in the MSC Payment Schedule for the service. Another medical practitioner of the same specialty, who is unfamiliar with both the patient and the attending medical practitioner, would be able to readily determine the following from that record at hand:

a. Date and location of the service.
b. Identification of the patient and the attending medical practitioner.
c. Presenting complaint(s) and presenting symptoms and signs, including their history.
d. All pertinent previous history including pertinent family history.
e. The relevant results, both negative and positive, of a systematic enquiry pertinent to the patient's problem(s).
f. Identification of the extent of the physical examination including pertinent positive and negative findings.
g. Results of any investigations carried out during the encounter.

h. Summation of the problem and plan of management.

For referred “diagnostic facility” services, but not including approved laboratory facility services an adequate medical record must include:

a. Date and location of patient encounter or specimen obtained.
b. Identification of the patient and the referring practitioner.
c. Problem and/or diagnosis giving rise to the referral where appropriate.
d. Identification of the specific services requested by the referring practitioner.
e. Identification of specific services performed but not specifically requested by the referring practitioner, and identification of the medical practitioner who authorized the additional services.
f. Original requisition or a copy or electronic reproduction of the requisition, in which the method of copying or producing an electronic reproduction must be approved by the Commission, the nature of the copy or electronic reproduction must comply with the intent relative to the form and content of the standard diagnostic requisition, and must be auditable to the original source document.
g. Where a requisition is submitted electronically, the electronic ordering methods must be approved by the Commission employing guidelines established jointly by MSP and Doctors of BC.
h. Where a written requisition was never submitted by the referring practitioner, the diagnostic staff person who recorded the verbal requisition must be identified. The requisitions must be retained for 6 years.
i. Results of all services rendered, and interpretation where appropriate. These data must be retained for 6 years.

C. 11. Reciprocal Claims

All Provinces, and Territories, except Quebec, have entered an agreement to pay for insured services provided to residents of other provinces when a patient presents with a valid Provincial Health Registration Card. Claims can be submitted electronically and details of this process may be obtained by contacting MSP. However, the services listed below are exempt from this agreement and should be billed directly to the non-resident patient.

Medical Practitioner Services Excluded under the Inter-Provincial Agreements for the Reciprocal Processing of Out-of-Province medical Claims

1. Surgery for alteration of appearance (cosmetic surgery)
2. Gender-reassignment surgery
3. Surgery for reversal of sterilization
4. Routine periodic health examinations including routine eye examinations (including PAP tests for screening only)
5. In-vitro fertilization, artificial insemination
6. Acupuncture, acupressure, transcutaneous electro-nerve stimulation (TENS), moxibustion, biofeedback, hypnotherapy
7. Services to persons covered by other agencies; Armed Forces, WorkSafe BC, Department of Veterans Affairs, Correctional Services of Canada (Federal Penitentiaries)

8. Services requested by a “Third Party”
9. Team conference(s)
10. Genetic screening and other genetic investigation, including DNA probes
11. Procedures still in the experimental/developmental phase
12. Anesthetic services and surgical assistant services associated with all of the foregoing

The services on this list may or may not be reimbursed by the home province. The patient should make enquires of that home province after direct payment to the BC medical practitioner.

C. 12. Disputed Payments

Remittance statements issued by MSP should be reviewed carefully to reconcile all claims and payments made. Claims may have been adjusted in adjudication and explanatory codes should designate the reason(s) for any adjustments. If a medical practitioner is unable to agree with an adjustment, the account should be resubmitted to MSP together with additional information for reassessment. Further disagreement with the payment should be referred to the Doctors of BC Reference Committee for review and subsequent recommendation to the Commission.

C. 13. Extra Billing and Balance Billing

“Extra Billing” means billing an amount over the amount payable for an insured service (a “benefit”) by MSP. Extra billing is not allowed under the *Medicare Protection Act* except for services rendered by medical practitioners who are not “enrolled” with MSP (i.e. no services are covered by MSP) and then only for those services which are rendered outside of hospitals and community care facilities.

“Balance billing” denotes the practice of medical practitioners who are opted in under MSP billing MSP for the MSP fee and the patient for the amount of the difference between the payment made by MSP for an insured service and the fee for that service listed in the Doctors of BC Guide to Fees, under the heading “Non-MSP-Insured Fee.” Except as defined by differential billing for non-referred patients above, balance billing is not permitted under the *Medicare Protection Act.*

C. 14. Differential Billing for Non-Referred Patients

If a specialist attends a patient without referral from another practitioner authorized by the Medical Services Commission to make such referral, the specialist may submit a claim to MSP for the appropriate general practitioner visit fee and in addition may charge the patient a differential fee. This is not considered “extra billing.”

The maximum amount the patient may be charged is the difference between the amount payable under the General Practice Payment Schedule for the service rendered, and the

amount payable under the Payment Schedule to the specialist had the patient been referred.

C. 15. Missed Appointments

Claims for missed appointments must not be submitted to MSP. Billing the patient directly for such missed appointments would not be considered extra billing.

C. 16. Payment for Specialist Consultations/Visits and specialty-restricted items

To be paid by MSP, ICBC or WorkSafeBC for specialist consultations, visit items and/or other specialty-restricted fee items listed in the specialty sections of the Payment Schedule, one must be a Certificant or a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and/or be so recognized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia in that particular specialty.

A specialist recognized in more than one specialty by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia should bill consultation and referred items under the specialty most appropriate for the condition being diagnosed and/or treated for that referral/treatment period.

C. 17. Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Billing Guidelines

1. All cases directly relating to an MVA which ICBC Insurance coverage applies should be identified as such by a “yes” code in the Teleplan MVA field.
2. All such cases should be coded “MVA” regardless of whether seen in an office visit, emergency, diagnostic, lab or x-ray facility. Surgery or procedures performed in regard to these cases should also be identified.
3. Where possible, please attach an ICBC claim number to each coded MVA in your Teleplan billing.
4. In cases where a visit or procedure was occasioned by more than one condition, the dominant purpose must be related to an MVA to code it as such.
5. If the patient is from another province, use the normal out-of-province billing process.
6. In those instances in which the patient has no MSP coverage, the medical practitioner should bill the patient or ICBC directly. Medical practitioners have the choice of either billing the uninsured patient directly at the Non-MSP-Insured recommended rate and having the patient recover the costs from ICBC (see Doctors of BC Guide to Fees), or billing ICBC for the MSP amount.
7. If the MVA is work-related, WorkSafeBC (WSBC) should be billed under their procedures.

8. Medical Practitioners are accountable for proper MVA identification and are subject to audit.

C. 18. Guidelines for Payment for Services by Trainees, Residents and/or Fellows

When patient care is rendered in a clinical teaching unit or other setting for clinical teaching by a health care team, the supervising medical practitioner shall be identified to the patient at the earliest possible moment. No fees may be charged in the name of the supervising staff physician for services rendered by a trainee, resident or fellow prior to the identification taking place. Moreover, the supervising staff physician must be available in person, by telephone or videoconferencing in a timely manner appropriate to the acuity of the service being supervised.

For a medical practitioner who supervises two or more procedures or other services concurrently through the use of trainees, residents, fellows or other members of the team, the total billings must not exceed the amount that a medical practitioner could bill in the same time period in the absence of the other team members. For example:

a) If an anesthesiologist is supervising two rooms simultaneously, the anesthetic intensity/complexity units should only be billed for one of the two cases.

b) If a surgeon is operating in one room while his/her resident is operating in a second room, charges should only be made for the case the surgeon performs.

c) In psychotherapy where direct supervision by the staff physician may distort the psychotherapeutic milieu, the staff physician may claim for psychotherapy when a record of the psychotherapeutic interview is carefully reviewed with the resident and the procedure thus supervised. However, the time charged by the staff physician should not exceed the lesser of the time spent by the resident in the psychotherapeutic interview or the staff physician in the supervision of that interview.

d) For hospital visits and consultations rendered by the resident in the name of the staff physician, the staff physician should only charge for services on the days when actual supervision of that patient’s care takes place through a physical visit to the patient by the staff physician and/or a chart review is conducted with detailed discussion with the other members of the health team within the next weekday workday.

e) The supervising physician may not bill for out-of-office hours premiums or continuing care surcharges unless he/she complies with the explanatory notes for out-of-office hours premiums in the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees and personally attends the patient.

f) In order to bill for a supervised service the physician must review in person, by telephone or videoconferencing the service being billed with the trainee, resident or fellow and have signed off within the next weekday workday on the ER record, hospital chart, office chart or some other auditable document.

C. 19. Services to Family and Household Members

1. Services are not benefits of MSP if a medical practitioner provides them to the following members of the medical practitioner's family:

    a) a spouse,
    b) a son or daughter,
    c) a step-son or step-daughter,
    d) a parent or step-parent,
    e) a parent of a spouse,
    f) a grandparent,
    g) a grandchild,
    h) a brother or sister, or
    i) a spouse of a person referred to in paragraph (b) to (h).

2. Services are not benefits of MSP if a medical practitioner provides them to a member of the same household as the medical practitioner.

C. 20. Delegated Procedures

Procedures which are generally and traditionally accepted as those which may be carried out by a nurse, nurse practitioner or a medical assistant in the employ of a medical practitioner may, when so performed, only be billed to MSP by the medical practitioner when the performance of the procedure is under the "direct supervision" of the medical practitioner or a designated alternate medical practitioner with equivalent qualifications. Direct supervision requires that during the procedure, the medical practitioner be physically present in the office or clinic at which the service is rendered. While this does not preclude the medical practitioner from being otherwise occupied, s/he must be in personal attendance to ensure that procedures are being performed competently and s/he must at all times be available immediately to improve, modify or otherwise intervene in a procedure as required in the best interest of the patient. Billing for these procedures also implies that the medical practitioner is taking full responsibility for their medical necessity and for their quality. Any exceptions to this rule are subject to the written approval of MSP.

"Procedures" in this context do not include such "visit" type services as examinations/ assessments, consultations, psycho-therapy, counselling, telehealth services, etc., which may not be delegated.

The foregoing limitations do not apply to approved procedures rendered in approved "diagnostic facilities", as defined under the Medicare Protection Act and Regulations, or to services rendered in approved laboratory facilities, as defined under the *Laboratory Services Act and Regulation,* which are subject to accreditation under the Diagnostic Accreditation Program.

C. 21. Diagnostic Facility Services

Diagnostic Facility Services are defined under the Medicare Protection Act as follows:

"Medically required services performed in accordance with protocols agreed to by the Commission, or on order of the referring practitioner, who is a member of a prescribed category of practitioner, in an approved diagnostic facility by, or under the supervision of, a medical practitioner who has been enrolled, unless the services are determined by the Commission not to be benefits".

The Medical Services Commission designates, from time to time, certain diagnostic procedures as "diagnostic facility" services under the MSC Payment Schedule. Currently, the following services are considered "diagnostic facility" services for purposes of the MSC Payment Schedule:

The services, studies, or procedures of diagnostic radiology, diagnostic ultrasound, nuclear medicine scanning, pulmonary function, computerized axial tomography technical fee (CT, CAT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomography (PET), and electro diagnosis (including electrocardiography, electroencephalography, and polysomnography) are not payable by MSP for services rendered to hospital in-patients, "day surgery" patients, or emergency department patients.

The venepuncture and dispatch listings in the Payment Schedule (00012) apply only to those situations where this sole service is provided by a facility or person unassociated with any other blood work services provided to that patient. Fee item 00012 cannot be billed or paid to a medical practitioner if any other blood work assays are performed or if the specimen is sent to an associated facility.

C. 22. Appliances/Prostheses/Orthotics

The costs of prostheses, orthotics and other appliances are not covered under MSP. Such devices, where insertion in hospital is medically/surgically required and where the devices are embedded entirely within tissue, may be covered under an institutional budget.

C. 23. Accompanying Patients

When it is medically essential that a medical practitioner accompany a patient to a distant hospital, MSP allows payment at the rates listed in the Payment Schedule for the travelling time spent with the patient only. Out-of-office hours premiums may also be applicable in accordance with the guidelines. Payment is based on a return trip and not applicable to layover time. Claims should be submitted with details under fee code 00084. Claims for travel, board and lodging are not payable by MSP. Medical practitioners who accompany a patient who is being transferred will, upon application to the Health Authority, be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred during, and necessitated by, the transfer.

C. 24. Salaried and Sessional Arrangements

Fee for Service claims for any physician service(s) that is funded under a service contract, or compensated for under a sessional or salaried payment arrangement, must

not be billed to MSP. When physicians who receive compensation under a service contract, sessional payment or salaried arrangement are billing for an unrelated service, the appropriate location code and facility code should be included on all fee for service claims.

C. 25. WorkSafeBC (WSBC)

A detailed description of WorkSafeBC (WSBC) fees, preamble, and policies is contained in the WorkSafeBC section of the Doctors of BC Guide to Fees. The fees listed under "MSP and WSBC Fee" have been accepted by the WorkSafeBC through negotiated agreements as the basis for their Guide to Fees. WorkSafeBC supplies its own reporting and billing forms. To facilitate payment, WorkSafeBC requires the practitioner to include their MSP payment number on all forms.

MSP is currently processing claims on behalf of WorkSafeBC as its agent. The Doctors of BC and WorkSafeBC agree that MSP Teleplan is the only acceptable manner of billing WorkSafeBC for services billable through MSP.

C. 26. BC Transplant Society

With the exception of medical practitioners paid by the BC Transplant Society under an alternate payment plan, all medical practitioner services associated with cadaveric organ recovery ("organ donation") are payable on a fee-for-service basis through the MSP. For the purpose of payment of these services, the donor's PHN will remain valid after legal brain death until such time as the donor's organs have been successfully harvested. A note record should accompany the account stating "organ donor".

C. 27. Business Cost Premium

Effective May 1, 2020 on a temporary basis

The BCP list of eligible fees has been temporarily amended to include telehealth fee items during COVID-19 pandemic to ensure BCP is paid given the majority of these services would have otherwise been provided to patients face-to-face at eligible physician offices.

Eligible BCP claims require a registered facility number and a community-based office service location code. While telehealth services do not need to be provided by the physician in their office, the appropriate facility number and service location code that should be entered on the claim is based on where the service would have been provided if it had been performed face-to-face.

Temporary list of eligible Telehealth fee items:

00470	00471	00477	01155	01470	01472	01770	01772	01777	03310
03312	03317	04070	04072	04077	08070	08072	08077	13036	13037

13038	13041	13042	20207	20210	20214	22007	22010	22011	30070
30071	30072	30077	31107	31110	31112	32107	32110	32112	32114
32270	32271	32272	32277	32370	32372	33107	33110	33112	33114
33260	33262	33267	33270	33272	33277	33360	33362	33367	33421
33422	33423	33424	33427	33470	33472	33473	33474	33477	33570
33572	33577	33630	33632	33637	33730	33732	33737	50507	50510
50511	50512	50514	50515	50516	50517	50518	50519	60607	60610
60613	60614	60622	60625	60626	60630	60631	60632	60633	60635
60636	60638	60639	66007	66010	66012	70070	70072	70077	70080
70087	77707	77710	77712	78007	78010	78012	79207	79210	79212
83070	94070	94072	94077						

The Business Cost Premium (BCP) is to provide improved compensation for physicians who are responsible for some or all of the rent, lease, or ownership costs (either directly or indirectly) of a community-based office. The BCP is a percentage premium paid on eligible fees for in-person, face-to-face services, to compensate physicians for the work they do with patients in their office. Physicians must be entitled to receive and retain payment for the eligible fees directly from MSP (i.e., payments assigned to Health Authorities are not eligible for the premium).

The current BCP eligible services are:

i) Consultations
ii) Visits
iii) Complete examinations, and
iv) Counselling

The percentage values and the daily maximum amounts of the BCP are based on the location the eligible service is rendered:

i) City of Vancouver: 5% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of $60 per day per physician.

ii) Metro Vancouver (excluding the City of Vancouver) and Greater Victoria: 4% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of $48 per day per physician.

iii) Other communities (outside Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria) not eligible for the Rural Retention Premiums: 3% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of $36 per day per physician.

To receive the BCP:

i) The physician is responsible for some or all of the lease, rental or ownership costs of that community-based office, and
ii) The community-based facility in which the eligible services are provided must be in an eligible location and have a unique Facility Number registered with MSP, and

iii) The physician must be registered with MSP as a physician practicing at that Facility, and
iv) The correct Facility Number must be entered on each claim where the eligible service is rendered.

List of eligible BCP fee items:

00062	00064	00100	00101	00110	00120	00121	00122	00206	00207
00210	00214	00307	00310	00311	00312	00313	00314	00315	00407
00410	00411	00450	00457	00460	00485	00486	00487	00488	00491
00492	00507	00510	00511	00512	00513	00514	00515	00550	00551
00552	00553	00554	00590	00597	00607	00610	00611	00613	00614
00622	00623	00625	00626	00627	00630	00631	00632	00633	00635
00636	00638	00639	00663	00664	00665	00666	00667	00668	00669
00670	00671	00672	00673	00674	00675	00676	00677	00678	00679
00680	00681	01013	01015	01016	01107	01115	01116	01400	01402
01707	01710	01712	01713	01714	01715	02007	02010	02011	02012
02215	02507	02510	02511	02512	02513	02514	02515	02517	02519
03007	03010	03011	03315	04007	04010	04012	04717	06007	06010
06012	07007	07010	07012	07807	07810	07812	07815	08007	08010
08012	12100	12101	12110	12120	13013	13014	13015	13070	13075
13501	13502	13503	13763	13764	13765	13766	13767	13768	13769
13770	13771	13772	13773	13774	13775	13776	13777	13778	13779
13780	13781	14044	14045	14046	14047	14048	14090	14091	14094
14545	14560	15300	15301	15310	15320	16100	16101	16110	16120
17100	17101	17110	17120	18100	18101	18110	18120	22118	30007
30010	30011	30012	31007	31010	31012	31014	31050	31060	32007
32010	32012	32014	32210	32212	32307	33007	33010	33012	33013
33014	33015	33207	33210	33212	33213	33214	33215	33307	33310
33312	33313	33314	33315	33401	33402	33403	33404	33407	33410
33412	33413	33414	33415	33440	33442	33447	33507	33510	33512
33513	33514	33515	33520	33522	33527	33607	33610	33612	33613
33614	33615	33620	33645	33707	33710	33712	33713	33714	33715
33907	33910	33912	51005	51007	51010	51012	51015	66015	71010
71015	71017	77007	77010	77012	77015	78763	78764	78765	78766
78767	78768	78769	78770	78771	78772	78773	78774	78775	78776
78777	78778	78779	78780	78781	79007	79010	79012	83000	94007
94010	94012								

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D. 1. Telehealth Services

"Telehealth Service" is defined as a medical practitioner delivered health service provided to a patient through the use of video technology or telephone. "Video technology" means the recording, reproducing and broadcasting of live visual images utilizing a direct interactive video link with a patient. Services which are designated as telehealth services are payable by MSP. Consultations, office visits, and non-procedural interventions where there is no telehealth fee may be claimed under the face-to-face fee with a claim note record that the services was provided via telehealth. Telehealth services do not include teleradiology or tele-ultrasound, which are regulated by their specific Sectional Preambles.

Telehealth services are payable only when provided as defined under the specific Preamble pertaining to the service rendered (e.g.: telehealth consultation – see Preamble D. 2.) to a patient with valid medical coverage. Patients must be informed and given opportunity to agree to services rendered using this modality, without prejudice.

Notwithstanding the above, "telehealth examination" means an examination of a patient by the consultant at the receiving site using "telehealth services" as defined above, but does not include the "face-to-face encounter" requirements referred to under Preamble A. 2.

In those cases where a specialist service requires a general practitioner at the patient's site to assist with the essential physical assessment, without which the specialist service would be ineffective, the specialist must indicate in the "Referred by" field that a request was made for a General Practice assisted assessment.

Where a receiving medical practitioner, after having provided a telehealth consultation service to a patient, decides s/he must examine the patient in person, the medical practitioner should claim the subsequent visit as a limited consultation, unless more than 6 months has passed since the telehealth consultation.

Where a telehealth service is interrupted for technical failure, and is not able to be resumed within a reasonable period of time, and therefore is unable to be completed, the receiving medical practitioner should submit a claim under the appropriate miscellaneous code for independent consideration with appropriate substantiating information.

Video technology services are generally payable once per patient/per day/per medical practitioner. Any exceptions to this policy must comply with all Payment Schedule criteria for multiple visits. Information regarding the medical necessity and times of service should accompany claims.

Compensation for travel, scheduling and other logistics is the responsibility of the Regional Health Authority. Rural Retention fee-for-service premiums are applicable to telehealth services and are payable based on the location of the receiving medical practitioner in eligible RSA communities.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia has confirmed that in this province, licensure is defined by the location of the medical practitioner. However, other jurisdictions may have other definitions. BC medical practitioners providing care via telehealth to patients outside the province must abide by the regulations set in the patient's home province.

See the appropriate Section for specific fee items and further criteria.

D. 2. Consultation

D. 2. 1. General

A consultation applies when a medical practitioner, or a health care practitioner (chiropractor, for orthopaedic consultations; midwife, for obstetrical or neonatal related consultations; nurse practitioner; optometrist, for ophthalmology consultations; optometrist, for Neurology consultations for suspected optic neuritis or amaurosis fugax or Alon {anterior ischemic optic neuropathy} or stroke or diplopia; oral/dental surgeon (for diseases of mastication)), in the light of his/her professional knowledge of the patient and because of the complexity, obscurity or seriousness of the case, requests the opinion of a medical practitioner competent to give advice in this field.

The referring practitioner is expected to provide the consulting physician with a letter of referral that includes the reason for the request and the relevant background information on the patient. The referring practitioner is also required to notify MSP of the referral by including the practitioner number of the specialist to whom the patient is being referred on their associated FFS claim. If no FFS claim is being submitted, a "no charge referral" claim under fee item 03333 is to be sent to MSP.

The service includes the initial services of a consultant necessary to enable him/her to prepare and render a written report, including his/her findings, opinions and recommendations, to the referring practitioner. A consultation must not be claimed unless the attending practitioner specifically requested it, and unless the written report is rendered. It is expected that a written report will be generated by the medical practitioner providing the consultation within 2 weeks of the date-of-service. In exceptional circumstances, when beyond the consultant's control, a delay of up to 4 weeks is acceptable.

Additional criteria apply to certain types of specialty specific consultations. These are described in the Sectional Preambles and/or the notes to the specific fee codes.

D. 2. 2. Restrictions

i) A consultation for the same diagnosis is not normally payable as a full consultation unless an interval of at least six months has passed since the consultant has last billed a visit or service for the patient. A limited consultation may be payable within the six month interval, if medically necessary and a

consultation has been specifically requested.

ii) For consultations and/or other specialty limited services to be paid by MSP, the medical practitioner rendering the service must be certified by or be a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and be so recognized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. No other specialist qualifications will be recognized by MSP and payments for visits and examinations rendered by licensed physicians not so qualified will be made on the basis of fees listed in the General Practice Section of this MSC Payment Schedule. Exceptions to this limitation will only be made in cases of geographic need, as recommended by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

D. 2. 3. Limited Consultation

A limited consultation requires all of the components expected of a full consultation for that specialty but is less demanding and normally requires substantially less of the medical practitioner's time than a full consultation.

It is expected that the limited consultation, when medically necessary and specifically requested, will be billed as part of continuing care, and that a full consultation is not billed simply because of the passage of time.

A new and unrelated diagnosis can be billed as a full consultation without regard to the passage of time since the consultant has last billed any visit or service for the patient.

D. 2. 4. Special Consultation

Specific additional conditions may apply to specific types of consultation, as designated in the Preamble to the pertinent section of the MSC Payment Schedule and/or the notes to the specific listings.

D. 2. 5. Continuing Care by Consultant

Once a consultation has been rendered and the written report submitted to the referring practitioner, this aspect of the care of the patient normally is returned to the referring practitioner. However, if by mutual agreement between the consultant and the referring practitioner, the complexities of the case are felt to be such that its management should remain for a time in the hands of the consultant, the consultant should claim for continuing care according to the MSC Payment Schedule pertaining to the pertinent specialty.

Where the care of this aspect of the case has been transferred, except for a patient in hospital, the referring practitioner generally should not charge for this aspect of the patient's care unless and until the full responsibility is returned to him/her. For hospitalized patients, supportive care may apply.

Continuing care by a specialist (following consultation) normally is paid at the pertinent specialist rates. However, continuing care requires that a written update of the patient's condition and care be appropriately reported to the referring practitioner at least every six

months, until the responsibility for this aspect of the patient's care is returned to the Primary Care practitioner.

D. 2. 6. Referral and Transferral

A referral is defined as a request from one practitioner to another practitioner to render a service with respect to a specific patient. Such service usually would be a consultation, a laboratory procedure or other diagnostic test, or specific surgical/medical treatment.

When the medical practitioner to whom a patient has been referred makes further referrals to other medical practitioners, it is the usual practice that the original referring medical practitioner be informed of these further referrals.

A transferral, as distinguished from a referral, involves the transfer of responsibility for the care of the patient temporarily or permanently. Thus, when one medical practitioner is going off call or leaving on holidays and is unable to continue to treat his/her cases, medical practitioners who are substituting for that medical practitioner should consider that the patients have been temporarily transferred (not referred) to their care.

The medical practitioner to whom a patient has been transferred normally should not bill a consultation for that patient. However, when the complexity or severity of the illness requires that the medical practitioner accepting the transfer reviews the records of the patient and examines the patient, a limited or full consultation may be billed when specifically requested by the transferring medical practitioner.

A new consultation is not allowed when a group or physicians routinely working together provide call for each other.

D. 3. Visits and Examinations

In addition to the general requirements contained in the introduction to the General Preamble – Section A. 2., the following definitions apply. As well, please note when services are provided for simple education alone, including group education sessions (e.g.: asthma, cardiac rehabilitation and diabetic education) such services are not appropriately claimed under fee-for-service listings.

D. 3. 1. Complete Examination

i) A complete physical examination shall include a complete detailed history and physical examination of all parts and systems with special attention to local examination where clinically indicated, adequate record of findings and, if necessary, discussion with patient. The above should include complaints, history of present and past illness, family history, personal history, functional inquiry physical examination, differential diagnosis and provisional diagnosis.

ii) Routine or periodic complete physical examination (check up) is not a benefit under MSP. This includes any associated diagnostic procedures or approved laboratory facility services unless significant pathology is found. The physician should advise the diagnostic or approved laboratory facility of the patient's

responsibility for payment.

D. 3. 2. Partial Examination

A visit for any condition(s) requiring partial examination or history includes both initial and subsequent examination for same or related condition(s). A partial examination includes a history of the presenting complaint(s), appropriate enquiry and examination of the affected part(s), region(s) and/or systems(s) as medically required to make a diagnosis, exclude disease and/or assess function.

D. 3. 3. Counselling

Counselling is defined as the discussion with the patient, caregiver, spouse or relative about a medical condition which is recognized as difficult by the medical profession or over which the patient is having significant emotional distress, including the management of malignant disease. Counselling, to be claimed as such, must not be delegated and must last at least 20 minutes.

Counselling is not to be claimed for advice that is a normal component of any visit or as a substitute for the usual patient examination fee, whether or not the visit is prolonged. For example, the counselling codes must not be used simply because the assessment and/or treatment may take 20 minutes or longer, such as in the case of multiple complaints. The counselling codes are also not intended for activities related to attempting to persuade a patient to alter diet or other lifestyle behavioural patterns. Nor are the counselling codes generally applicable to the explanation of the results of diagnostic tests or approved laboratory facility services.

Not only must the condition be recognized as difficult by the medical profession, but the medical practitioner’s intervention must of necessity be over and above the advice which would normally be appropriate for that condition. For example, a medical practitioner may have to use considerable professional skill counselling a patient (or a patient’s parent) who has been newly diagnosed as having juvenile diabetes, in order for the family to understand, accept and cope with the implications and emotional problems of this disease and its treatment. In contrast, if simple education alone including group educational sessions (e.g.: asthma, cardiac rehabilitation and diabetic education) is required, such service could not appropriately be claimed under the counselling listings even though the duration of the service was 20 minutes or longer. It would be appropriate to apply for sessional payments for group educational sessions. Unless the patient is having significant difficulty coping, the counselling listings normally would not be applicable to subsequent visits in the treatment of this disease.

Other examples of appropriate claims under the counselling listings are Psychiatric Care, the counselling that may be necessary to treat a significant grief reaction, and conjoint therapy and/or family therapy for significant behavioural problems.

MSP payment of counselling under the counselling listings is limited to four sessions per year per patient unless otherwise specified. Subsequent counselling is payable under the other visit listings.

D. 3. 4. Group Counselling

The group counselling fee items found in the General Practice and various specialty sections of the Schedule apply only when two or more patients are provided counselling in a group session lasting 60 minutes or more. The group counselling fee items are not applicable when there is a discussion with the patient in the presence of a caregiver, spouse, or relative when the patient is the only person requiring medical care. In those situations, only the applicable individual counselling fee item could be billed, using the patient's MSP personal health number.

Group counselling fee items are not billable for each person in the group. Claims should be submitted under the Personal Health Number of only one of the beneficiaries, with the names of the other patients attending the session listed in the note record. Only patients with valid MSP coverage should be included. Times should be included with billings for group counselling fee items.

D. 4. Hospital and Institutional Visits

D. 4. 1. Hospital Admission Examination

An in-hospital admission examination (fee items 00109 or 13109) may be claimed when a patient is admitted to an acute care hospital for medical care rendered by a general practitioner. The service also may be applicable when a medical practitioner is required to perform an admission examination prior to a hospital service being delivered by a health care practitioner (e.g.: a dental surgeon). The hospital admission examination listing is not applicable when a patient has been admitted for surgery or when a patient is admitted for care (other than directive care) rendered by a specialist. This service is applicable only once per patient per hospitalization and is in lieu of a "hospital visit" on the day it is rendered. This item is intended to apply in lieu of fee items 00108 or 13008 on the first in-patient day. However, if extra visits are medically required because of the nature of the problem, 00108 or 13008 may be billed in addition. An explanation of the reasons for the additional charges should accompany the claim.

This service includes all of the components of a complete examination and may not be claimed if either of these two services has been claimed by this medical practitioner, within the week preceding the patient's admission to hospital. If the MSC Payment Schedule listing for a hospital admission examination is not applicable, the service may be billed under the appropriate "hospital visit" listings.

D. 4. 2. Subsequent Hospital Visit

A subsequent hospital visit is the routine monitoring and/or examination(s) that are medically required following a patient's admission to an acute care hospital. Payments for subsequent hospital visits are usually limited to one per patient per day for a period up to 30 days. However, it is not the intent of the Schedule that subsequent visit fees be claimed for every day a patient is in hospital unless the visits are medically required and unless a medical practitioner visits the patient each day.

If it is medically required for a patient to be visited more than once per day at any time, or daily beyond the initial 30 day period (e.g.: if the patient is in one of the Intensive Care wards), an explanation should be submitted with the claim and independent consideration will be given.

D. 4. 3. Surgery by a Visiting Doctor

If a surgeon operates outside of his/her geographical area, (for example as part of an outreach program or other such circumstances), and because of this, s/he is unable to render the usual post-operative care, the medical practitioner who performs this service for the patient may claim for necessary hospital visits at the usual frequency, as described under Preamble D. 4. 2. Claims for such post-operative care should be accompanied by a written explanation or an electronic note record. No such claims, however, should be made if the hospital at which the post-operative care is being rendered is within the same metropolitan area or within 32 km of the surgeon's home or office.

D. 4. 4. Long-Stay Hospitalization

For long stays in an acute care hospital including discharge planning and holding units because of serious illness extending beyond 30 days, claims for subsequent hospital visits greater than two visits per patient per week should include an explanation, and will be given independent consideration.

D. 4. 5. Directive Care

Directive care refers to those subsequent hospital visits rendered by a consultant in cases in which the responsibility for the case remains in the hands of the attending practitioner but for which a consultant is requested by the referring physician to give directive care in hospital during the acute phase. Payments for directive care are limited to two visits per patient per week (Sunday to Saturday), even when there is no interval between visits, for each consultant requested to render directive care by the referring practitioner.

D. 4. 6. Concurrent Care

For those medical cases where the medical indications are of such complexity that the concurrent services of more than one medical practitioner are required for the adequate care of a patient, subsequent visits should be claimed by each medical practitioner as required for that care. To facilitate payment, claims should be accompanied by an electronic note record, and independent consideration will be given. For patients in I.C.U. or C.C.U. this information in itself is sufficient.

D. 4. 7. Supportive Care

Where a case has been referred and the referring medical practitioner no longer is in charge of the patient's care but for which continued liaison with the family and/or reassurance of the patient is necessary while the patient is hospitalized, supportive care may be claimed by the referring medical practitioner. Payments for supportive care are limited to one visit for every day of hospitalization for the first ten days and, thereafter,

one supportive care visit for every seven days of hospitalization.

D. 4. 8. Newborn Care in Hospital

Newborn care in hospital is the routine care of a well baby up to 10 days of age and includes an initial complete assessment and examination and all subsequent visits as may be appropriate, including instructions to the parent(s) and/or the patient's representative(s) regarding health care. Newborn well baby care in hospital normally is not payable to more than one medical practitioner for the same patient. However, when a well baby is transferred to another hospital (because of the mother's state of health), separate claims for newborn care when rendered by a different medical practitioner at each hospital may be made.

D. 4. 9. Long-Term-Care Institution Visits

When visits are required to patients in long-term-care institutions (such as nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, extended care unit, rehabilitation facilities, chronic care facilities, convalescent care facilities and personal care facilities, whether or not any of these facilities are situated on the campus of an acute care facility) claims may be made to a maximum of one visit every two weeks. It is not sufficient, however, for the medical practitioner simply to review the patient's chart. A face-to-face patient/medical practitioner encounter must be made. For acute concurrent illnesses or exacerbation of original illness requiring institutional visits beyond the foregoing limitations, additional institutional visits may be claimed with accompanying written explanation.

D. 4. 10 Palliative Care

The Palliative Care listings are applicable to the visits for palliative care rendered to terminally ill patients suffering from malignant disease or AIDS, or end-stage respiratory, cardiac, liver and renal disease and end-stage dementia with life expectancy of up to 6 months. These listings only apply where aggressive treatment of the underlying disease process is no longer taking place and care is directed instead to maintaining the comfort of the patient until death occurs.

Claims for these listings should be billed continuously from time of determination of patient's palliative status, for a period not to exceed 180 days prior to death. Under extenuating circumstances palliative listings billed beyond 180 days will be given independent consideration upon receipt of an explanatory note record.

The listings are applicable to patients in acute care hospitals, hospice facilities or other institutions whether or not the patient is in a designated palliative care unit. The palliative care listings do not apply when unexpected death occurs after long hospitalization for a diagnosis unrelated to the cause of death.

D. 4. 11. Sub Acute Care

Sub acute care is payable twice per week under fee items 00108, 13008. If more services or concurrent care is required an explanatory note record should accompany the claim submission. Independent consideration will be given to these claims.

D. 4. 12. Emergency Department Examinations

Emergency department examinations are designated by various intensity levels of emergency department care. These fee codes apply only to those circumstances where either specialists in emergency medicine or other medical practitioners are physically and continuously present in the Emergency Department or its environs for an arranged designated period of time. For complete details, please refer to the Emergency Medicine section of the MSC Payment Schedule.

D. 4. 13. House Calls

i) A house call is considered necessary and may be billed only when the patient cannot practically attend a physician's office due to a significant medical or physical disability or debility and the patient's complaint indicates a serious or potentially serious medical problem that requires a medical practitioner's attendance in order to determine appropriate management;

ii) A house call may be initiated by the patient, the patient's advocate, or the physician when planned proactive care is determined to be medically necessary to manage the patient's condition;

iii) If a house call is determined to be necessary and is rendered any day of the week between 0800 and 2300 hours, the house call should be billed as a home visit (use 00103);

iv) If the house call is initiated and rendered between 2300 and 0800 hours, the visit may be billed as an out-of-office visit with the night call-out charge (01201).

v) A house call provided for patient convenience should be billed as an out-of-office visit (12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200 or 18200) without a service charge;

vi) The above also applies to house calls rendered by medical practitioners taking call for other medical practitioners;

vii) As practicality dictates, the necessity and detail and the time of the call should be documented in the patient's clinical record.

D. 5 Surgery

D. 5. 1. General

The fees for surgery, unless otherwise specifically indicated, include the surgical procedure itself and in-hospital post-operative follow-up, including removal of sutures and care of the operative wound by the surgeon or associate. Unless otherwise specifically indicated, the normal post-operative period included in the surgical fee is 14 days and the surgery fees include all concomitant services necessary to perform the listed service (including preparation of the operative site, incision, exploration, review of the results of

diagnostic tests and approved laboratory facility services rendered during the surgery, closure, and pre and post-operative discussion with the patient and/or patient's family).

When unusual circumstances require that additional medical services are provided in the in-hospital 14 days following a surgical procedure over and above the concomitant services necessary to perform the operative procedure, the additional services performed are not part of the inclusive fee for the surgical procedure and may be billed separately. A note record is required.

D. 5. 2. Operation Only

For listings designated "operation only" the in-hospital, 14 day post-operative visits may be claimed in addition to the surgical procedure, with the exception of the visit(s) made on the day of the procedure.

D. 5. 3. Multiple Surgical Procedures

i) When two or more similar procedures (including bilateral procedures) are performed under the same anesthetic, or when two or more procedures are performed in the same general area, whether through the same incision, an extension of that incision or through separate incisions, the procedure with the greater listed fee may be claimed in full and the fees for the additional procedure are reduced to 50 percent, unless otherwise indicated by the Schedule. However, additional incidental surgery performed en passant (i.e. surgery which would not have been performed in the absence of the primary procedure, such as an appendectomy during abdominal surgery, or incidental cystectomy during gynecological surgery) is considered to be included in the fee for the planned procedure and may not be charged.

ii) When two or more different procedures are performed through separate incisions under the same anesthetic, and reposition or redraping of the patient or more than one separately draped surgical operating field is medically/surgically required (because of the nature of the procedure and/or the safety of the patient), the procedure with the greater listed fee may be claimed in full and the fees for the additional such procedures are reduced to 75 percent, unless otherwise indicated by the Payment Schedule.

iii) Procedures which are listed as "extra" in the Payment Schedule may be claimed at the full listed fee even when performed with other surgical procedures, unless otherwise indicated in the Payment Schedule.

iv) When two procedures are performed under the same anesthetic by two surgeons and both procedures are or should be within the competence of either one of the operators within the specialty or specialties, the total surgical fee claimed should be no more than that which would be payable if both procedures had been performed by one surgeon, plus one assistant's fee.

v) Except where team fees are specifically listed in the Payment Schedule or where a team fee reasonably could be expected to apply, when two procedures are

performed under the same anesthetic by two surgeons whose different specialty skills are required to perform both procedures, each surgeon may claim his/her specific services as if they were performed in isolation from the other surgeon. These surgeons are not eligible for assistant fees for assisting each other, however, unless each of the surgical procedures takes place consecutively instead of concurrently.

vi) Where a surgical procedure is performed in stages under separate anesthetics and where there is no specific staged procedure listing in the Payment Schedule, the maximum fee applicable to the complete procedure is 150 percent of the listed fee. However, for emergency surgery followed by a definitive surgical procedure for the same problem (e.g.: cholecystostomy followed by a cholecystectomy at a later date) each procedure may be claimed at the full listed fee.

vii) Surgical procedures which are abandoned before completion will be given independent consideration and paid in accordance with the services performed.

viii) Additional surgery performed to correct an intra-operative injury(ies) which result from the complicated nature of the disease or significant pathology may be billed at 50%. When submitting a claim for a repair of an intra-operative injury, it must be supported by an explanation in a note record or an operative report. If the repair is performed by another surgeon, it may be billed at 100%.

D. 5. 4. <u>Surgical Assist</u>

i) Time, for the purposes of fee codes 00193, 00198, 07920, 70019 and 70020 is calculated at the earliest time of medical practitioner/patient contact in the operating suite.

ii) Where a medical practitioner renders surgical assistance at two operations under the same anesthetic but for which repositioning or redraping of the patient or more than one separately draped surgical operating field is medically/surgically required, separate assistants' fees may be claimed for each operation, except for bilateral procedures, procedures within the same body cavity, or procedures on the same limb.

iii) If, in the interest of the patient, the referring medical practitioner is requested by the patient or the surgeon to attend but does not assist at the procedure, attendance at surgery may be claimed as a subsequent hospital visit.

iv) The specialist's assistant listings apply only to surgical procedures having unusual technical difficulties identified and documented by the primary surgeon **in a detailed note record** as necessitating the services of a certified surgical assistant. The general assistant listings are applicable to all other situations where surgical assistance is necessary. (Also see Preamble B. Definitions, Prefixes to Fee Codes).

v) Where surgery is abandoned, independent consideration will be given to the fee applicable to the assistant, to a maximum of 50 percent of the listed assistant fee for the intended procedure.

vi) Surgical fee modifiers are excluded from the calculation for total operative fee(s) for which surgical assist fees are based.

D. 5. 5. Cosmetic Surgery

The guidelines for MSP coverage of surgery for alteration of appearance are listed under Preamble D. 9. For cosmetic surgery not covered by MSP, the anesthetic and assistants' fees also are not covered. In addition, hospitalization charges are not insured for cosmetic surgical procedures not covered by MSP.

D. 6. Fractures and Other Trauma

a. When multiple procedures for multiple fractures and/or soft tissue injuries are done by the same surgeon, through different incisions, the largest fee should be charged at 100% and all subsequent fees at 75%. In cases of dissociated injuries for which the presence of one impedes the progress of another, or in the case of multiple major fractures (e.g.: a fractured femur and tibia in the same limb), a full fee for each (to a maximum of 3) may be charged provided that adequate clinical evidence to support this charge is rendered with the account.

b. Open (compound) fractures; primary wound management fee(s) may be charged in addition to the fracture fee and will be paid at the same percentage as applies to the fracture fees. These wound management fee items are exempt from the 14 day rule (D. 5. 1.). Secondary wound management fees may also be charged and are exempt from the 14 day rule (D. 5. 1.). These primary and secondary Wound Management fees are only applicable where fee items have been designated in a section's schedule of fees for specific open fractures or specified primary or secondary wound management of fractures.

c. Open reduction of fracture or dislocation when necessary – 50% extra may be charged if a fee for open reduction is not listed.

d. Formation and application of moulded casts or splints may be charged in full in addition to procedure and visit fees with the following exceptions:

- formation and application of a cast or splint at the time of the initial orthopaedic procedure charged is included in the procedure
- in the minority of cases when application of a cast or splint is the sole purpose of a visit, a visit fee may not be charged

Fees for formation and application of moulded casts or splints are payable only when performed by the medical practitioner. Multiple casts (eg. bilateral leg casts) are paid at 100%.

e. Open reduction of old malunited fracture – may be billed at an additional 25% of the listed fee unless a specific fee item exists.

f. External Skeletal Fixation with closed reduction – may be billed at an additional 25% of the listed fee unless a specific fee item exists.

D. 7. Diagnostic and Selected Therapeutic Procedure

a. The listings under the “Diagnostic Procedures and Selected Therapeutic Procedures” section of the MSC Payment Schedule may be claimed in addition to a consultation or other assessment/visit, when performed during that visit.

   If, however, the procedure takes place on a subsequent visit arranged to perform the procedure, then that visit may not be claimed in addition to the procedure unless the fee code for the latter is prefixed by the letter “Y”.

   A subsequent visit fee will be paid in addition to the procedure if more than thirty (30) days has elapsed between the initial visit or service and the diagnostic procedure.

b. Diagnostic procedures may be claimed in addition to surgical procedures, when applicable.

c. For multiple diagnostic procedures performed at the same sitting, the procedure having the largest fee may be claimed in full and the remaining procedure(s) at 50 percent of the listed fee(s), unless otherwise specifically indicated in the Payment Schedule.

d. When two diagnostic/therapeutic procedures are performed by separate medical practitioners at the same sitting and both procedures are or should be within the competence of either medical practitioner, the total fee claimed should be no greater than that which would be payable if both procedures had been performed by one medical practitioner, plus one assistant’s fee (if applicable).

e. When a medical practitioner performs a diagnostic procedure, s/he must be allowed to appropriately perform a full or limited consultation for which s/he charges and is paid, regardless of what consultations and procedures have been performed by other specialists or sub-specialists. The consultation would require a written report in addition to the report of the diagnostic procedure.

   If the diagnostic procedure is done on an initial visit, and the initial visit is for the specific purpose of performing the diagnostic procedure, and this visit occurs on an out-patient basis in a procedure facility (including endoscopy suites and cardiac catheterization suites), then a limited consultation would normally be billed rather than a full consultation.

f. Procedures designated as “extra” will be paid at 100 percent for the first “extra” and 50 percent for any additional procedures designated as “extra”. Should all

procedures be designated as “extra” then the first procedure will be deemed a regular procedure and payment for the first subsequent “extra” will be at 100 percent and all others at 50 percent.

D. 8. Minor Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures

a. Minor Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures are defined as procedures which have a fee value that is less than that of the office visit.

   Note: To determine the service with the greatest value when a tray fee is applicable, the amount of the tray fee will be added to the value of the procedure fee in the calculation process.

b. When minor diagnostic or therapeutic procedures are performed in conjunction with an assessment/visit (not a consultation) either the visit or the procedure may be claimed, but not both. Includes fee items identified as “Isolated procedures”.

c. When the performance of a minor diagnostic or therapeutic procedure is the primary purpose of the visit (excluding home visits), the fee listed for the procedure includes the associated assessment.

d. If in the course of a visit for a specific complaint, one or more procedures are performed which are unrelated to the purpose of the visit (e.g.: URI and laceration repair), the service having the largest fee may be claimed in full and the remaining service(s) at 50 percent of the listed fee(s), unless otherwise specifically indicated in the MSC Payment Schedule.

e. For two or more minor diagnostic or therapeutic procedures listed in the “General Services” section of the Payment Schedule and performed together at the same sitting, each applicable fee may be claimed in full.

D. 9. Surgery for Alteration of Appearance

D. 9. 1. General

b. Surgery to alleviate significant physical symptoms or to restore or improve function to any area altered by disease, trauma or congenital deformity normally is a benefit under MSP. Surgery solely to alter or restore appearance is not a benefit of MSP except under the circumstances listed in the following policy.

c. In establishing this policy, it has been recognized that:
   - peer acceptance in our society often is influenced disproportionately by the face,
   - children are especially susceptible to emotional trauma caused by physical appearances,
   - some procedures traditionally have been accepted as benefits of Health Insurance Plans in spite of the obvious cosmetic nature of these

procedures.

d. Emotional, psychological or psychiatric grounds are not considered sufficient reason for MSP coverage of surgery for alteration of appearance except in children and under exceptional circumstances in adults.

   On request of the attending medical practitioner, exceptions may be made on an independent consideration basis if the proposed surgery is to alter a significant defect in appearance caused by disease, trauma or congenital deformity, and if the surgery is essential to obtain employment as documented by the attending physician and by an employer with regard to a specific job.

e. Surgery to revise or remove features of physical appearance which are familial in nature is not a benefit of MSP.

f. Within the context of this policy, the word “disease” does not include the normal sequelae of aging. Surgery to alter changes in appearance caused by aging is not a benefit of MSP.

g. Within the context of this policy, the word “trauma” includes trauma due to treatment such as surgery, radiation, etc.

h. As the phrase “reasonable period of convalescence” is imprecise, independent consideration will be given to more complex cases or extenuating circumstances.

i. Authorization from MSP is not required for all surgery to alter appearance. It is required only for those categories of procedures for which some cases may not be a benefit under MSP policy.

j. Authorization required and obtained remains valid for a period of up to two years, after which a new authorization will be required.

   Where authorization has been denied or has not been obtained when required for a surgical procedure, the associated consultations, anesthesiology and surgical assistance also are not covered by MSP. Hospitalization costs also will remain the patient’s responsibility.

D. 9. 2. Surface Pathology

All references in Payment Schedule relating to the size of a lesion, tumour, laceration, scar, etc. is based upon the measurements of the actual lesion, tumour, laceration, scar, etc. and not upon the measurements of the incision. Documentation of the size should be noted in the patient’s chart. For cases of excision or re-excision for malignancies the measurement shall be based upon the length of the required incision.

D. 9. 2. 1. Trauma Scars

a. **Neck or Face**

- Includes non-hair bearing areas of the scalp.
- Repair of all significant and unsightly such scars, including acne scars, is a benefit of MSP.
- Repair procedures will depend upon the lesion but may include excision, revision, dermabrasion, etc. Rhytidectomy procedures to remove scar prominence, however, are not a benefit of MSP.
- Implantation of collagen, etc. to restore contour, or chemical abrasion to reduce hyperpigmentation are not benefits of MSP except in those rare cases where the pitting or the pigmentation is so severe that a generally acceptable result would not be possible without these procedures.
- MSP authorization for repair of such scars is required.

b. **Scars in other Anatomical Areas**

- Repair of scars which interfere with function or which are significantly symptomatic (pain, local irritation, etc.) is a benefit of MSP.
- Scars with no significant symptoms or functional interference:
  - (i) Repair is a benefit if such repair is carried out within a reasonable period of convalescence, or is part of a pre-planned post-traumatic (including post surgical) staged process. MSP notification must be included as part of the planning process in the latter case.
  - (ii) Other post-traumatic scar revision is not a benefit of MSP.
  - (iii) Revision of acne scars other than on the face or neck is not a benefit of MSP.
- MSP authorization is required for all scar repair procedures.

D. 9. 2. 2. <u>Keloids and Hypertrophic Scars</u>

a. **Head or Neck**

- The repair of all significant and unsightly scars, such as keloids, is a benefit of MSP.
- Repair procedures may include excision and/or injection.

b. **Excision of keloids in other areas**

- Not a benefit of MSP unless significantly symptomatic or there is functional impairment.

D. 9. 2. 3. <u>Tattoos</u>

a. **Face and Neck**

- Excision or destruction of all significant and unsightly tattoos is a benefit of MSP.
- Authorization is not required, but adjudication of repair procedures will be identical to that for scars in these areas.

b. **Other Anatomical Areas**

- Normally not a benefit of MSP

D. 9. 2. 4. Benign Skin Lesions

Surgical, physical or chemical removal of benign lesions of the skin, including that done by dermabrasion or chemical peel, unless the diagnosis is specifically defined as an approved indication, in article D. 9. 2. 4. a. is not a benefit of MSP.

Examples of benign lesions that are not insured include but are not limited to the following: benign naevi, seborrhoeic keratosis, common warts (verrucae), lipomata, uncomplicated benign dermal and/or epidermal cysts, telangiectasias and angiomata of the skin, skin tags, acrochordons, fibroepithelial polyps, papillomata, neurofibromata, dermatofibromata.

a. **Exceptions**

Destructive therapies of benign skin lesions are insured services when the treatment is medically necessary. Examples of medical necessity include but are not limited to the following indications:

- genital warts (condylomata acuminate)
- plantar warts
- viral induced cutaneous tumours in the immune compromised patient
- inflamed dermal and epidermal cyst
- dysplastic naevi
- lentigo maligna
- congenital naevi
- actinic (solar) keratosis
- atypical pigmented naevi
- lesions which cause significant pathophysiologic dysfunction

b. When a patient presents with a surface pathology, the initial visit and or consultation and/or pathologic examination of a tissue specimen, when one is submitted, is regarded as medically necessary to establish the diagnosis, and therefore, is an insured service.

D. 9. 2. 5. Hair Loss

a. **Scalp or Neck**

(i) Post-traumatic:

- Repair to the area of traumatic hair loss is a benefit of MSP only if carried out within a reasonable period of convalescence.
- MSP authorization is required.

(ii) Other Etiology:

- Not a benefit of MSP

(iii) Usual repair procedures may include skin shifts or flaps, skin grafts, or hair plugs.

b. **Other Anatomical Areas**

- Not a benefit of MSP

D. 9. 2. 6. Epilation of Hair

- Not a benefit of MSP

D. 9. 2. 7. Redundant Skin

a. Excision of redundant skin for elimination of wrinkles, etc. is not a benefit of MSP.

b. Blepharoplasty is not a benefit of MSP unless there is documented evidence of medical necessity such as a visual field defect caused by the redundant eyelid skin and which meets the Doctors of BC/MSC guidelines for significant defect.

c. MSP authorization is required.

D. 9. 3. Sub-Surface Pathology

D. 9. 3. 1. Congenital deformities

a. **Face or Neck**

Repair is a benefit of MSP except for:

- surgery to revise or remove features which are familial in nature;
- surgery to correct ear abnormalities in patients who are sixteen years of age or over.

- MSP authorization is required, other than recognized craniofacial disorders and cleft lip.

b. **Other Anatomical Areas**

- Normally not a benefit of MSP if surgery is for alteration of appearance only.

D. 9. 3. 2. <u>Post-Traumatic Deformities</u>

- Reconstructive procedures are a benefit at the acute stage; within a reasonable period of convalescence; or if part of a pre-planned staged process of repair.
- Repair procedures may include bone revision, tissue shifts and grafts, prosthesis implantation, etc.
- MSP authorization is required for repairs beyond the acute stage.

D. 9. 3. 3. Deformities resulting from local disease (such as loss or distortion of bone, muscle, connective tissue, adipose tissue, etc.)

a. **Head or Neck**

- Reconstructive procedures for significant abnormalities are a benefit at the acute stage; during a chronic disease process; within a reasonable period of convalescence, or if part of a planned staged process of repair initiated during one of these periods.
- Repair procedures normally could include tissue grafts, flaps, shifts or cell-assisted lipotransfer, bone revision, prosthesis insertion, etc.
- Face lifts, modified face lifts, brow lifts, etc. are not a benefit of MSP if skin, only, is involved in the procedure. However, a repair such as ptosis repair or face lift with underlying slings is a benefit of MSP if the procedure is to correct significant deformity following stroke, cancer, VIIth nerve palsy, etc.
- MSP authorization is required for repair of deformities resulting from local disease.

b. **Other Anatomical Areas**

- Not a benefit of MSP if the correction is for appearance, only.

D. 9. 3. 4. <u>Breast Surgery</u>

a. Augmentation Mammoplasty

- This procedure is a benefit of MSP unilaterally or bilaterally for a female patient with breast aplasia.
- It is a MSP benefit unilaterally for a female patient with a severely hypoplastic breast when the other breast is not also hypoplastic.

- A “balancing” augmentation mammoplasty may be allowed on an independent consideration basis for correction of unilateral hypoplasia when performed in association with approved contralateral reduction mammoplasty.
- MSP authorization is required.

b. **Post-Mastectomy Reconstruction**

- Unilateral or bilateral breast reconstruction, including cell-assisted Lipotransfer, is a benefit of MSP when the procedure is subsequent to total or partial mastectomy or prophylactic mastectomy.
- Authorization is not required but the reason for the reconstruction must accompany the claim.

c. **Reduction Mammoplasty**

- Reduction Mammoplasty is a benefit for female patients only, where there is significant associated symptomatology such as intertrigo, neck or back pain or shoulder grooving. Ptosis and/or size are not sufficient grounds for MSP coverage of reduction mammoplasty. Mastopexy is not normally covered by MSP.
- Unilateral reduction mammoplasty may be a benefit of MSP if there is gross disproportion present, or in association with approved unilateral augmentation mammoplasty or post mastectomy reconstruction of the contralateral breast.
- MSP authorization is required.

d. **Male Mastectomy**

- This procedure is a benefit of MSP for gynecomastia.
- MSP authorization is not required.

e. **Accessory breasts or accessory nipples**

- Excision of such accessory tissue is a benefit of MSP.
- The appropriate fee item normally would be from the skin tumour excision listings.
- Authorization is not required.

D. 9. 3. 5. <u>Excision of excess fatty tissue</u>

- This is a benefit of MSP only if there is significant associated symptomatology such as intertrigo, pain or excoriations.

- When performed for alteration of appearance, the removal of redundant skin and fat from the abdomen, extremities, etc. is not a benefit of MSP.
- There must be clinical evidence of substantial hyperplasia of adenomatous breast tissue.
- MSP authorization is required.

D. 9. 4. Gender Affirming Surgery

Prior approval is required for gender affirming surgery before the surgery is considered to be a MSP benefit. Approval for surgery requires a medical assessment by qualified medical assessors who have recognized and demonstrable expertise in the treatment of gender dysphoria.

Treatment for gender dysphoria refers to the guidelines provided by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Standards of Care.

If MSP coverage has not been approved for the gender affirming surgery, any medical consultation(s), anesthesiology and surgical assistance services related to the surgery, will not be eligible for MSP funding.

D. 9. 5. Complications and Revisions

a. The treatment of medical or surgical complications resulting from surgery for alteration of appearance and/or function is a benefit of MSP if medically necessary whether or not the original surgery was covered by MSP.

b. Revision of surgery for alteration of appearance, because of undesirable results, is a benefit of MSP only if the original surgery was a benefit and if the revision either is part of a pre-planned staged process or occurs within a reasonable period of convalescence. Correction of the effects on appearance which are due to complications is a benefit of MSP if it is carried out within a reasonable period of convalescence. MSP authorization is required.

D. 10. Out-of-Office Premiums

The out-of-office premium is an additional fee that may be billed for services initiated and rendered within designated time limits. These premiums are applicable to eligible insured medical services provided to MSP beneficiaries and can be billed by both General Practitioners and Specialists.

For complete details, please refer to the Out-of-Office Hours Premiums section of the MSC Payment Schedule.

MEDICAL-LEGAL MATTERS

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to Preamble Section C, Clause 2, which includes information about how fees are set.

Non-MSP-Insured Services Generally

Fees listed in this fee guide for medical services that are not paid by or through MSP are referred to as “Non-MSP-Insured fees”. Recommended Non-MSP-Insured fees are determined by the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee in conjunction with Section representatives and in accordance with general policy established by the Board of Directors. They are not negotiated with or set by the Government, WorkSafeBC or ICBC.

The recommended Non-MSP-Insured fees are not to be construed as maximum or minimum charges, but are intended as a general guide for services of average complexity by which the individual physician dealing with the patient can set a proper and responsible value on the individual services provided. You are in no way obligated, ethically or otherwise, to use these recommended Non-MSP-Insured fees and you may charge either a higher or lower fee according to your own judgement. The Association will not enforce these fees on your behalf (however, there is a dispute resolution mechanism further described below).

Non-MSP-Insured Fees – Medical Legal Services

Physicians are often called upon to prepare reports, opinions and to testify in civil, criminal and administrative matters.

- Civil matters are generally compensated privately by whoever requests the physician’s services. Examples of civil cases are those involving motor vehicle accidents, medical malpractice, family disputes, and disability or life insurance claims.
- Criminal prosecution and government administrative matters where evidence is given on behalf of the Crown are compensated by the Attorney General’s office, while other government agencies may pay the physician directly.
- Criminal defence matters are compensated by the accused, his/her counsel or the Legal Services Society (LSS). LSS invariably pays the representative counsel for services provided to qualified person in civil, criminal and administrative matters, who then pays the physician.

Physicians should clarify important issues in writing prior to agreeing to do any medical-legal work, including but not limited to:

- who is responsible for payment;
- the rate;
- payment in the event of short term cancellation; and
- when payment will be due.

It is prudent to also arrange a fee at the same time for potential court appearance in relation to the report or opinion.

a) Reports

Reports and opinions fall into two basic divisions:

i) Those given by an attending physician or consultant who has already seen the patient in the course of his/her ordinary professional duties.
ii) Those given by a non-attending physician or consultant who has examined the patient at the request of a lay person and who would not have seen the patient but for this request (*Independent Medical Exam or IME).*

Physicians giving an *expert opinion report* are generally qualified as an expert as per the Supreme Court Rules. The Rules specify what must be included in the report, such as qualifications, instructions provided to them, nature of the opinion and reasons for the opinion.

Physicians giving an *expert factual report* or letter will focus only on their observations and actions taken.

In settling on fees, physicians should consider the time actually spent on such matters as:

- examination of the patient, where applicable;
- review of medical records;
- preparation, dictation and revision of report;
- discussions with counsel.

b) Giving testimony in court/hearings for civil, criminal and administrative matters

i) Civil matters

Civil matters are non-criminal cases, for example those involving motor vehicle accidents, medical malpractice, family disputes, and disability or life insurance claims.

Compensation for giving oral testimony should include your appearance, plus preparation time and expenses.

Although physicians bring special training and experience to bear at trial, that is not determinative as to whether they are giving testimony as a fact witness or an opinion witness.

Physicians providing expert fact evidence will testify to their observations and actions taken. An opinion beyond what the evidence reveals is not necessary.

If a physician is appearing as an expert fact witness, counsel will normally contract with the physician for costs associated with attendance to give oral testimony. Some counsel may opt to only pay a $20 witness fee for court attendance, plus reasonable preparation time and expenses (travel, meals and overnight accommodation if required). The witness fee is accompanied by the service of a subpoena.

Successful parties to a lawsuit are generally entitled to recover from the losing side reasonable costs they incurred in retaining expert witnesses. This is never more than what has actually been paid. The fee may need to be defended before the Court Registrar who will disallow any portion of the expert's fee considered unreasonable in relation to work done or time spent and leave the retaining party to bear the cost of this portion.

ii) Criminal and Government Administrative Cases

Physicians may be asked to testify as an expert for the criminal prosecution in a criminal trial or for a government agency or board in an administrative hearing (for example a Provincial Disability Plan claim). In such cases, physicians can make a claim for both hearing attendance and preparation. Scale "B" below reflects the fees and billing guidelines recommended by the Doctors of BC for these services.

LSS pre-approves the retainer and specifics, such as the fees, number of hours being funded, etc. for physicians who are testifying on behalf of the defence for an accused in a criminal matter which is being funded by LSS. Physicians may wish to refer to Scale "B" as a reference. Physicians should obtain a copy of the LSS approval and have agreement on the specifics with the accused's counsel prior to accepting the case.

Physicians who are testifying on behalf of the defence for an accused in a criminal case which is not being funded by LSS, or for an individual in a government administrative hearing, may choose to charge either the rates at Scale "A" or "B" or whatever rates they can agree to with the accused or his/her counsel.

c) Disputes

The Medical Legal Dispute Resolution Program is a joint initiative of the Doctors of BC, the Law Society of British Columbia and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. The Program's mandate is to attempt resolution of disputes regarding medical legal matters between the legal and medical professions. The process is confidential to the parties to the dispute, and referrals to the facilitator may be made by the Doctors of BC, the LSBC, the CPSBC, or by individual members of the respective professions. Contact the Doctors of BC Fee Guide Advisor for more information.

SCALE "A"
MEDICAL-LEGAL FEES
CIVIL MATTERS *(NOT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR CRIMINAL DEFENCE)*

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)
A00070	For filling out an ordinary printed form reporting on a patient's condition or submitting like information in letter-form. This item should not be used for time loss benefit or insurance forms normally covered under A00059, A00060 and A00069.....	177.00
A00071	A Medical-Legal letter is defined as a short factual written communication given to any lay person (e.g.: lawyer, insurance representative) in relation to a patient's medical condition for some purpose primarily unconnected with treatment	374.00
A00072	A simple Medical-Legal factual report is one, which will recite symptoms, history and records and give diagnosis, treatment, results and present condition. This is a factual summary of all the information available on the case.....	1117.00
A00073	A Medical-Legal opinion report will usually include the information contained in the medical-legal factual report and will differ from it primarily in the area of opinion. This may be opinion as to the course of events when these cannot be known for sure. It can include opinion as to long-term consequences and possible complications in the further development of the condition. All the known facts will probably be mentioned, but in addition there will be the extensive exercise of the physician's expert knowledge and judgement with respect to those facts with a detailed prognosis ***Required to meet specific criteria to qualify for court admission as an expert report***.....	1869.00
A00095	Review of paper or EMR records by physician *(for medical/legal purposes or transfer of patient records*) - per 15 minutes or portion thereof.....	105.00
	NOTES: i) The fee for this service can be adjusted at the physician's discretion based on the time and extent of physician involvement and secretarial and other direct or indirect costs such as cost of supplies to produce an electronic copy. ii) This fee is for review of the paper or EMR file only. iii) Photocopying paper records may be charged in addition. iv) At the physician's discretion, an additional $1.45 per page for paper copies is billable for large and/or complex charts.	
A00096	Photocopying per page (paper copies) (first 10 pages)	1.85
	– subsequent pages - per page	.30

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) A00096 is extra to A00093 and/or A00095. ii) The fee for this service does not include review and/or summary of the patient's chart.	

ORAL TESTIMONY

The following fees may be billed for court attendance, participation in depositions, witness discoveries, in-person meetings and telephone consultations with lawyers.

A00074	Testimony per day	2985.00
A00075	Testimony per half-day or less	1869.00
A00091	Preparation to give testimony, per hour NOTE: This fee does not include charges for extra record keeping necessary to provide expert testimony. These charges are in addition.	444.00
A00092	Failure of notification of hearing, scheduled consultation meeting, discovery, depositions, or trial adjournment or out-of-court settlement NOTE: Fee item A00092 applies where the patient or legal counsel fails to give 5 working days' notice of cancellation of court or other legal appearance or meeting.	2241.00
A00009	Mileage: – per mile – per kilometer	N/A 0.55

CROWN COUNSEL

SCALE "B"
MEDICAL EXPERT WITNESS FEES
CRIMINAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT MATTERS

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)
	The following fees and billing guidelines are recommended when a physician provides expert testimony in a criminal or Government of British Columbia ministry, board or agency matter.	
	Preparation and Court Time (Per Hour):	
A94525	– General Practitioner	253.00
A94526	– Specialist	296.00
	Travel Time (Per Hour):	
A94527	– General Practitioner	145.00
A94528	– Specialist	167.00

NOTES:

i) "General Practitioner", means a Physician who is not a specialist.

ii) "Specialist" means a Physician who is a certificant or fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

BILLING GUIDELINES

1. **Travel to Site**

a) Time starts when the physician leaves home, office or hospital to go to the hearing location or Crown counsel office.

b) Time ends when the physician arrives at the hearing location or Crown Counsel office or otherwise begins direct work on the case.

c) If work on the case does not start until the day after travel, then travel time ends upon arrival at the hotel or at 1800 hours, whichever is later.

2. **Return Travel**

a) Return time starts at the end of the proceedings or when no other services (e.g.: discussions) are required from the physician.

b) Time ends when the physician arrives at home, office, hospital, etc.

c) If the physician is unable to return home the same day, then travel time ends at 1800 hours on the day that work on the case is finished and restarts the next morning at 0900 hours or upon leaving the hotel, whichever is earlier.

d) If the hearing schedule and travel arrangements are such that a physician is required to stay away from home over a weekend, then travel time up to 8 hours per day is billed for the weekend days, to the extent that the physician's time is not occupied with the case work over the weekend.

3. **Hearing Time**

a) Hearing time includes all relevant professional activities, including preparation, interviews, discussions, testimony, listening to other testimony and associated waiting time.

b) Hearing time starts when the physician arrives at the hearing location or Crown Counsel office or at 0900 hours if he/she had already traveled away from home on a prior day.

c) Hearing time ends when the hearing ends or no other services are required, but continues to 1800 hours if further services are required next day and the physician has traveled out of town.

d) Time for preparation work prior to arrival or during evenings or weekends is billed in addition to the above and for the actual time spent.

e) If lunch is primarily social, then a one-hour lunch break is not billable, but time for a working lunch is billable.

f) In the event that out of town travel is necessary, in respect of single day trips only, and where the combination of hearing/preparation and travel are less than 8 billing hours, the balance up to 8 hours shall be billed as hearing/preparation time.

g) Where physicians are testifying in their home community, hearing time shall be compensated at a minimum of 4 hours for the morning session and 4 hours for the afternoon session. Any Court time spent in excess of 4 hours in either the morning or afternoon session shall be paid at the appropriate fee.

4. **Cancellations**

For the purposes of this section:

"Fees otherwise payable" includes travel time and hearing time and is in addition to preparation time already incurred.

"Working days" does not include Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holidays

a) A cancellation is defined as a situation where the physician is informed that a previously arranged hearing appearance is no longer required or is to be rescheduled for any reason including testimony not needed, the hearing scheduling changes and adjournments.

b) Where the physician is given more than 10 working days' notice of cancellation of a hearing appearance, no compensation is payable.

   Where the cancellation notice is received 10 full working days or less prior to scheduled commencement of travel (as defined in 1.a), the physician will be paid 100% of fees otherwise payable if the physician had attended the hearing, for each day or half day scheduled.

Fees otherwise payable includes travel time and court time and is in addition to preparation time already incurred. ***Working days*** does not include Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holidays.

5. **Expenses**

Expenses related to expert witness billing shall be in accordance with the rates established for "Group 2" (public service) employees. Such expenses may be claimed where the physician is required to attend a hearing location more than 32 km from his/her residence or where unusual road conditions exist which, for example, requires travel by ferry.

GENERAL SERVICES

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble unless otherwise specified. No additional charge for the visit should be made unless an extra examination of a distinct problem is rendered.

Letter prefix 'A' designates services not payable by MSP or WSBC.
Letter prefix 'B' designates services that are included in visit fee. For an isolated service, see Preamble Clause D. 8.
Letter prefix 'Y' designates office or hospital visit on same day extra to procedure fee.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
T13071	Office Visit for COVID-19 with test			50.00
	NOTES: i) Payable for patients with suspected or active COVID-19 symptoms only. ii) COVID-19 testing must be performed. iii) Not intended for providing general information on a viral infection, including COVID-19. iv) Not payable in addition to any other office visits to the same physician for same patient, same day.			
T13072	Office visit for COVID-19 without test.....			40.00
	NOTES: i) Payable for patients with suspected or active COVID-19 symptoms only. ii) Not intended for providing general information on a viral infection including COVID-19. iii) Not payable in addition to any other office visits to the same physician for same patient, same day			
A00001	General insurance examination, industrial examinations (to include MOT, marine personnel, pilots, and air traffic controllers), preplacement and periodic examinations, and CPP examinations.	220.00		
A00002	Limited examinations for special policies	156.00		
A00003	Industrial preplacement and periodic examination not requiring complete examination	91.20		
A00055	Examinations (other than the eyes) to obtain a driver's licence - full exam	214.00		
A00056	– partial exam	95.90		
A00004	Group examination of apparently healthy persons, including school examinations - per hour	371.00		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
A00005	Part-time professional employment where fee for service is not applicable - half day session (3.5 hours), 5 or less sessions per week, per session	993.00		
A00006	6th or additional half day session the same week, per session	828.00		
	NOTE: MSP reimbursement agreement for sessional fees may be found elsewhere in this Guide.			
A00007	Consultative or advisory committee work - per half day (3.5 hours)	1211.00		
A00008	– per day	2417.00		

INJECTIONS

B00010	Intramuscular medications	25.00		11.37
B00011	Intravenous medications	29.75		12.77
	The following test is not payable to approved laboratory facilities or hospitals:			
00012	Venepuncture and dispatch of specimen to an approved laboratory facility, when no other blood work performed	13.55		5.95
	NOTES:			
	iv) This is the only fee applicable for taking blood specimens and is to apply in those situations where a single blood work service is provided by a medical practitioner.			
	v) Where a blood specimen is taken by a physician's office and dispatched to another unassociated physician's office or approved laboratory facility, the original physician's office may charge 00012 only when it does not perform another laboratory procedure using blood collected at the same time. (See Preamble Clause C. 21).			
	vi) When 00012 is billed with another service, such as an office visit, 00012 may be billed at 100%.			
B00013	Intra-arterial medications	43.20		16.03
Y00014	Intra-articular medications by injection - hip (initial injection)	64.30		25.57
Y00015	– tendons, bursae and all other joints (initial injection)	43.25		17.00
	– subsequent injections - injection fee only (includes visit fee)	43.25		17.00
00016	Intrathecal medications by injection	127.00		33.69

BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

00020	Administered outside hospital	159.00		62.24

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00021	Administered in hospital	145.00		37.10
00022	Serum transfusion	62.50		24.78
00023	With vein dissection - additional	199.00		52.57
	NOTE: The above rates include cross-matching, taking and giving of blood and are applicable only when the Canadian Blood Services is not available and the attending physician accepts responsibility of the laboratory technique involved. When using blood or plasma provided free by the Canadian Blood Services, it is to be made clear that no charge is being made other than ordinary call rates which are applicable.			
00024	Vein dissection for intravenous therapy (not paid in the immediate pre- and post-operative phase of surgery)	124.00		36.96
00019	Venesection for polycythemia or phlebotomy - procedural fee	84.90		31.55
00018	Autologous ascitic infusion	197.00		47.85
00017	Insertion of central venous pressure catheter	96.40		23.77

DIALYSIS FEES

Acute Renal Failure:

a) Hemodialysis:

33750	Blood dialysis - physician in charge	2048.00		531.27
33751	Repeat blood dialysis - physician in charge	779.00		199.65
	NOTES: i) Maximum number of repeat dialysis on one patient is four (4). Thereafter, bill as chronic renal failure under fee item 33758. ii) When items 33750 or 33751 are charged, there should be no charge under the applicable consult or hospital visit fee item codes or 00081.			
33752	Blood dialysis - fee for cutdown by surgeon to be charged in addition to item 33750 or 33751	517.00		134.31

b) Peritoneal Dialysis:

00308	Subsequent hospital visits (Preamble Clause B.4.e.ii)	89.20		28.93
33756	Re-insertion of peritoneal catheter after 10 days from initial insertion	208.00		52.22
	NOTE: Item 00081 not to be charged in addition to Item 33723. Where an initial peritoneal dialysis is performed and for various reasons, hemodialysis initiated within next forty-eight (48) hours, the subsequent service should be charged under fee item 33758 plus fee item 33756 for the insertion of catheter.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Chronic Renal Failure:			
	a) Hemodialysis:			
33758	Performance of hemodialysis - fee to include supervision of the procedure, history, physical examination, appropriate adjustment of solutions, and other problems during dialysis for each dialysis.....	208.00		52.22
	NOTE: Other medical situations which may arise such as Septicemia, etc. to be covered by item 00081 and always to be accompanied by a letter of explanation when billing a payment agency.			
	b) Peritoneal Dialysis:			
33723	Performance of initial peritoneal dialysis, chronic or acute renal failure to include consultation and two (2) weeks care.....	1530.00		397.47
33759	Performance of each peritoneal dialysis thereafter - fee to include supervision of procedure, history, physical examination, appropriate adjustments of solutions and any other problem that may arise during dialysis	208.00		52.22
	NOTES: i) Other situations requiring medical care such as bacteremias, etc. to be covered by item 00081 in the present Guide and always to be accompanied by a letter of explanation. ii) If a period greater than three (3) months elapses since last dialysis, then charge as an initial dialysis 33723.			
33761	Supervision of home dialysis - per week.....	255.00		63.13
	NOTE: Fee item 33761 covers all services per week necessary for home or limited care dialysis and includes consultations and visits of all types. Should a patient take ill with a condition totally unrelated to renal care or require hospitalization for any reason, then other appropriate fee items may be charged in lieu of fee item 33761.			

IMMUNIZATION, SKIN TESTS

B00030	Diagnostic skin tests (Schick, Dick, TB and Frei).....	24.55		8.93
B00031	Vaccination against smallpox (with certificate).....	21.65		8.60
B00034	Subcutaneous injections, including desensitization treatments, immunization, oral polio vaccine, etc. (maximum per sitting - three (3)).....	25.00		11.37

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Immunizations for Patients 18 Years of Age or Younger			
	NOTES:			
	i) For immunizations of patients age 19 or older, use fee item B00010, B00034.			
	ii) Not payable for immunizations required for travel, employment and emigration.			
	iii) Payable per injection.			
	iv) Payable in full with an office visit to a maximum of 4 injections per patient per day.			
	v) Not payable on the same day with B00010, B00034.			
10010	DTaP-IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio).....	13.65		5.43
10011	DTaP-IPV-Hib (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Hib)……...	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not payable with P10010 or P10018 on the same day, same patient			
10012	Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria)…….	13.65		5.43
10013	Td/IPV (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio).....	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not payable with P10012 or P10019 on the same day, same patient			
10014	TdaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)……..	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not payable with P10013 on the same day, same patient			
10015	Influenza (Flu)……...	13.65		5.43
10016	Hepatitis A……	13.65		5.43
10017	Hepatitis B……	13.65		5.43
10018	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)……..	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not payable with P10011 on the same day, same patient			
10019	Polio (IPV)…….....	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not payable with P10010, P10011 or P10013 on the same day, same patient			
10020	Meningococcal C Conjugate (MEN-C)…….	13.65		5.43
10021	Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate (Groups A, C, Y, W-135).....	13.65		5.43
10022	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)…….	13.65		5.43
10030	MMR/V (Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella).....	13.65		5.43
10023	Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13).....	13.65		5.43
10024	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPV23).....	13.65		5.43
10025	Rabies……	13.65		5.43
10026	Varicella (Chickenpox)	13.65		5.43
10027	DTap-HB-IPV-Hib (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B, Polio, Hib)	13.65		5.43
	NOTE: Not billable with fee items P10010, P10011. P10012, P10013, P10014, P10017, P10018			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10028	HPV (Human Papillomavirus)	13.65		5.43
10029	Rotavirus	13.65		5.43

EYE BANK SERVICES

00050	Enucleation of eye(s) for corneal transplants	472.00		138.67
	NOTES: Payment of this fee item is limited to: i) Enucleations yielding tissue which is confirmed by the Eye Bank of BC as falling within its guidelines for enucleations; and ii) Enucleations where the donors were insured by MSP at the time of death.			
00051	Corneal tissue processing	1649.00		375.66
	NOTES: i) Payment of this fee item is limited to: ii) Corneal tissue which is processed by the Eye Bank of British Columbia; and iii) Corneas, which are used for transplant into recipients who are insured under the Medical Services Plan.			

HYPERBARIC CHAMBER

	NOTES: i) Use of hyperbaric Chamber is insured under MSP only for a limited number of conditions. (Diagnosis required with submission of account). ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
00025	Where no other fee is charged - physician in chamber - 1st half hour	278.00	7	81.83
00026	– each additional 15 minutes	144.00		42.02
00027	– physician outside chamber - 1st half hour	191.00	5	55.73
00028	– each additional 15 minutes	101.00		29.59
00046	Additional charge to pertinent medical, anesthetic or surgical fee, per hour	111.00		28.44

BLOOD ALCOHOL SAMPLING

A00036	Taking sample	99.60		
A00037	Additional charge for standby time, per half hour	169.00		
	NOTE: Service charges and surcharges extra.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

MISCELLANEOUS

P13013 Assessment for Induction of Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) for Opioid Use Disorder
Initial assessment requires complete medical history, substance use history and appropriate targeted physical examination. If assessment and induction are done on the same day, withdrawal assessment using COWS or SOWS and administration of first dose of OAT included – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof 97.70 42.97

NOTES:

i) Payable to a maximum of 4 units per patient/per day/per intended induction.
ii) Payable only to the physician who intends to provide or share management of the patient's OAT induction for opioid use disorder.
iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claim and the patient's chart.
iv) No other visit fees billable same day except 13014, 14018 and 14077. 13014, 14018 and 14077 payable in addition to 13013 only when not performed concurrently.
v) Payable for assessment for change of OAT with induction to a different medication.
vi) May not be repeated within 30 days by the same physician.
vii) This service payable only for physician time spent on patient assessment (and on administration of first dose of OAT if provided same day).

P13014 Management of OAT induction for Opioid Use Disorder. This fee is payable for individual interactions with the patient during the first three days of OAT induction for opioid use disorder within the limits described in the following notes 45.80 20.15

NOTES:

i) Billable in addition to 13013 or a same day visit fee (in-person, telephone or video conference) with a physician when not performed concurrently.
ii) Billable up to 3 times on day of first dose of OAT.
iii) Billable up to 2 times on day 2 of OAT induction.
iv) Billable once only on day 3 of OAT induction.
v) May be provided in-person, by telephone or by video conference.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	vi) May be billed when delegated to a nurse (LPN, RN, NP) employed within the eligible physician practice. vii) Start time must be entered in both the billing claim and patient's chart.			
P00039	Management of Maintenance Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) for Opioid Use Disorder.....	62.90		23.60
	Management of ongoing maintenance Opioid Agonist Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder NOTES: i) The physician does not necessarily have to have direct face-to-face contact with the patient for this fee to be paid. ii) 00039 is the only fee payable for any medically necessary service associated with opioid agonist treatment for opioid use disorder. This includes but is not limited to the following: a. At least one visit (in-person, telephone or video conference) per month with the patient after induction/stabilization on opioid agonist treatment is complete. b. At least one in-person visit with the patient every 90 days. Exceptions to this criterion will be considered on an individual basis. c. Supervised urine drug screening and interpretation of results. d. Simple advice/communication with other allied care providers involved in the patients OAT. iii) Claims for treatment of co-morbid medical conditions, including psychiatric diagnoses other than substance use disorder, are billable using the applicable visit or service fees. Counselling and visit fees related only to substance use disorder are not payable in addition. iv) This fee is payable once per week per patient regardless of the number of services per week for management of OAT maintenance. v) This fee is not payable with out of office hours premiums. *(notes continued on next page)*			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	vi) Eligibility to submit claims for this fee item is limited to physicians who are actively supervising the patient's continuing use of opioid agonist medications for treatment of opioid use disorder. vii) This payment stops when the patient stops opioid agonist treatment.			
P15039	GP Point of Care (POC) testing for oral opioid agonist treatment NOTES: i) Restricted to patients in opioid agonist treatment. ii) Maximum billable: 26 per annum, per patient. iii) Confirmatory testing (reanalyzing a specimen which is positive on the initial POC test using a different analytic method) is expensive and seldom necessary once a patient is in treatment for opioid use disorder. Accordingly, confirmatory testing should be utilized only when medically necessary and when a confirmed result would have a significant impact on patient management. iv) This fee includes the adulteration test. v) Only POC urine testing kits that have met Health Canada Standards are to be used.	32.15		12.75
15040	GP Point of Care (POC) testing for amphetamines, benzodiazepines, buprenorphine/naloxone, cocaine metabolites, methadone metabolites, opioids and oxycodone. NOTES: i) Not billable for patients in opioid agonist treatment. ii) Confirmatory testing (reanalyzing a specimen which is positive on the initial POC test using a different analytic method) is expensive and should be utilized only when medically necessary and when a confirmed result would have a significant impact on patient management. iii) This fee includes the adulteration test. iv) Only POC urine testing kits that have met Health Canada Standards are to be used.	32.15		12.81
00040	Stomach lavage and gavage	83.20		26.38
00041	Ultrasound treatments	24.55		8.68

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00042	Mileage, per mile one way (in the country beginning 5 miles (8 kilometers) from town centre, in the city from the boundary of the city).....	14.25		2.77
	NOTE: Payment agencies honour accounts for unusual emergency services to a patient residing outside one's practice area and with a written report.			
00043	Anticoagulation therapy by telephone	26.85		6.98
A00047	Renewal of prescription by telephone, fax or secure electronic transmission (per telephone call, fax or transmission).....	32.70		
A94523	Completion of Drug Benefit Form for third party insurer	78.90		
A00048	Tray service	45.70		
A00049	Advice by telephone on the establishing of a tentative diagnosis and prescribing treatment per 15 minutes or portion thereof.....	91.20		
A00009	Mileage - per kilometre.....	0.55		
A00093	Transfer of patient records	37.40		
	NOTES: i) This fee is recommended for a simple transfer of records. Photocopying may be charged in addition. ii) Other direct costs, such as courier services, may be charged in addition based on the actual cost. iii) A fee for review of records may be charged in addition if the physician reviews the records for the purpose of selecting current and necessary medical information to be transferred. iv) Original records must be retained by the transferring physician as required by law. v) When multiple records are being transferred, the total time spent should be taken into account.			
A00095	Review of paper or EMR records by physician (for medical-legal purposes or transfer of patient records) - per 15 minutes or portion thereof.....	105.00		
	NOTES: i) The fee for this service can be adjusted at the physician's discretion based on the time and extent of physician involvement and secretarial and other direct or indirect costs such as cost of supplies to produce an electronic copy.			

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	ii) This fee is for review of the paper or EMR file only.			
	iii) Photocopying paper records may be charged in addition.			
	iv) At the physician's discretion, an additional $1.45 per page for paper copies is billable for large and/or complex charts.			
A00096	Photocopying per page (paper copies) (first 10 pages)	1.85		
	– subsequent pages - per page	.30		
	NOTES:			
	i) A00096 is extra to A00093 and/or A00095.			
	ii) The fee for this service does not include review and/or summary of the patient's chart.			

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

A00052	Biofeedback rendered by a physician for other than neurological and/or muscular retraining - per half hour	156.00		
A00053	Hypnosis for services not insured by MSP; e.g.: smoking withdrawal, weight loss or other lifestyle services - per half hour	156.00		
A00054	Preventive medicine counseling all forms; e.g.: health maintenance assessment and counseling to include physical examination, smoking withdrawal and other harmful habits, weight and/or diet control, exercise programs (planning and management), stress management techniques, social support systems, establishing normal sleep patterns and other forms of lifestyle counseling - per half hour	156.00		

CERTIFICATES AND FORMS

A00060	Written certificate, including time loss benefit form (extra to examination) and death certificates	45.70		
A00061	Medical advice by letter	156.00		
00062	Initial "in-care" or adoption examination of a well baby or child (with report) - fee for each doctor	160.00		77.34
00064	Subsequent "in-care" or adoption examination by same doctor within six (6) months	77.90		34.79
A00063	Initial screening examination for chronic or rehabilitation care	160.00		
00065	Investigation, with completion of B.C. Mental health Act Forms 3, 4 or 6 (fee per doctor)	160.00		103.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00066	Completion of B.C. Mental Health Act Forms 3, 4 or 6, on previously assessed or treated cases	77.90		46.52
00067	Investigation with cancellation of B.C. Mental health Act Forms 4 or 6, and subsequent voluntary treatment status	83.20		46.40
96400	Medical Practitioners Completion of Part B Only of MHR Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application Form	25.00		
	NOTES: i) To include confirmation of a chronic, progressive deterioration of health due to a severe medical condition. ii) Submit claim for fee item 96400 to MSP. Do not bill privately.			
96501	Physician completion of Section 2, Physician Report of MHR Person with Disabilities (Application or Review Form)	130.00		
96502	Physician completion of Section 3, Assessor Report of MHR Person with Disabilities (Application or Review Form)	75.00		
	NOTE: Submit claims for 96400, 96501, 96502 and 96505 to MSP. Do not bill privately.			
96503	Medical Practitioners completion of MHR Medical Report – Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers **Note:** Includes full completion of part C 1-5 medical assessment in the detail prescribed by the report format.	50.00		
96504	Medical Practitioners completion of MHR Medical Report – Employability Forms **Note:** Includes full completion of part C 1-4 medical assessment in the detail prescribed by report format	25.00		
96505	MHR medical report – child	25.00		
A00068	Physical fitness examination for school, summer camp, etc., including certificate	77.20		
A00058	Premarital examination	156.00		
A00069	Insurance company form to include review of records - short report	156.00		
A00059	– extensive report	204.00		
A00097	Examination and completion of Canadian Blood Services form for report on plasmapheresis donors	111.00		
A94529	Completion of the Occupational Fitness Assessment (OFA) form (extra to examination).	177.00		
A94533	Completion of Public Trustee's form for Opinion of incapacity (extra to examination)	374.00		

ROADSAFETYBC FORM FEES

The RoadSafetyBC requires that patients with certain medical conditions be examined periodically in order to facilitate renewal of their driver's license. These services are not insured by MSP and physicians are entitled to set their own fee for these services and charge patients privately.

The RoadSafetyBC will pay a set fee for the completion of certain driver's medical examination reports. Forms will specify if the RoadSafetyBC will reimburse or if the patient or their employer are to be billed the entire fee. Forms reimbursed by the RoadSafetyBC are paid through MSP Teleplan. While MSP Teleplan is acting as the processor for the RoadSafetyBC, it is the RoadSafetyBC who is paying for the service.

For those forms reimbursed by the RoadSafetyBC, physicians have three billing options:
i) Bill RoadSafetyBC through MSP Teleplan the RoadSafetyBC Fee Amount.
ii) Bill RoadSafetyBC through MSP Teleplan and balance bill the patient the difference between the RoadSafetyBC Fee Amount and the total fee as determined by the physician. The Non-MSP-Insured Fee Amount is only a guideline and physicians may charge either a higher or lower fee according to their own judgment.
iii) Bill the entire amount to the patient privately.

Patients will <u>not</u> be reimbursed by RoadSafetyBC for any charges they incur.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Road Safety BC Fee ($)
ROADSAFETYBC FORM FEES			
96220	RoadSafetyBC Driver's Medical Examination Report (DMER) for any driver with a known or possible medical condition.....	214.00	75.00

NOTES:
i) Not billable in addition to fee item 96221.
ii) This fee may only be claimed when specifically requested by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.
iii) Patient birth date is required on the claims submission.
iv) Patient driver's license number is required on the claims submission. (Driver's license number must be entered in the first 7 spaces of the note or comment field.)
v) A consultation, complete physical, office or counseling visit may not be claimed in addition if the patient is seen for the same condition.
vi) Repeat DMER is not payable to any practitioner within 3 months.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Road Safety BC Fee ($)
96221	RoadSafetyBC Diabetic Driver Report - standalone (no DMER): Diabetic Driver Report for commercial drivers with diabetes (known medical condition)	214.00	75.00
	NOTES: i) Not billable in addition to fee item 96220. ii) This fee may only be claimed when specifically requested by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. iii) Patient birth date is required on the claims submission. iv) Patient driver's license number is required on the claims submission. (Driver's license number must be entered in the first 7 spaces of the note or comment field. v) A consultation, complete physical, office or counseling visit may not be claimed in addition if the patient is seen for the same condition. vi) Only applicable to claims submitted under diagnostic code 250 (diabetes mellitus). vii) Repeat Diabetic Driver Report-stand alone is not payable to any practitioner within 3 months.		
96222	RoadSafetyBC Diabetic Driver Report - sent out with DMER: Diabetic Driver Report for commercial drivers with diabetes (known medical condition).....	53.50	30.00
	NOTES: i) Fee item 96220 must also be billed on the same date of service. ii) This fee may only be claimed when specifically requested by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. iii) Patient birth date is required on the claims submission. iv) Patient driver's license number is required on the claims submission. (Driver's license number must be entered in the first 7 spaces of the note or comment field.) v) A consultation, complete physical, office or counseling visit may not be claimed in addition if the patient is seen for the same condition. vi) Only applicable to claims submitted under diagnostic code 250 (diabetes mellitus). vii) Repeat Diabetic Driver report with DMER is not payable to any practitioner within 3 months. * The fees in the RoadSafetyBC column are paid through the Medical Services Plan on behalf of RoadSafetyBC.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

JAIL VISITS

A00085	Jail visit to examine one prisoner including certification - daytime	219.00		
A00086	Subsequent jail visit to examine prisoner again including certification	219.00		
A00087	Other prisoners examined at same jail visit including certification - each	156.00		
A00088	Jail visit to examine one prisoner including certification - night (1700 hours to 0830 hours), Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday	284.00		
A00089	Examination of prisoners in doctor's office including certification - each	156.00		

EMERGENCY CARE

1. 00081 is to be used for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of a critically ill patient who requires constant bedside care by the physician.
2. A critically ill patient may be defined as a patient with an immediately life threatening illness/injury associated with any of the following conditions (which are given as examples):
   a) Cardiac Arrest,
   b) Multiple Trauma,
   c) Acute Respiratory Failure,
   d) Coma,
   e) Shock,
   f) Cardiac Arrhythmia with hemodynamic compromise,
   g) Hypothermia, and
   h) Other immediate life threatening situations.
3. 00081 includes the following procedure items where required: defibrillation, cardioversion, peripheral intravenous lines, arterial blood gases, neogastric tubes with or without lavage and urinary catheters, intubation (as part of a cardiac arrest).
4. 00081 includes the time required for the use and monitoring by the physicians of pharmacologic agents such as inotropic or thrombolytic drugs.

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	5. All other procedural fee items not specifically listed in #3 above are not included in 00081. Below are listed some of the procedures that are not included and which, therefore, may be billed in addition when rendered. (NOTE: The time required for these procedures should be noted with the claim and deducted from the 00081 time): a) Endotracheal Intubation – as a separate entity, i.e. not part of a cardiac arrest or followed by an anesthetic, b) Cricothyroidotomy, c) Venous Cutdown, d) Arterial Catheter, e) Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage, f) Chest Tube Insertion, and g) Pacemaker Insertion. 6. 00081 is not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results, or simple monitoring of the patient. 7. When a consultation fee is charged in addition to 00081, for billing purposes the consultation fee shall constitute the first half hour of the time spent with the patient. 8. When surgery is performed by the same doctor after prolonged emergency care, the surgical fee may be charged in addition to the appropriate emergency care fee. 9. When a second or third physician becomes involved in the emergency care of an acutely ill patient requiring continuous bedside care, item 00081 is applicable just as it is to the attending physician who is first on the scene.			
00081	Emergency care – per ½ hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	314.00		105.79
00082	Monitoring of critically ill patients (when modification of the care and active intervention is not necessary) – per ½ hour or major portion thereof ..... NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	156.00		63.47

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT

Trauma – General Services:

These fees are intended for the Trauma Team Leader (TTL) within the facility (or facilities) that a trauma patient may arrive at, requiring treatment.

Trauma Team Leader Assessment and Support fees (10087, 10088, and 10089) will be paid for services to patients demonstrating any one of the following criteria:

Trauma team Activation Criteria:

i) Shock – confirmed Blood Pressure ≤ 90 at any time in adults.
ii) Airway Compromise including intubations.
iii) Transfer patients from other Emergency Departments receiving blood to maintain vital signs.
iv) Unresponsiveness – Glasgow Coma Score ≤ 8 with a mechanism suggestive of injury.
v) Gunshot or other penetrating wounds to head, neck, chest, abdomen or proximal extremity (at or above knee or elbow).
vi) Autolaunched Trauma Patient.
vii) Pediatric Trauma Patient under 16 years of age.
viii) Special consideration will be given for patients with significant co-morbidities, pregnant patients, and patients < 5 years of age and > 65 years of age.

Trauma Team Consults:

i) Spinal cord injury (confirmed or suspected).
ii) Vascular compromise of an extremity with a traumatic mechanism.
iii) Amputation proximal to the wrist or the ankle.
iv) Crush to the chest or pelvis.
v) Two or more proximal long bone fractures (i.e. humerus, femur)
vi) Burns

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vii)- Partial thickness (2º) burn ≥ 10% and full thickness (3º) burn
- Electrical or lightning burn
- Chemical burn or Inhalation injury
- Burn injury in patients with significant co-morbidities
- Burn injury with concomitant trauma

viii) Obvious significant injury and – Falls > 20 feet.

ix) Obvious significant injury and – Pedestrian hit (thrown or run over).

x) Obvious significant injury and – Motorcycle crash with separation of the rider and bike.

xi) Obvious significant injury and – Motor vehicle crash with either
- Ejection
- Rollover
- Speed > 70 kph
- A death at the scene

xii) Patients with possible head injury and GCS less than 13.

All Trauma Assessment and Support fees include:

- Consultation and assessment
- subsequent examinations of the patient
- family counselling
- teleconference with higher level trauma facilities
- ongoing and active daily surgical management of trauma patients including but not limited to:
  - performing tertiary and quaternary survey physical exams
  - assessment and management of active and passive body core warming
  - care of traumatic wounds or burns (including suturing) not requiring a general anesthetic
  - obtaining appropriate surgical consultations and transfer to higher level facilities when needed
  - coordinating with the transplant organ retrieval team, family counselling (related to organ donation) and obtaining consent for organ procurement

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	- usual resuscitative procedures such as endotracheal intubation, tracheal toilet and artificial ventilation - extraordinary resuscitative procedures such as resuscitative thoracotomy or emergency surgical airway - all necessary measures for respiratory support - insertion of intravenous lines, peripheral and central - bronchoscopy - chest tubes - lumbar puncture - cut-downs - arterial and/or venous catheters and insertion of SWAN-GANZ catheter - pressure infusion sets and pharmacological agents - insertion of CVP lines - defibrillation - cardio-version and usual resuscitative measures - insertion of urinary catheters and nasal gastric tubes - securing and interpretation of laboratory tests - oximetry - transcutaneous blood gases - intra-cranial pressure (ICP) monitoring, interpretation and assessment when indicated - suturing of wounds not requiring a general anesthetic - ensuring adequate DVT prophylaxis - reduction of fractures and dislocations (including casting) not requiring a general anesthetic - clearance of C-spines or appropriate referral			
10087	Trauma Team Leader – Initial Assessment, Secondary Survey and Support	1375.00		301.88
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons ii) Indicated for those patients experiencing any of the Trauma Team Activation Criteria. iii) Minimum of 2 hours of bedside care required on Day 1 (excluding stand by time).			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. v) Payable in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees at 100%. vi) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner on the same date of service. vii) Paid to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			
10088	Trauma Team Leader – Tertiary Assessment (after 24 hrs. and before 72 hrs.).....	475.00		104.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons ii) Not paid on same date of service as 10087 or 10089. iii) Not paid unless 10087 has been previously claimed (on same PHN). iv) Not paid in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees by the same practitioner. v) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner on the same date of service. vi) Payable to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			
10089	Trauma Team Leader Subsequent Hospital Visit (Days 3-15 inclusive)	361.00		78.72
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons ii) Not paid on same date of service as 10087 or 10088. iii) Not paid unless 10087 has been previously claimed (on same PHN). iv) Not paid in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees by the same practitioner. v) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner, on the same date of service. vi) Payable to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

CRISIS INTERVENTION

00083 Personal or family crisis intervention: Applies to situations where the attending physician is called upon to provide continuous medical assistance at the exclusion of all other services in periods of personal or family crisis caused by rape, sudden bereavement, suicidal behaviour or acute psychosis – per ½ hour or major portion thereof 314.00 105.80

NOTES:

i) Timing for this listing begins after the first hour if a consultation or complete physical examination is rendered or after 30 minutes if a regional examination, counseling, etc. is rendered. Claims for more than three (3) hours under fee item 00083 will be given independent consideration by MSP.

ii) The item does not include time spent collecting legal evidence of possible sexual assault. Such is billable to the local police station or RCMP.

iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

ACCOMPANYING PATIENTS

00084 Accompanying patient(s) to a distant hospital where medically required – per ½ hour or major portion thereof 343.00 222.37

NOTES:

i) When accompanying a patient to a distant hospital, charge portal to portal for time while patient is under the exclusive care of the accompanying physician.

ii) Time for standing by and return trip are included and may not be billed in addition.

iii) Payment is not applicable to layover or return travel time. Claims for travel, board and lodging are not payable by the Plan. Physicians who accompany a patient who is being transferred will, upon application to the Health Authority, be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred during, and necessitated by, the transfer. Please refer to Preamble C. 23.

iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

TRAY SERVICE FEES

00044	Mini Tray Fee NOTE: 00044 is applicable to fee items 00190, 00217, S00744 and 14560 only.	11.60		5.22
00080	Minor Tray Fee The use of sterile tray suitable for cautery, cryotherapy, dilation or similar procedure.	23.45		10.46
00090	Major Tray Fee The use of sterile instrument tray requiring local anesthetic and/or suture material or similar supplies, or plaster cast material, and endoscopy requiring sterile instrumentation. NOTES: i) Tray fees are only applicable where the costs are actually incurred by the physician. ii) Tray fees are only applicable in conjunction with the procedures included in the attached lists. Other procedures will be given independent consideration with the British Columbia Medical Association Tariff Committee. iii) Tray fees are not applicable when the service is performed at a funded facility (e.g.: hospital, D&T Centre, Psychiatric Institution, etc.). iv) Applicable to 04111 only when rendered in private (non-funded) facilities. Not applicable when rendered in hospital or other publicly-funded facilities.	70.50		31.37

PROCEDURES ELIGIBLE FOR TRAY FEE SERVICE

Procedures Eligible for Major Tray Fee Service:

S00331 Closed drainage of chest
S00571 Pediatric Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy in a patient 16 years of age and under
S00701 Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee
S00704 Cystoscopy dilation and Panendoscopy
S00706 Oesophagoscopy with biopsy
S00707 Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy - procedural fee
SY00715 Sigmoidoscopy with biopsy
SY00716 Sigmoidoscopy flexible
SY00718 Sigmoidoscopy flexible with biopsy
S00723 Sialogram (per duct) or galactograms (per blast) - procedural fee for injection

S00727 Salpingogram - procedural fee
S00732 Voiding cysto-urethrogram – procedural fee
S00745 Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy
S00747 Prostate biopsy - procedural fee
S00748 Bone biopsy under local/regional anesthetic
S00759 Chest aspiration paracentesis
S00760 Paracentesis abdominal
S00785 Endometrial biopsy
S00807 Diagnostic hysteroscopy
S00808 Diagnostic hysteroscopy - with biopsy(s)
S00874 Urethral profilometry
S00878 Cystometry (includes pelvic floor EMG)
SY00907 Endoscopic examination of the Nose and Nasopharnyx
SY00908 Endoscopic examination of the Nose and Nasopharnyx with biopsy
SY00909 Flexible fiberoptic nasopharyngolaryngoscopy
01036 Epidural block - thoracic
01037 Epidural block - cervical
01135 Epidural block - lumbar
01138 Epidural block - caudal blocks
01140 Nerve root or facet blocks: cervical - single
01141 Nerve root or facet blocks: cervical - multiple
01142 Nerve root or facet blocks: thoracic - single
01143 Nerve root or facet blocks: thoracic - multiple
01144 Nerve root or facet blocks: lumbar - single
01145 Nerve root or facet blocks: lumbar - multiple
S02107 Repair of eyelid margin defect, requiring layered closure
S02150 Chalazion excision
S02152 Tarsorrhaphy
S02153 Ectropion - Ziegler or simple procedure
S02154 Ectropion/Entropion – complicated, including neoplasms and plastic repair-requires both repair and associated lid shortening and/or skin grafting.
S02156 Eyelid margin Tumour - benign excision
S02157 Eyelid Tumour - benign excision
S02171 Pterygium or limbus Tumour
02251 Myringoplasty
02254 Myringotomy - unilateral
02255 Exploratory tympanotomy
02266 Myringoplasty - paper patch, ear drum
02274 Myringoplasty bilateral - with insertion of aerating tube
02307 Naso-antral window - single
02308 Naso-antral window - double
02317 Electrocoagulation of turbinates - one side
02318 Electrocoagulation of turbinates - both sides
02322 Removal of nasal polypi - unilateral
S02323 Removal of nasal polypi - bilateral
02324 Antral lavage - unilateral
02325 Antral lavage - bilateral
02341 Posterior nasal packing - to include balloon control of epistaxis
02345 Drainage of abscess or hematoma of septum

02346 Posterior nasal packing with trans-oral gauze pack, under local, topical or GA
02412 Biopsy of larynx and/or cauterization (including laryngoscopy)
02413 Operative control of post-tonsillectomy or post-adenoidectomy hemorrhage requiring local or general anesthetic
02419 Direct or indirect laryngoscopy with foreign body removal
02447 Incision of peritonsillar abscess - under LA
02535 Maxillary sinus endoscopy
02538 Laryngostroboscopy
03211 Muscle biopsy
04032 Biopsy of vulva, excisional lesion > or = 2 cm
04300 Hymen incision
04301 Bartholin's cyst incision
04312 Resection of labia minora
04317 Biopsy vulva, lesion <2 cm
04404 Cyst vaginal inclusion removal
04405 Removal of other vaginal cyst
04406 Operation for removal of vaginal septum
04111 Therapeutic abortion (vaginal) by whatever means – less than 14 weeks gestation (operation only)
S04500 Cervix dilation and curettage
04510 Biopsy of cervix, with dilation and curettage
04536 Cone biopsy cervix (includes D & C)
06016 Removal of Tumour or scar under GA or regional block
06017 Removal of Tumour
06019 Skin grafts - single or multiple flaps under 2 cm
06020 Skin grafts - single
06021 Skin grafts - single with free skin graft to secondary defect
06022 Skin grafts - multiple
06023 Skin grafts - multiple with free skin graft to secondary defect
06024 Skin grafts - eyebrow, eyelid, lip, ear, nose
06027 Repair of torn (split) earlobe (simple)
06040 Free skin grafts - finger, phalanx
06041 Free skin grafts - ear eyelid, lip, nose
06043 Free skin grafts - finger tip
06044 Free skin grafts - sole or palm
06046 Free skin grafts - less than 6.5 sq. cm or less
06051 Free skin grafts - finger tip
06052 Free skin grafts - head and neck - 6.5 sq. cm or less
06060 Free skin grafts - mouth
06069 Tumour or scar excision - face
06070 Skin graft following removal of Tumour
06075 Eyelid and lip wounds avulsed and complicated
06076 Nose and ear wounds avulsed and complicated
06077 Lacerations of the scalp, cheek and neck - complicated
06079 Minor burns debridement, surgical
06125 Blepharoplasty - simple
06126 Blepharoplasty - complicated
06130 Accessory auricle
06156 Peripheral nerve - transplant or neuroma

06182	Ganglia of tendon sheath or joint
06184	Extensor - primary or secondary repair
06186	Tenoplasty
06187	Tenoplasty - 2 or more tendons
06188	Tenolysis
06193	Palmar fasciectomy more than one digit
06197	Tenosynovitis - finger
06210	Neurolysis external
06218	Amputation - transmetacarpal
06219	Amputation - finger
S06258	Neurolysis and exploration of peripheral nerve
07025	Biopsy, temporal artery
07041	Aspiration - abdomen or chest
07045	Abscess anterior closed space
07053	Excision of nail bed, complete, with shortening of phalanx
07110	Multiple ligations and stripping tributaries: 3 to 6 incisions
07111	Multiple ligations and stripping tributaries: 6 or more incisions
07112	Ligation of 2 or more perforators
07464	Sigmoidoscopy; flexible - with removal of polyp(s) (operation only)
07470	Microdochectomy, nipple exploration
07516	Excision of salivary cyst
07685	Pilonidal sinus
S08262	Meatotomy and plastic repair
S08264	Urethra dilation
S08301	Dorsal slit
S08340	Epididymis abscess incision
S08345	Vasectomy - bilateral
08513	Dacryocystogram
08595	Cystogram or retrogradeurethrogram (not including catheterization)
SY10714	Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid, diagnostic
PSY10750	Transnasal esophagogastroduodenoscopy (TGD), procedural fee
SP10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral – procedural fee
SP10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, - procedural fee
S11230	Shoulder Girdle, Clavicle, and Humerus, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11330	Elbow, Proximal Radius and Ulna, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11430	Hand and Wrist, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11530	Pelvis, Hip and Femur, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11630	Femur, Knee Joint, Tibia and Fibula, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11730	Tibial Metaphysis (Distal), Ankle and Foot, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy under GA
S11830	Vertebra, Facette and Spine, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy – soft tissue/bone – thoracic spine, under GA

S11831 Shoulder Girdle, Clavicle, and Humerus, Excision-Diagnostic, Percutaneous: Needle biopsy – soft tissue/bone – lumbar spine, under GA
13600 Biopsy - mucosa or skin
13601 Biopsy - face
13611 Lacerations or foreign body, minor
13612 Lacerations, extensive
13620 Scar or Tumour excision
13622 Localized carcinoma of skin, proven histopathologically
13623 Excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or small scar under local anesthetic - face (operation only)
13632 Removal of nail - with destruction of nail bed
13633 Wedge excision of one nail
13650 Hemorrhoid thrombotic, enucleation
14540 Insertion of IUD
P20221 Single or multiple flaps under 2 cm in diameter used in repair of defect (except for special areas as in P20225) (operation only)
P20222 Local tissue shifts - Single
P20223 Local tissue shifts - Multiple
P20224 Local tissue shifts - with free skin graft to secondary defect
P20225 Local tissue shifts - Eyebrow, eyelid, lip, ear, nose - single
P20226 Full-thickness grafts - Eyelid, nose, lips, ear
P20227 Full-thickness grafts - Finger, more than one phalanx
P20228 Full-thickness grafts - Sole or palm
SP33322 Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions – operation only
S33373 Colonoscopy with flexible colonoscope - biopsy
S33374 Colonoscopy with flexible colonoscope – removal of polyp
*51016 Cast - short arm (elbow to hand)
*51017 Cast – long arm (axilla to hand)
*51019 Cast - below knee
51020 Long leg cylinder
*51021 Cast – long leg
57270 Fasciectomy - plantar
61025 Blepharoplasty – simple -non cosmetic (bilateral)
61026 Blepharoplasty – complicated – non cosmetic (bilateral)
PS61250 Autologous Lipotransfer – Aspiration – Volume less than 20 ml
PS61251 Autologous Lipotransfer – Aspiration – Volume between 21-60 ml
PS61252 Autologous Lipotransfer – Aspiration – Volume greater than 60 ml
SP61300 Wounds - Simple, or involving minor debridement of traumatic wounds - up to 5 cm - other than face, simple closure (operation only)
SP61301 Wounds - Simple, or involving minor debridement of traumatic wounds - up to 5 cm - on face and/or requiring tying of bleeders and/or closure in layers (operation only)
SP61302 Wounds - Simple, or involving minor debridement of traumatic wounds - 5.1 to 10 cm - other than face, simple closure (operation only)
SP61303 Wounds - Simple, or involving minor debridement of traumatic wounds - 5.1 to 10 cm - on face and/or requiring tying of bleeders and/or closure in layers (operation only)

SP61310 Trunk, Arms and Legs - Resulting in repair less than 5 cm (operation only)
SP61311 Trunk, Arms and Legs - Resulting in a repair 5-10 cm (operation only)
SP61313 Face, scalp, neck, genitalia, hands, feet, axilla - Resulting in repair less than 5 cm (operation only)
SP61314 Face, scalp, neck, genitalia, hands, feet, axilla - Resulting in a repair 5-10 cm (operation only)
SP61316 Eyelids, ears, lips, nose, mucous membrane, eyebrow - Resulting in repair less than 2 cm (operation only)
SP61317 Eyelids, ears, lips, nose, mucous membrane, eyebrow - Resulting in a repair 2-4 cm (operation only)
SP61318 Eyelids, ears, lips, nose, mucous membrane, eyebrow -Resulting in a repair greater than 4 cm (operation only)
P61324 Defect up to 2 cm - Nose, Lids, Lips or Scalp (operation only)
SP61325 Defect 2.1 to 5 cm - Nose, Lids, Lips or Scalp (operation only)
SP61326 Defect 2.1 to 5 cm -other areas (operation only)
SP61327 Defect 5.1 to 10 cm - Nose, Lids, Lips or Scalp
SP61328 Defect 5.1 to 10 cm - other areas
P61329 Defects more than 10 cm (such as a thoracic abdominal flap)
P61330 Trunk - Defect up to 40 cm^2
P61331 Trunk - Defect 40 cm^2 to 100 cm^2
P61332 Trunk - Defect greater than 100 cm^2
SP61333 Arms, legs and scalp - Defect up to 6 cm^2
P61334 Arms, legs and scalp - Defect 6 cm^2 to 19 cm^2
P61335 Arms, legs and scalp - Defect greater than 19 cm^2
SP61336 Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth and neck - Defect up to 6 cm^2
SP61337 Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth and neck - Defect 6 cm2 to 19 cm^2
P61338 Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth and neck - Defect greater than 19 cm^2
SP61339 Ears, eyelids, lips and nose - Defect up to 6 cm^2
SP61340 Ears, eyelids, lips and nose - Defect 6 cm^2 to 19 cm^2
SP61341 Ears, eyelids, lips and nose - Defect greater than 19 cm^2
P61342 Revision of Graft - Revision, less than 2 cm
P61343 Revision of Graft -Revision, between 2 and 5 cm
P61344 Revision of Graft - Revision, greater than 5 cm
P61350 Full-thickness graft - Trunk (2 to 19 cm^2) (operation only)
P61351 Full-thickness graft - Arms, legs, scalp (2 to 19 cm^2)
P61352 Full-thickness graft - Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth, neck (2 to 19 cm^2)
P61353 Full-thickness graft - Ears, eyelids, lips and nose (2 to 19 cm^2)
SP61354 Full-thickness graft - Graft (pinch, split or full thickness) to cover small ulcer, toe pulp graft, finger-tip or other minimal open area (up to 2 cm diameter) (operation only)
P61360 Eyebrow ptosis repair – simple skin excision – non-cosmetic - unilateral
P61361 Eyebrow ptosis repair – simple skin excision – non-cosmetic - bilateral
P61368 Extensor - primary or secondary repair - first tendon
70041 Fine needle aspiration of solid or cystic lesion
V70116 Removal of tumor (including intraoral) or scar revision - 2 to 5 cm (operation only)

V70117 Removal of tumor (including intraoral) - 5.1 cm to 10 cm
V70119 Single flap under 2 cm in diameter used in repair of a defect (except for special areas as in V70124) (operation only)
V70120 Single flap for lesion greater than 2 cm
V70121 Single flap for lesion greater than 2 cm with free skin graft to secondary defect
V70122 Multiple flap for lesion greater than 2 cm
V70123 Multiple flap for lesion greater than 2 cm with free skin graft to secondary defect
V70124 Eyebrow, eyelid, lip, nose - single
70470 Breast biopsy incisional
70471 Breast biopsy excisional
70472 Stereotactic or ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy: 1 to 5 core samples
70473 Stereotactic or ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy: 6 to 10 core samples
70547 Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing – with band ligation of oesophageal varices (including endoscopy) (operation only)
PS71281 Removal of indwelling enteral tubes with or without exploration of tube insertion site: - requiring local or regional anesthesia (operation only)
PSV71682 Botox injection for anal fissure
71684 Papillectomy or excision of anal tag or polyp - single
71686 Papillectomy or excision anal tag or polyp - multiple
71690 Hemorrhoid(s); office procedure - infrared photocoagulation to include proctoscopy
72669 Excision rectal Tumour - 0 to 2.5
72670 Excision rectal Tumour - 2.6 to 5 cm
72672 Electrodessication or fulguration of malignant Tumour of rectum
77045 Varicose veins, injection, each visit
NOTE: Treatment for cosmetic purposes is not a benefit under MSP.
77046 Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy - initial
77047 Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy - repeat
77050 Compression sclerotherapy - initial
77060 Compression sclerotherapy - repeat
77065 High ligation, long saphenous
P77142 Removal of totally implantable access device (e.g.: portacath), operation only
77390 Removal of hemodialysis shunt

Procedures Eligible for Minor Tray Fee Service:

00019 Venesection for polycythemia or phlebotomy
*00218 Curettage and electrosurgery of skin carcinoma
*00219 Curettage of skin carcinoma, additional lesion
00424 Botulinum toxin injection
S00743 Breast lesion, non-palpable localizing
S00762 Scratch test, per antigen
Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 16 antigens are used.
S00763 Scratch test, children under 5 years of age, per antigen
Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 14 antigens are used.
S00765 Annual maximum (to include scratch or intracutaneous tests) for each physician – per patient
S00784 Cervix punch biopsy

S00803 Loopogram
S00811 Joint injection, aspiration or arthrogram, under radiological guidance
01042 Nerve block paravertebral sympathetic
01124 Peripheral nerve block - single
01125 Peripheral nerve block - multiple
S02076 Botulinum toxin injection for strabismus
S02118 Snip procedure, two or three
S02119 Dacryocystostomy
S02120 Punctum dilation
S02122 Lacrimal duct probing local anesthetic
S02147 Trichiasis, electric
S02148 Cryotherapy of eyelids
S02167 Cauterization or cryotherapy of corneal ulcer
02210 Paracentesis of the ear drum
02221 Aural polyp removal or debridement, foreign body removal
02303 Cauterization of septum, electric
02364 Nasal fracture - simple reduction
S02365 Nasal fracture - reduction and splinting
02452 Sialolithotomy - simple, in duct
04305 Venereal warts
04503 Cervix, cryosurgery, cautery or excision
04509 Cervical polypectomy
04533 Electric cauterization, cervix
06028 Abscess, web space
06271 Alveolar fracture
07678 Abscess - perianal, I & D, superficial
08601 Radiographic study of sinus, fistula, etc., with contrast media, including injection and fluoroscopy, if necessary
13605 Abscess, superficial opening, including furuncle
13610 Laceration or foreign body, minor (not requiring anesthesia)
13630 Paronychia
13631 Nail removal
P20231 Biopsy, not sutured
P20232 Biopsy, not sutured, multiples same sitting, maximum of four (extra)
P61291 Biopsy, not sutured
70469 Breast biopsy - needle core
70674 Destruction of anal lesion, anus fulguration and condylomata
PS71280 Removal of indwelling enteral tubes with or without exploration of tube insertion site: - not requiring anesthesia (operation only)
71689 Hemorrhoid(s); office procedure (e.g.: band ligation), to include proctoscopy

Procedures Eligible for Mini Tray Fee Service:

00190 Forms of treatment other than excision, x-ray or Grenz ray, such as removal of hemangiomas and warts with electrosurgery, cryotherapy, etc., per visit
00217 Treatment of skin disorders and lesions other than: ultraviolet, x-ray, Grenz ray, such as cryosurgery, etc. - extra
S00744 Thyroid biopsy
14560 Routine pelvic examination including Papanicolaou smear

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Individual Tray Fee Items:			
00094	YAG laser tray service fee	165.00		65.33

NOTES:
i) Applicable to fee items 22113 and 22115 only.
ii) Hospitals and physicians who use hospital based YAG lasers are not eligible to bill this fee.

OUT-OF-OFFICE HOURS PREMIUMS
(Applicable to General Practitioners and Specialists)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

a) The out-of-office hour premium listings apply only to those services initiated and rendered within the designated time limits. They apply to visits to a physician's office only if the office is officially closed during the designated time period.

b) Call-out charges apply only when the physician is specially called to render emergency or non-elective services and only when the physician must travel from one location to another to attend the patient(s).

c) The call-out charge applies only to the first patient examined or treated on any one special visit. A call-out charge is applicable to each special call-out whether or not a previous call-out charge has been billed for the same patient on the same day.

   For example, a physician may provide a consultation during out-of-office hours for which a call-out charge is applicable. The physician may then perform an operation on the same patient at a different time during out-of-office hours. If the physician was specially called, on separate occasions, to render both services and was required to travel from one location to another for both services, it would be appropriate to bill a call-out charge for the consultation and a call-out charge for the operation in addition to the regular fees for the services and any applicable continuing care operative and non-operative surcharges.

d) Within the foregoing guidelines, the call-out charges also are applicable to the attending surgeon post-operatively even though the visit itself may not be chargeable as described in Preamble D. 5. 1.

e) The operative continuing care surcharge applies also to surgical assistant fees.

f) The "home visit" (00103) and "emergency visit when specially called" listings (00111, 00112, 00115, 00205, 02005, 02505, 00305, 00405, 03005, 04005, 00505, 00605, 01705, 06005, 07005, 07805, 08005, 30005, 31005, 32005, 33005, 33205, 33305, 33405, 33505, 33605, 33705, 77005, 79005 and 94005) are not payable in addition to the out-of-office hours premium. Neither are emergency visits payable to the attending surgeon (or his/her substitute) within 10 post-operative days from a surgical procedure (except "operation only" procedures).

g) The non-operative continuing care surcharge applies to delivery only (not standby time or first stage of labour). State in the note field the continuous time spent with the patient during second or third stage of labour only.

h) These items are not applicable to full- or part-time emergency physicians, or physicians designated by a hospital emergency room as the on duty/on site physician. Those physicians are referred to the Emergency Medicine section of this Guide.

i) Call-out charges and continuing care surcharges are also applicable when called from home to provide labour epidural insertions, or to provide subsequent resuscitative care under fee code 01088.

j) The non-operative continuing care surcharge is payable to general practitioners, medical specialists and surgical specialists when non-operative services are provided. Continuing care surcharges are payable to radiologists and nuclear medicine physicians only when the primary service to which the continuing care surcharges apply are payable by the Medical Services Plan on a fee-for-service basis.

k) The following applies in the event that a consultation or visit is followed by surgery: 1) the non-operative continuing care surcharge applies to the consultation or visit, and 2) the operative continuing care surcharge applies to the surgery.

l) Physicians providing anesthetic services may be eligible for continuing care surcharges even if the service is initiated before 1800 hours. That portion of anesthetic services rendered within the designated times are eligible for continuing care surcharges if they fulfil the requirements described in the Anesthetic Continuing Care Surcharges section.

CALL-OUT CHARGES

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Extra to consultation or other visit or to procedure if no consultation or other visits charged.		
01200	Evening (call placed between 1800 hours and 2300 hours and service rendered between 1800 hours and 0800 hours)	147.00	72.17
01201	Night (call placed and service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours).....	206.00	101.35
01202	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (call placed between 0800 hours and 2300 hours).	147.00	72.17
	NOTE: Claims must state time service rendered.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

CONTINUING CARE SURCHARGES

a) NON-OPERATIVE

Applicable when an out-of-office hours call-out charge is applicable or when specially called for an emergency. Timing begins after the first 30 minutes for consultations, visits or anesthetic evaluations. Payment is based on one half hour of care or major portion thereof. Therefore, the first surcharge is billable after 45 minutes of continuous care.

Applicable also, without the 30 minute time lapse and with timing continuing, to immediately subsequent patients seen on the same call-out as an emergency;

Surcharges do not apply to time spent standing by and are based on the amount of time providing care, regardless of the number of patients attended or services provided.

01205	Evening (service rendered between 1800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	135.00	66.36
01206	Night (service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	185.00	90.73
01207	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (Service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof.....	135.00	66.36

NOTES:

i) Claim must state start and end times.

ii) Where timing is continuous, submit an account for each patient, indicating **"CCFPP"** (continuing care from previous patient).

iii) Not applicable to full- or part-time emergency physicians or to on-site practitioners providing coverage in drop-in emergency clinics or hospital emergency rooms.

b) OPERATIVE

Applicable only to emergency surgery or to elective surgery which, because of intervening emergency surgery, commences within the designated times. Applicable only to surgical procedure(s) requiring general, spinal or epidural anesthesia and/or requiring at least 45 minutes of surgical time.

01210	Evening (1800 hours to 2300 hours) – 44.46% of surgical (or assistant) fee		
	– minimum charge	131.00	64.32
	– maximum charge	905.00	443.67

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01211	Night (2300 hours to 0800 hours) – 71.37% of surgical (or assistant) fee		
	– minimum charge	185.00	90.32
	– maximum charge	1271.00	623.05
01212	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (Service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours) – 44.46% of surgical (or assistant) fee		
	– minimum charge	131.00	64.32
	– maximum charge	905.00	443.67

NOTES:

i) When emergency surgery commences within evening time period (1800–2300 hours) and continues into nighttime period (2300–0800 hours), the appropriate item for billing is determined by the period in which the major portion of the surgical time is spent.

ii) When emergency surgery commences prior to 1800 hours, even if the major portion of the surgical time is after 1800 hours, surgical surcharges are not applicable.

iii) If emergency surgery commences prior to 0800 hours and continues after 0800 hours, surcharges are applicable to the entire surgical time.

iv) State time surgery commenced.

c) These items are not applicable to full or part time emergency practitioners, designated by a hospital emergency room as the on duty/on site physician and billing under the Emergency Medicine Section of the Payment Schedule.

ANESTHESIOLOGY

Anesthesiology services are eligible for continuing care surcharges when an out-of-office hours call-out charge is applicable or when specially called for an emergency. Timing begins after the first 30 minutes for consultations, visits or anesthesiology evaluations. Payment is based on one half hour of care or major portion thereof. Therefore, the first surcharge is payable after 45 minutes of continuous care when a call-out charge is applicable. If a call-out charge is not applicable then the first continuing care surcharge is payable after 15 minutes of continuous care as long as the anesthetic service is rendered within the designated times.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Applicable also, without the 30 minute time lapse and with timing continuing, to immediately subsequent patients seen on the same call-out, under the following conditions: i) as an emergency ii) to provide subsequent resuscitative care under fee code 01088. iii) to provide labour epidural insertion under fee code 01102. Surcharges do not apply to time spent standing by unless code 01112 is payable and are based on the amount of time providing care, regardless of the number of patients attended or services provided.		
01215	Evening (service rendered between 1800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	135.00	66.36
01216	Night (service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	185.00	90.73
01217	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (Service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof.....	135.00	66.36
	NOTES: i) Claim must state start and end times. ii) Where timing is continuous submit an account for each patient, indicating "CCFPP" (continuing care from previous patient). iii) Not applicable to full- or part-time emergency physicians or to on-site practitioners providing coverage in drop-in emergency clinics or hospital emergency rooms. iv) When emergency services commence prior to 1800 hours (weekday) and extend beyond 1800 hours, anesthetic surcharges are applicable to the time after 1800 hours. Timing begins at 1800 hours and surcharge payments are based on one half hour of care or major portion thereof. Therefore, the 01215 surcharges in these cases is payable after 15 minutes of continuous care (i.e. 1815 hours). *(notes continued on next page)*		

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

v) When emergency anesthetic services commence prior to 0800 hours and continue after 0800 hours, anesthetic surcharges are only applicable to the time prior to 0800 hours.

vi) Anesthetic surcharges are applicable to services associated with elective surgery which, because of intervening emergency surgery, extends into or commences within the designated times.

DIAGNOSTIC AND SELECTED THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.
Letter prefix **'Y'** indicates office or hospital visits on same day are additional to the procedure fee.

NOTE: The word "extra" implies that the second procedure at the same sitting is charged at 100% of listed fee. The third and subsequent different procedure at the same sitting is charged at 50% of listed fee.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PROCEDURES INVOLVING VISUALIZATION BY INSTRUMENTATION				
S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscopy - procedural fee	288.00	4	117.42
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	531.00	4	207.08
10700	Endobronchial cautery - extra	193.00	6	76.47
	NOTES: i) To a maximum of 3 lesions. ii) Second and third lesion payable at 50% iii) Payable only with S00700 or S00702 and 10702, P10703, S00736 iv) Not payable with P10739 or 02450			
10702	Endobronchial cryotherapy - extra	193.00	6	76.47
	NOTES: To a maximum of 3 lesions Second and third lesion payable at 50% Payable only with S00700 or S00702 and 10700, P10703, S00736 Not paid with P10739, 02450 and 02422			
P10703	Transbronchial Needle Aspiration (TBNA)	127.00	6	69.64
	NOTES: i) To a maximum of 3 separate stations or lesions ii) Second and third station or lesion payable at 100% iii) Payable with S00700, S00702 or P10739 and 10700, 10702, S00736 iv) Paid at 100% with other diagnostic procedures.			
S00719	Thoracoscopy	464.00	7	329.62
S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee	141.00	5	37.70
	NOTE: S00701 not payable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesia.			
S00717	Microlaryngoscopy - procedural fee	277.00	5	75.39

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTE: S00717 to be charged at 50% if performed with a surgical procedure (see also fee items 02423, 02428 and 02429).			
SY00907	Endoscopic flexible or rigid examination of the nose and nasopharynx - procedure only	122.00	3	33.07
SY00908	– procedure and biopsy	197.00	3	52.89
SY00909	Flexible fiberoptic nasopharyngolaryngoscopy	145.00	3	39.06
	NOTES: i) SY00909 is not payable with S00700, S00702, SY00907, SY00908 or 02540. ii) Billable only by certified Otolaryngologists.			
S00704	Cystoscopy to include dilation and panendoscopy - procedural fee	347.00	2	95.37
S00705	Cystoscopy with catheterization of ureters (with kidney function test and injection of solution for pyelogram) to include dilation and panendoscopy - procedural fee	370.00	2	101.51
	Upper Gastrointestinal System			
S10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	400.00	3	89.73
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74
S10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy	128.00	3	29.06
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761, S10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.			
S10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma	196.00	3	43.58
	NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10763 at 100%. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.			
PSY10750	Transnasal esophagogastroduodenoscopy (TGD), procedural fee	299.00		89.73
	NOTE: Restricted to Gastroenterology, General Internal Medicine and General Surgery specialists trained in this procedure.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P10708	Video capsule endoscopy using M2A capsule – professional fee NOTE: Payable for gastrointestinal bleeding suspected to originate in the small intestine, and only after other investigations have ruled out other causes.	727.00		256.63
	Lower Gastrointestinal System			
SY00715	Sigmoidoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	145.00	2	37.98
SY10714	Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid - diagnostic	141.00	2	35.40
SY00716	Sigmoidoscopy, flexible - diagnostic.....	263.00	2	76.09
SY00718	– with biopsy	335.00	2	77.34
S10730	Colonoscopy, flexible, via colostomy - single or multiple.....	978.00	4	240.14
S10731	Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure - diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing	978.00	2	231.61
S10732	– with removal of foreign body	1108.00	2	272.07
S10733	– with control of bleeding, any method.....	1241.00	2	303.99
	Notes: i) Proctosigmoidoscopy is the examination of the rectum and sigmoid colon. i) Sigmoidoscopy is the examination of the entire rectum, sigmoid colon and may include examination of a portion of the descending colon. ii) Colonoscopy is the examination of the entire colon, from the rectum to the caecum, and may include the examination of the terminal ileum.			
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	330.00	4	195.57
10900	Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair using endovascular stent graft – second operator	2380.00		509.83
	Notes: i) Intraoperative renal artery angioplasty payable in addition at 50% of fee item S00982 when done. ii) Intravascular stent placement – extra (10919) paid in addition under 10919 at 100%. iii) This fee will not be paid to the primary operator.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10901	Percutaneous image-guided catheter directed thrombolysis of peripheral vein/artery	1443.00	2	587.65
	NOTES: i) Includes any medically necessary angiographies, any necessary imaging, all necessary catheter repositioning and ongoing assessment and care throughout the patient's active treatment phase. ii) Payable at 100% for the first 12 hours of care and 50% for each additional 12 hours of care, up to 36 hours. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
10902	Peripherally inserted image-guided central venous catheter line (PICC)	273.00	2	111.94
	NOTES: i) Interventional Radiology consultation not payable in addition, regardless of when rendered. ii) Not applicable if performed via other than peripheral access iii) Includes placement, venogram/angiogram, and all medically required image guidance. iv) May not be delegated.			
10903	Percutaneous hemodialysis graft thrombolysis	1443.00	2	587.65
	NOTES: i) Includes declotting and treatment of underlying cause of access failure ii) Includes angioplasty and all necessary imaging and intervention iii) Consultation not payable in addition, regardless of when rendered. iv) An interventional radiology consultation is not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			
P10904	Percutaneous transcatheter arterial chemo-embolization (TACE)	1443.00	3	587.65
	NOTES: i) Fee is per session/sitting regardless of number of lesions treated ii) Includes all associated imaging necessary to complete procedure iii) Interventional radiology consultation is payable.			
P10905	Cerebral intra-arterial thrombolysis	3288.00	5	1307.68

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Payable only once, regardless of number of arterial territories treated ii) Includes all diagnostic and superselective angiograms performed during procedure and immediate post procedure CT scans iii) An interventional radiology consultation is not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			
10906	Image-guided percutaneous vertebroplasty – first level.....	959.00	4	363.79
10907	– each additional level (to a maximum of 3).....	225.00	4	83.96
	NOTES: i) Payable only when rendered on in-patient or day-care basis in acute care facility. ii) Payable for osteoporotic fractures only if conservative therapy shows no or minimal improvement after 4-6 weeks and pain remains incapacitating. iii) Includes all associated diagnostic imaging, including post procedural CT scan necessary to complete the procedure iv) Interventional Radiology consultation not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			
10908	Percutaneous image-guided tumour ablation – first lesion.....	1443.00	3	528.39
	NOTES: i) Payable only for non-resectable liver, kidney, lung tumours; colorectal metastases and osteoid osteoma. ii) Payable to a maximum of 3 lesions treated at the same session – 100% for first lesion, 75% for second lesion and 25% for third lesion. iii) Includes all CT and ultrasound guidance necessary to complete the procedure. iv) Paid at 50% if repeated within 30 days. v) Interventional Radiology consultation is payable			
P10909	Percutaneous intravascular/intracorporeal medical device/foreign body removal	959.00	3	391.78

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) All angiography, angioplasty and/or intravascular stenting included. ii) If a second or third foreign body/medical device is removed, payable at 50% each to a total maximum of three. iii) An interventional radiology consultation is not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			
P10911	Selective salpingography/fallopian tube recanalization (FTR)	959.00	2	391.78
	NOTES: i) Hysterosalpingogram not payable in conjunction with the procedure. ii) Paid at 2/3 of the fee if unilateral. iii) FTR is not an insured benefit when it is used to correct scarring of the fallopian tubes after reversal of tubal ligation. iv) Any imaging related to the procedure is inclusive. v) An interventional radiology consultation is not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			
P10912	Transjugular liver/renal biopsy	959.00	2	391.78
	NOTES: i) Ultrasound guidance, venous puncture, central access catheter are included in the fee. ii) Payable only for uncorrectable coagulopathy. iii) The first biopsy is payable at 100%, the second and third at 50% up to a maximum of three per patient per day. iv) If repeated within 6 months, payable at 50%. v) An interventional radiology consultation is not payable unless the procedure is cancelled.			

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection on contrast material.

S00722	Arteriography, operative - procedural fee	308.00		75.51
S00721	Myelogram - procedural fee	111.00	2	44.04
S00723	Sialogram (per duct) or galactograms (per blast) - procedure fee for injection	105.00	2	46.96
S00724	Presacral air insufflation - procedural fee	105.00	2	39.04
S00727	Salpingogram - procedural fee	175.00	2	74.93

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00728	Orthodiagram - procedural fee	42.45	2	11.87
S00729	Fluoroscopy of chest by internist or pediatrician - procedural fee	49.15		11.11
S00730	Catheterization of bronchi for bronchogram - procedural fee NOTE: When performed in conjunction with a bronchoscopy (S00700) both fees are to be paid in full.	72.90	4	27.39
S00732	Voiding cystourethrogram - procedural fee NOTE: When done in conjunction with 08599	40.05	2	19.67
S00733	Venogram, intraosseous or intravenous - procedural fee	164.00	2	59.38
S00734	Lymphangiography or lymphography - surgical component (See item 08614)	363.00		130.52
S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) - procedural fee (extra)	288.00	4	66.73
P10739	Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) NOTES: i) Not payable with S00700, S00702, 02450, 10700 or 10702 i) Fee item P10703 an S00736 payable in addition	959.00	6	387.16
S00743	Localizing of non-palpable breast lesion	246.00	2	120.67
S00811	Joint injection, aspiration or arthrogram, under radiological guidance - procedural fee NOTE**:** If joint injection, aspiration and/or arthrogram are done at the same time, under radiological guidance, only S00811 x 1 per joint is billable.	110.00	2	53.13
S00826	Biopsy of pancreas - percutaneous	331.00	2	101.44
S00857	Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram - included in fee item S00980.	259.00	2	113.15
S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	1043.00	2	275.79
P10735	Rectal endoscopy utilizing ultrasound (radial/linear) Note: Includes mucosal biopsy	429.00		153.99
P10740	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial ultrasound	750.00		256.63
P10741	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing linear ultrasound	750.00		256.63

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) P10740 and P10741 are payable only when done in publicly funded acute care facilities. ii) P10741 payable at 50% when done subsequent to P10740 (same patient/same day)			
P10742	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with biopsy using fine needle aspiration, to a maximum of 3 per lesion.	148.00		51.33
	NOTES: i) Payable with P10740 or P10741 only. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%. Second and third biopsies payable at 50%			
P10743	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with injection of one or more of any of the following – metastases, nodes, masses or celiac plexus – extra	429.00		153.99
	NOTE: Payable with P10740 or P10741 only.			
P10744	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with drainage of pseudocyst (including stent insertion if performed) – extra	573.00		205.32
	NOTE: Payable with P10740 or P10741 only.			

THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

S00738	Removal of biliary calculi by Burhenne technique	514.00	4	205.35
S00746	Reduction of intussusception using hydrostatic pressure, procedural fee	241.00	4	97.16
	NOTE: Fee item 08576 is payable in addition, when performed.			
S00921	Varicocele and/or uterine artery embolization - unilateral	1056.00	3	463.39
S00925	Varicocele and/or uterine artery embolization - bilateral	1471.00	3	672.22
	NOTES: i) Fee items S00921 and S00925 include all angiographies necessary to perform the procedure. ii) Fee item 08617 or 08618 payable in addition when service rendered in out-patient department. iii) Interventional Radiology consultation is payable with S00921 and S00925.			
S00977	Antegrade pyelogram (not billable in conjunction with S00978 or S00979)	242.00	2	105.87

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00978	Percutaneous nephrostomy - procedural fee	631.00	2	300.12
S00979	Percutaneous nephrostomy, with dilatation of tract for endoscopic urological manipulation - procedural fee	834.00	2	400.08
S00980	Transhepatic biliary drainage procedure (includes fee item S00857)	883.00	3	423.99
S00981	Therapeutic radiological embolization	883.00	3	423.99
S00982	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	842.00	2	404.15
	NOTES: i) Includes one step procedure involving inflation and deployment of a stent. ii) When stent is not deployed initially and follows angioplasty (two step), bill the stent as fee item 10919 at 50%.			
S00983	Percutaneous abdominal abscess drainage by catheter insertion	514.00	2	276.05
S00984	Exchange of previously inserted catheter or tract dilatation for percutaneous biliary or renal drainage	289.00	2	126.46
S00989	Extra-corporeal shockwave lithotripsy	450.00	4	136.17
S00994	Extra-corporeal shockwave biliary lithotripsy - procedure only	431.00	4	166.54
	NOTES: i) S00994 generally is applicable to common bile duct stones, only. ii) S00994 is applicable to stones in the gall bladder only where cholecystectomy is contraindicated because of the medical condition of the patient. For other cases, Clause C. 6. of the Preamble applies.			
00995	Embolization of brain and spinal cord AVM's	5094.00	3	2091.29
	NOTES: i) Tolerance testing (e.g.: super selective Amytal test) performed during embolization is included. ii) Includes functional testing in the awake patient.			
S00997	Detachable balloon embolization	3502.00	3	1307.68
	NOTES: i) To include all balloons placed during the procedure. ii) Repeat procedures billable at 100%.			
00998	Embolization of head, neck and spinal vascular lesions	4321.00	3	1612.74

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) 00995, S00997, and 00998 include the consultations associated with the procedure performed, preparation of the embolizing agent(s) and catheter(s), catheterization(s) and follow-up care of the patient by the radiologist. ii) 00995, S00997 and 00998 are billable only by physicians with appropriate training in interventional neuroradiology. iii) 00995, S00997 and 00998 are payable once per day, regardless of the number of embolizations or catheterizations performed, or balloons inserted. iv) 00995 and 00998 include: a) Diagnostic angiograms done during the procedure. b) Angiograms performed as a separate procedure before or after the embolization are billable. c) Physicians may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted embolization procedure. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of $1,700. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected. d) Repeat procedures performed by the same physician and done within 30 days of the original procedure will be paid at 75% of the original fee. v) Includes 10913 if performed on same day as 00995, S00997 or 00998.			
10913	Cerebral arterial balloon occlusion tolerance test	1695.00	5	796.15

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable for procedures performed on cerebral, carotid or vertebral arteries; ii) Radiological assists payable under fee items 08632 and 08633. iii) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, any diagnostic angiography done immediately prior to or during the procedure; iv) Payable once per day, regardless of the number of balloon catheters inserted; v) Repeats within 30 days included in payment for original procedure. vi) Included in payment for endovascular obliteration of an aneurysm using the GDC technique (10915) or embolization (00995, S00997, 00998) if performed on the same day.			
10914	Percutaneous balloon angioplasty for cerebral vasospasm	2172.00	9	1023.28
	NOTES: i) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, diagnostic cerebral angiography done during the procedure and any necessary imaging performed at the time of the procedure; ii) Includes catheterization of any and all cerebral arteries. iii) Payable once per day regardless of number of vascular territories or times treated. iv) Medically necessary extra cranial angioplasty and stenting required to enable access for balloon angioplasty payable at 50% of S00982. v) Radiological assists are payable under fee items 08632 and 08633. vi) Physician may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted 10914. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of 75% of fee item 10914. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected. vii) Not payable with fee item P10905.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10915	Endovascular obliteration of aneurysms using Guglielmi detachable coil (GDC) technique	4239.00	7	1990.40
	NOTES: i) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, any diagnostic angiography performed at time of procedure and any necessary imaging performed at the time of the procedure; ii) Includes 10913 when performed on same day; iii) Separate micro catheterization included if required; iv) Multiple aneurysms paid as follows: 2nd - 50%; 3rd - 25% (to a maximum of three aneurysms); v) Radiological assists are payable under fee items 08632 and 08633; vi) Fee item 08629 not payable in addition. vii) Physician may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted 10915. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of 75% of fee item 10915. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected.			
10918	Percutaneous sclerotherapy of head and neck vascular lesions under fluoroscopic guidance.....	996.00	6	468.33
	NOTES: i) Payable once per day, regardless of the number of lesions treated on head or neck; ii) Fee item 08629 not payable in addition. iii) Includes necessary post-operative visits by physician performing procedure iv) Compression sclerotherapy listings (fee items 77050-77060) not payable with 10918).			
10919	Intravascular stent placement - extra	308.00		129.12
	NOTES: i) Includes all diagnostic imaging associated with stent placement.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Payable once only when contiguous vessels are stented and/or where more than one stent is used per site. iii) When stent is not deployed initially and follows angioplasty procedure (00982) (two step), 10919 payable at 50%. iv) Placement of second stent in non-contiguous site payable at 50%. v) Procedures repeated within 30 days are payable at 50%.Not payable for Coronary stent placement. vi) Not payable for Coronary stent placement. vii) When done with 77177 (EVAR), payable to either the primary or the second operator			
10920	Intracorporeal stent placement - extra	308.00		129.12
	NOTES: i) Includes all diagnostic imaging associated with stent placement. ii) Includes all associated tract dilation(s). iii) Second procedure same day payable at 50%. iv) Removal of stent within 6 months of insertion payable at 50%. v) Payable only when stents are placed in the same organ and/or where more than one stent is used per site or when repositioning of stent required. vi) Placement of second stent in non-contiguous site payable at 50%.			

NEEDLE BIOPSY PROCEDURES

These biopsies include only those done by needle. Biopsies involving the incision of skin or mucous membrane or involving total or partial removal of a lesion are regarded as surgical procedures, i.e. biopsy of breast, brain, larynx, skin, facial skin, lymph nodes, prostate, etc.

S00739	Percutaneous lung or mediastinal biopsy - procedural fee	220.00	2	106.79
S00740	Liver biopsy - procedural fee	175.00	2	105.37
S00741	Splenic biopsy - procedural fee	175.00	2	105.37
S00742	Renal biopsy - procedural fee	242.00	2	106.79
S00744	Thyroid biopsy - procedural fee	223.00	2	71.92
S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedural fee	174.00	2	48.94

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00747	Prostate biopsy - procedural fee	119.00	2	32.47
S00748	Bone biopsy under local/regional anesthetic	143.00		63.72
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis - procedural fee	200.00	2	130.41
S00844	Biopsy of salivary gland, fine needle or core needle	220.00	3	54.02

PUNCTURE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING BODY FLUIDS (When performed for diagnostic purposes)

SY00750	Lumbar puncture in a patient 13 years of age and over	209.00	2	54.99
	Note: Procedure not payable with Critical Care sectional fee items or chemotherapy fee items.			
S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	200.00	3	165.44
S00752	Cisternal puncture - procedural fee	105.00	2	38.28
S00753	Marrow aspiration - procedural fee	145.00	2	43.77
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	29.85	2	6.38
SY00757	Joint aspiration - procedural fee (not in addition to 00014 or 00015) - other joints	42.45	2	11.99
S00759	Paracentesis (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	96.40	2	84.00
S00760	Paracentesis (abdominal) - procedural fee	69.70	2	25.79
S00761	Cyst or bursa - procedural fee	124.00	2	14.60

ALLERGY, PATCH AND PHOTOPATCH TESTS

S00762	Scratch test - per antigen	7.00		1.06
	Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 16 antigens are used.			
S00763	– children under 5 years of age - per antigen	7.45		2.32
	Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 14 antigens are used.			
S00764	Intracutaneous test - per test	9.95		2.15
S00765	Annual maximum (to include scratch or intracutaneous tests) per patient for each physician	159.00		34.40
S00767	Patch testing (extra) - annual maximum is 80 tests - per test	6.45		1.96
S00768	Photopatch test - per test	37.75		5.66
S00769	Photopatch test - annual maximum	378.00		56.69

EXAMINATION UNDER ANESTHESIA (When done as independent procedure)

S00770	Pelvic examination under anesthesia when done as an independent procedure - procedural fee	322.00	2	150.00
S00771	Retinal examination under anesthesia - procedural fee	88.20	3	20.08

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
GYNECOLOGICAL				
S00775	Hydrotubation NOTE: When S00775 is done in conjunction with laparoscopy, fee included in laparoscopy fee.	123.00		44.57
S00776	Fetal scalp sampling	123.00		44.57
S00782	Needle aspiration of pouch of Douglas - procedural fee	95.50	2	35.33
S00783	Huhner's Test - procedural fee	123.00		44.57
S00784	Cervix punch biopsy - procedural fee	48.00	2	19.23
S00785	Endometrial biopsy - procedural fee NOTE: Includes Pap smear if required.	123.00	2	44.57
S00786	Pelvic examination with needle aspiration of Pouch Douglas under anesthesia when not followed by a surgical procedure by the same surgeon	170.00	2	46.94
S00787	Transabdominal amniocentesis	266.00	2	87.80
S00790	Antepartum fetal heart monitoring (not to be charged for intrapartum fetal heart monitoring nor when done in conjunction with a consultation) - professional fee	52.70		17.61
S00794	Chorionic villus sampling NOTE: Includes ultrasound guidance of the villus biopsy.	368.00	2	120.73
S00807	Diagnostic hysteroscopy NOTE: Not payable in addition to a D&C.	354.00	2	123.29
S00808	Diagnostic hysteroscopy with biopsy(s), includes D&C	542.00	2	187.08
S00815	Laparoscopically directed biopsies and/or lysis of adhesions (extra)	175.00	4	62.32
S00819	Diagnostic vaginoscopy, under general anesthetic NOTES: i) Payable only for premenarchal patients unless medical necessity provided in the note record. ii) Not billable in addition to hysteroscopy.	354.00	2	123.31
UROLOGICAL				
S00802	Urethrogram	144.00	2	39.53
S00792	Cystoureterogram - technical fee	35.60	2	12.48
S00793	– professional fee	18.90		6.24
S00799	Transurethral ureterorenoscopy to include C&P	575.00		158.13
S00800	Transurethral ureterorenoscopy with x-ray control to include C&P	1397.00	2	384.37
S00803	Loopogram	151.00		54.51

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00866	Dynamic cavernosometry and cavernosography NOTE: Interpretation of x-ray is included in technical portion and is not billable in addition to procedure.	288.00	2	79.05
S00878	Cystometry, to include pelvic floor EMG	206.00		56.24
S00874	Urethral profilometry (water or gas)	72.50		19.77
S00875	Uroflowimetry (with sphincter EMG with or without pharmacologic manipulation)	116.00		31.64
S00876	Video uro-dynamics (full study) includes S00874, S00875 and S00878.	560.00		154.16

MISCELLANEOUS

S00780	Schirmer's test (included in fee item 02015)	57.80		13.15
SY00789	Peritoneal lavage	281.00	2	85.74
S00797	Esophageal motility test	561.00		176.15
S00788	– technical fee	300.00		74.35
S00798	– professional fee	259.00		101.79
S00818	Esophageal pH study for reflux (extra) - professional fee	177.00		40.82
S00817	– technical fee	54.40		12.44
S00809	Retrograde pancreatography	937.00	3	216.54
S00869	Manometry, anal - adult	259.00	2	101.37
P10320	Insertion of permanent pleural drainage catheter NOTES: i) Not to be billed for simple thoracocentesis or placement of a temporary pigtail drainage catheter. ii) Not paid with 32031, 00749, 07924 and 08646	543.00	5	231.19
P10321	Removal of permanent pleural drainage catheter NOTE: Not paid with 32031, 00749, 07924 and 08646.	287.00	2	68.71
	Removal of indwelling Enteral tubes with or without exploration of tube insertion site:			
PS71280	- not requiring anesthesia (operation only)			
PS71281	requiring local or regional anesthesia (operation only)			
PS71282	requiring general anesthesia (operation only)			
PS71283	replacement of tube - extra			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Tray fee is not paid when the procedure is performed in hospital or publicly funded facilities (D&T centers, psychiatric facilities). ii) Not paid with Fee item 07517, 07518, 07519, 07562, 07781, 07782, 07783, and 70637. iii) Restricted to General Surgeons.			

CARDIO-VASCULAR PROCEDURES

S00801	Intra-arterial cannulation (with multiple aspirations) - procedural fee	96.40		22.10
S00810	Right heart catheterization - by duly qualified specialist	724.00	4	165.44
S00812	Selective angiocardiogram (extra) - by duly qualified specialist	242.00	4	55.52
S00813	Ergonovine provocative testing for coronary artery spasm	351.00	4	79.14
S00814	Dye dilution studies (extra) - by duly qualified specialist	242.00	4	55.52
S00816	Hydrogen ion study	119.00	2	28.96
S00830	Trans-septal left heart catheterization - by duly qualified specialist	886.00	4	234.36
S00839	Direct intracoronary streptokinase thrombolysis NOTE: When coronary angiography and/or angioplasty performed in addition, the lesser procedure(s) to be charged at 50% of listed fee(s).	1447.00	4	360.09
S00842	Percutaneous coronary intervention – for additional vessel(s), per vessel NOTES: i) Only payable in addition to 33133 or 33134. ii) When temporary pacemaker insertion is performed in addition, it will be payable at 50% of listed fee(s). iii) Maximum of 5 named vessels per patient. iv) Name of vessel(s) must be provided in the note record. Percutaneous coronary intervention anatomical named vessels (Including Coronary artery bypass graft to vessels below): Right Coronary: • Right coronary artery • Right posterior descending artery • Right posterior atrioventricular artery • First right posterolateral artery	819.00		189.01

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	• Second right posterolateral artery • Acute marginal artery • Inferior septal artery Left Coronary: • Left main coronary artery • Left anterior descending artery • First diagonal artery • Second diagonal artery • Ramus artery • Circumflex artery • First obtuse marginal artery • Second obtuse marginal artery • Third obtuse marginal artery • Left atrioventricular artery • First left posterolateral artery • Second left posterolateral artery • Left posterior descending artery • First septal artery			
S00843	Selective arteriography or venography of any abdominal branch by catheter (extra) - first branch (each additional branch 50% extra)	253.00	2	100.64
S00847	Selective arteriography of any thoracic aortic branch, excluding coronaries (extra) - first branch (each additional branch 50% extra)	411.00	2	163.17
	Pulse tracing, including interpretation:			
S00871	– intravascular including both arterial and venous	242.00		55.52
S00880	Portal pressures - hepatic vein wedge pressure - by duly qualified specialist	242.00		65.66
S00881	– percutaneous splenic portal pressure	200.00	2	52.55
S00898	Balloon septostomy	1272.00	7	336.90
S00890	Aortogram - abdominal - procedural fee	289.00	2	115.88
S00897	– thoracic - procedural fee (extra except when part of a retrograde left heart catheterization)	420.00	2	166.58
S00892	Arteriogram - procedural fee - carotid percutaneous - unilateral	321.00	3	114.52
S00891	– bilateral	468.00	3	172.20
S00893	– femoral or axillary	233.00	2	88.68
S00894	– cerebral - by dissection	522.00	3	193.05
S00853	Superior venacavogram (by indirect means)	78.10	2	24.18
S00854	Inferior venacavogram	289.00	2	115.88
S00855	Selective catheterization of branches of inferior vena cava or iliac system - first branch	225.00	2	90.00
S00856	– others	151.00	2	59.83

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00888	Ventriculogram, when no ventricular access device is present (i.e. ventricular reservoir, VP shunt or drain)	727.00	3	256.41
S00889	Ventriculogram, through previously placed ventricular access device, drain or catheter	365.00	3	128.22
S00896	Pulmonary arteriography	393.00	3	140.67
S00885	Digital angiography - peripheral injection NOTE: S00885 includes catheterization and contrast injection(s).	113.00	2	46.83
S00857	Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram (included in fee item S00980)	259.00	2	113.15
S00919	Impedance plethysmography - professional fee	24.20		6.89
S00920	– technical fee	119.00		34.55
10916	Complex diagnostic neuroangiography for the assessment of complex vascular tumours or vascular malformations - up to 4 hours procedural time	3107.00	5	1170.81
10917	– after 4 hours (extra to 10916) NOTES: i) Includes injection of six or more intracranial or extracranial vessels in the head, neck and/or spine, or if procedure requires use of microcatheters, injection of four or more vessels. ii) Start and stop times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iii) This listing is not payable when performed concurrently with other interventional radiology procedures. iv) Subsequent consecutive interventional radiology procedures are payable at a) 50% if performed by same operator; b) 100% if performed by different operator.	637.00		292.72

CARDIOLOGY ASSISTANT FEES

00845	First hour or fraction thereof	242.00		111.04
00846	After one hour, for each 15 minutes or fraction thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	49.15		27.77

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
ELECTRODIAGNOSIS				
	Items Under:			
	- Intensity duration curve - each muscle			
	- Electromyograph - each muscle			
	- Motor nerve conduction study - each nerve			
	- Sensory nerve conduction study - each nerve			
	- Tetanic stimulation test - each muscle			
	Bill According To:			
S00900	Schedule A - extensive examination (8 or more items)	465.00		121.85
S00901	Schedule B - limited examination (4 to 7 items)	324.00		81.49
S00902	Schedule C - short examination (1 to 3 items)	159.00		40.61
S00923	Technical fee for electrodiagnostic testing	78.70		20.39
S00905	Daily measurements of nerve conduction thresholds in facial palsy	24.30		6.35
S00906	– maximum per course	161.00		44.15
S00914	Insertion of sphenoidal electrodes temporal lobe epilepsy - EEG recording	161.00		43.61
S00915	Intra-carotid injection of sodium amytal - speech localization test	357.00	2	98.01
S00926	Seizure activation with intravenous activating agents associated with insertion of sphenoidal and/or orbital electrodes	532.00	2	147.86
S00922	Electrodiagnostic component of the decamethoniumedrophonium test for myasthenia gravis, inclusive of tetanic stimulation tests	168.00		57.26
S00927	Decamethonium test - for attendance at and follow-up observation if necessary	152.00		34.34
S00944	Tilt table testing with continuous ECG monitoring and automatic BP recording - total fee	1268.00		290.15
S00947	– professional fee	688.00		178.57
S00948	– technical fee	522.00		111.59

NOTES:

i) Applicable only for investigation for diagnosis of neurally mediated syncope.

ii) Physician must be present throughout duration of procedure.

iii) Includes testing before and if necessary, after pharmacological provocation.

iv) Requires backup resuscitation equipment and materials.

v) Routine ECG not billable in addition.

vi) Restricted to facilities licensed to perform cardiac electrophysiology testing.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
POLYSOMNOGRAM/OVERNIGHT HOME OXIMETRY				
	Overnight home oximetry (continuous recording of oxygen and pulse)			
S00910	– professional fee	114.00		27.90
S00911	– technical fee.....	60.40		15.62
	NOTE: Fee items S00910 and S00911 are limited to Category III pulmonary function diagnostic facilities and/or polysomnography diagnostic facilities with the established personnel qualifications for such facilities.			
S11915	Standard polysomnography - professional fee	448.00		167.40
S11916	Standard polysomnography - technical fee	1037.00		387.02
S11917	Two-night polysomnography - professional fee.....	672.00		251.10
S11918	Two-night polysomnography - technical fee	2071.00		774.04
	NOTE: Fee items S11917 and S11918 are restricted to the UBC Sleep Laboratory at this time.			
S11919	Multiple sleep latency test (MSLT) - professional fee	223.00		83.70
S11920	Multiple sleep latency test (MSLT) - technical fee	518.00		193.51
PS11925	Four channel home polysomnography – Professional fee	210.00		83.61
PS11926	Four channel home polysomnography – Technical fee	210.00		83.86
PULMONARY INVESTIGATIVE AND FUNCTION STUDIES				
S00930	Peak expiratory flow rate.....	26.10		5.54
	NOTE: Fee item S00930 payable when performed in physician's office (not restricted to an accredited facility).			
	Diagnostic Procedures:			
S00928	Simple screening spirometry with FVC, FEV(i) and FEV(i)/FVC ratio using a portable apparatus - without bronchodilators	55.30		12.77
S00929	– before and after bronchodilators	82.90		18.90
S00931	Lung volumes - all subdivision of lung volume, to include vital capacity plus measurement of FRC and residual volume - professional fee.....	63.40		14.18
S00932	– technical fee.....	63.40		14.18
S00933	Spirometry - forced expiratory spirogram to include FVC, FEV(i), FEV/FVC ratio MMEFR, etc. - without bronchodilators - professional fee	49.15		11.61
S00934	– technical fee.....	49.15		11.11
S00935	– before and after bronchodilators - professional fee.....	55.30		13.27

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00936	– technical fee	63.40		14.18
S00937	Spirometry - flow volume loops - without bronchodilators - professional fee	49.15		11.61
S00938	– technical fee	82.90		18.20
S00940	– before and after bronchodilators - professional fee	63.40		14.68
S00941	– technical fee	119.00		26.92
S00942	Diffusion studies with carbon monoxide - at rest or exercise - professional fee	67.10		15.11
S00943	– technical fee	39.90		12.87
S00945	Detailed pulmonary function studies - professional fee (includes S00931, S00935 and S00942)	185.00		42.06
S00946	– technical fee (includes S00932, S00936 and S00943)	176.00		40.29
	NOTE: Fee items S00931, S00932, S00933, S00934, S00935, S00936, S00942 and S00943 will be paid at 100%.			
	Exercise Studies:			
	NOTE: No more than one exercise study item may be billed for a single patient on any one day without written explanation.			
S00950	Progressive exercise test with at least three workloads, measuring ventilation and electro-cardiographic monitoring - professional fee	96.40		22.10
S00951	– technical fee	145.00		32.59
S00954	Exercise in a steady state at two or more workloads with measurements of ventilation, 0_2 and $C0_2$ exchange, and electro-cardiographic monitoring - professional fee	355.00		91.95
S00955	– technical fee	228.00		59.06
S00956	Exercise in a steady state at two or more workloads with measurements of ventilation, O_2 and CO_2 exchange, electrocardiographic monitoring, arterial blood gases, measurement of Aa gradients and physiological dead space - professional fee	424.00		109.46
S00957	– technical fee	300.00		70.32
S00958	Testing for exercise-induced asthma by serial flow measurements - professional fee	96.40		22.35
S00959	– technical fee	145.00		32.95

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Miscellaneous Pulmonary Tests:			
S00964	Plethysmography and airway resistance - professional fee	57.40		13.47
S00965	– technical fee	119.00		26.92
S00968	Inhalation challenge - assessed by serial flow measurements, per day - professional fee	159.00		36.41
S00969	– technical fee	159.00		36.41
S00970	Precipitin tests - one or more antigens - professional fee	49.15		11.11
S00971	– technical fee	119.00		26.92
S00972	CO_2/O_2 responsiveness of respiratory centres by steady state test or rebreathing test - professional fee	82.90		18.20
S00973	– technical fee	49.15		11.11
S00974	Inspiratory and expiratory muscle strength - professional fee	47.75		12.25
S00975	– technical fee	47.75		12.72
S11960	Oximetry at rest, with or without Oxygen – professional fee	18.25		4.72
S11961	Oximetry at rest, with or without Oxygen – technical fee	19.65		5.10
S11962	Oximetry at rest and exercise, with or without Oxygen – professional fee	39.40		10.21
S11963	Oximetry at rest and exercise, with or without Oxygen – technical fee	61.70		15.94
	Sputum induction for the assessment of inflammatory cells, preparation & staining of sputum, for patients 12+ years:			
PSY11964	– professional fee	37.65		20.57
PSY11965	– technical fee	160.00		44.36

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Respirologists.

ii) Maximum of one assessment per patient per day.

iii) Annual maximum four per year. Two additional tests will be considered if accompanied by a note record.

iv) Not payable in addition to bronchoscopy 00700, 00702.

EVOKED RESPONSE PROCEDURES

S00985	Brainstem auditory evoked response, supra threshold testing for integrity of brainstem function	212.00		48.66

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00986	Somatosensory evoked response - upper extremity	145.00		37.08
S00987	– upper and lower extremity	285.00		64.10
S00988	Visual evoked response	321.00		71.89

ORTHOPAEDIC DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

SHOULDER GIRDLE, CLAVICLE AND HUMERUS

Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11200	Arthroscopy shoulder joint	1157.00	2	298.77

Incision: Diagnostic, Open:

11215	Arthrotomy shoulder joint or bursa	720.00	2	186.72

Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11230	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11232	Arthroscopy - biopsy, shoulder	938.00	2	242.74

Excision: Diagnostic, Open:

11245	Biopsy - open	939.00	2	242.74

ELBOW, PROXIMAL RADIUS AND ULNA

Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11300	Arthroscopy elbow joint	1037.00	2	268.43
S11302	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath.	90.10	2	23.23

Incision: Diagnostic, Open:

11315	Arthrotomy elbow joint	720.00	2	186.72

Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11330	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11332	Arthroscopy and biopsy	1146.00	2	296.44

Excision: Diagnostic, Open:

11345	Open biopsy NOTE: Not billable with other procedures on the same joint.	939.00	2	242.74

HAND AND WRIST

Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11400	Arthroscopy wrist joint	720.00	2	287.62
S11402	Aspiration - bursa, synovial sheath, etc.	90.10	2	23.23

Incision: Diagnostic, Open:

11415	Arthrotomy wrist joint (isolated procedure)	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
11416	Arthrotomy - MP, PIP, DIP joints (isolated procedure)	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11430	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11432	Arthroscopy and biopsy, wrist /hand joint(s)	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11445	Open biopsy, hand or wrist	939.00	2	242.74

PELVIS, HIP AND FEMUR

	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11500	Arthroscopy hip joint	2009.00	3	518.18
S11501	Aspiration hip joint	90.10	2	23.23
S11502	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath.	44.90	2	11.63
	Incision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11515	Arthrotomy hip joint	1151.00	3	298.77
	Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11530	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11532	Arthroscopy and biopsy, hip	2009.00	3	518.18
	Excision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11545	Arthrotomy and biopsy, hip	939.00	3	242.74
11546	Biopsy open, soft tissue or bone	939.00	2	242.74

FEMUR, KNEE JOINT, TIBIA AND FIBULA

	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11600	Arthroscopy knee joint	830.00	2	214.73
S11602	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath or other peri-articular structures	90.10	2	23.23
	Incision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11615	Arthrotomy knee joint	938.00	3	242.74
	Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11630	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11632	Arthroscopy - biopsy	830.00	2	214.73
	Excision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11645	Biopsy - open	939.00	2	242.74

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
TIBIAL METAPHYSIS (DISTAL), ANKLE AND FOOT				
	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11700	Arthroscopy - ankle joint/subtalar joint	720.00	2	186.72
S11702	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath	90.10	2	23.23
	Incision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11715	Ankle joint	720.00	2	186.72
11716	Subtalar joint	720.00	2	186.72
11717	Midtarsal joint	720.00	2	186.72
11718	Tarso-metatarsal, metatarsal-phalangeal, interphalangeal joint	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision: Diagnostic:			
S11730	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
11745	Open biopsy, under general anesthetic	939.00	2	242.74
VERTEBRA, FACET AND SPINE				
	Excision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11830	Needle biopsy, soft tissue/bone - thoracic spine, under general anesthetic	830.00	2	214.73
S11831	Needle biopsy, soft tissue/bone - lumbar spine, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision: Diagnostic, Open:			
11845	Biopsy, under general anesthetic NOTE: Not payable with definitive spinal surgery.	938.00	3	242.74

GENERAL PRACTICE

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

NOTE: COSMETIC SURGERY - Physicians should be familiar with Guidelines for Cosmetic Surgery in the Preamble prior to referring patients for surgery for alteration of appearance. Where it is clear at the time of referral that the proposed surgery for alteration of appearance would not qualify for coverage under MSP, the consultation also would not be covered.

BILLING FOR IN-OFFICE AND OUT-OF-OFFICE VISITS

The following definitions must be adhered to when preparing MSP billings for consultation, complete examination, office visit and individual counselling services (both in and out of office listing).

IN-OFFICE FEE ITEMS: 12110, 00110**,** 15310, 16110, 17110, 18110, 12100, 00100, 15300, 16100, 17100, 18100, 12101, 00101, 15301, 16101, 17101, 18101, 12120, 00120, 15320, 16120, 17120, and 18120 apply to consultation, visit, complete examination and counselling services provided in offices, clinics, outpatient areas of hospitals, diagnostic treatment centers and similar locations.

OUT-OF-OFFICE FEE ITEMS: 12210, 13210, 15210, 16210, 17210, 18210, 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200, 12201, 13201, 15201, 16201, 17201, 18201, 12220, 13220, 15220, 16220, 17220, and 18220 apply to consultation, visit, complete examination and counselling services provided in either a patient's home, at the scene of an illness or accident, in a hospital in-patient area, palliative care facility, long term care institution or in a hospital emergency department, unless the circumstance of the service is specifically covered by the definition of either fee item 00103, 00108, 00109, 13109, 00127, 00128, 13028, 00111, 00112, 00114, 00115, 00113, 00105, 00123, 13228, or one of the 01800 series.

In the latter case, the relevant item from that list applies instead of the out-of-office item.

WorkSafeBC and ICBC Services: In cases where a visit or procedure was occasioned by more than one condition, the dominant purpose must be related to an MVA or WorkSafeBC issue to code it as such. If medically necessary, an assessment of an unrelated condition can also be billed to MSP by General Practitioners.

CONSULTATIONS

GP Consultations apply when a medical practitioner (GP or Specialist), or a health care practitioner (midwife, for obstetrical or neonatal related consultations; nurse practitioner; oral/dental surgeon, for diseases of mastication), in the light of his/her professional knowledge of the patient and because of the complexity, obscurity or seriousness of the case, requests the opinion of a general practitioner competent to give advice in this field. A consultation must not be claimed unless it was specifically requested by the attending practitioner. The service consists of the initial services of GP consultant, including a history and physical examination, review of x-rays and laboratory findings, necessary to enable him/her to prepare and render a written report, including his/her findings, opinions and recommendations, to the referring practitioner. Consultations will not apply if the referred patient has been attended by the consulting general practitioner or another general practitioner in the same group during the preceding six months.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
12110	Consultation - in office (Age 0 - 1)	212.00	84.87
00110	Consultation - in office (Age 2 - 49)	192.00	77.15
15310	Consultation - in office (Age 50 – 59)	212.00	84.87
16110	Consultation - in office (Age 60 - 69)	222.00	88.73
17110	Consultation - in office (Age 70 - 79)	241.00	100.29
18110	Consultation - in office (Age 80+)	251.00	115.75
12210	Consultation - out of office (Age 0 – 1)	299.00	101.85
13210	Consultation - out of office (Age 2 – 49)	271.00	92.59
15210	Consultation - out of office (Age 50 – 59)	299.00	101.85
16210	Consultation - out of office (Age 60 – 69)	314.00	106.48
17210	Consultation - out of office (Age 70 – 79)	340.00	120.35
18210	Consultation - out of office (Age 80+)	354.00	138.90
00116	Special in-hospital consultation	377.00	163.94

(see notes on next page)

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) This Item applies to consultations on in-hospital patients of an acute or extended care *(or when the patient is in the ER with a complex problem as described below and a decision has been made to admit),* who are referred to a general practitioner by a certified specialist (FRCP, FRCS or CCFP-EM) for advice about and/or the continuing care of complex problems for which the management is complicated and requires extra consideration. Examples of such problems include *(but are not restricted to)* the assessment of terminal illness, the planning of activation/rehabilitation programs and the management of patients with AIDS.

ii) Item 00116 is not applicable to the transfer of care in uncomplicated cases. It also will not apply if the referred patient has been attended by the consulting general practitioner or another general practitioner in the same group during the preceding six months.

COMPLETE EXAMINATIONS

For any condition seen requiring a complete physical examination and detailed history (to include tonometry and biomicroscopy when performed).

NOTES:

i) A complete physical examination shall include a complete detailed history and physical examination of all parts and systems with special attention to local examination where clinically indicated, adequate recording of findings and, if necessary, discussion with the patient. The above should include complaints, history of present and past illness, family history, personal history, functional inquiry, physical examination, differential diagnosis and provisional diagnosis.

ii) Routine or periodic physical examination (check-up) is not a benefit under MSP. This includes any associated diagnostic or laboratory procedures unless significant pathology is found. Advise the diagnostic or approved laboratory facility of patient's responsibility for payment.

iii) Complete examination fee codes are not to be charged for in-hospital admission examinations. Fee code 00109 or 13109 may apply in this circumstance. See Preamble and listing restrictions.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
12101	Complete examination - in office (Age 0 - 1).....	195.00	76.83
00101	Complete examination - in office (Age 2 - 49).....	173.00	69.85
15301	Complete examination - in office (Age 50 – 59).....	195.00	76.83
16101	Complete examination - in office (Age 60 - 69).....	202.00	80.32
17101	Complete examination - in office (Age 70 - 79).....	220.00	90.80
18101	Complete examination - in office (Age 80+)	227.00	104.79
	NOTE: Fee items 12101, 00101, 15301, 16101, 17101 and 18101 are subject to the daily volume payment rules described earlier in this section.		
12201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 0 - 1).....	232.00	92.20
13201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 2 - 49).....	209.00	83.82
15201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 50 – 59).....	232.00	92.20
16201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 60 - 69).....	242.00	96.39
17201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 70 - 79).....	263.00	108.95
18201	Complete examination - out of office (Age 80+).....	272.00	125.74

VISITS

For any condition(s) requiring partial or regional examination and history - includes both initial and subsequent examination for same or related condition(s).
NOTE: Visit fee codes are not to be charged for in-hospital admission examinations. Fee code 00109 or 13109 may apply in this circumstance. See Preamble and listing restrictions.

12100	Visit - in office (Age 0 - 1).....	88.70	34.79
00100	Visit - in office (Age 2 - 49).....	80.50	31.62
15300	Visit - in office (Age 50 - 59).....	88.70	34.79
16100	Visit - in office (Age 60 - 69).....	92.40	36.36
17100	Visit - in office (Age 70 - 79).....	100.00	41.10
18100	Visit - in office (Age 80+).....	105.00	47.44
	NOTE: Items 12100, 00100, 15300, 16100, 17100 and 18100 are subject to the daily volume payment rules described earlier in this section.		
13070	In office assessment of an unrelated condition(s) in association with a WorkSafe BC service.....	41.45	16.44

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Paid only when services are provided for an unrelated illness occurring in conjunction with a WorkSafeBC insured service. ii) Unrelated service must be initiated by patient. iii) The unrelated condition(s) must justify a stand-alone visit. iv) Only paid once per patient per day, per insurer, and includes all other unrelated problems. v) Not paid if a procedure for the same or related condition is paid for same patient on same day, same practitioner. vi) The visit for each payer must be fully and adequately documented in chart. vii) Paid only to General Practitioners.		
13075	In office assessment of an unrelated condition(s) in association with an ICBC service	41.45	16.44
	NOTES: i) Paid only when services are provided for an unrelated illness occurring in conjunction with a ICBC insured service. ii) Unrelated service must be initiated by patient. iii) The unrelated condition(s) must justify a stand-alone visit. iv) Only paid once per patient per day, per insurer, and includes all other unrelated problems. v) Not paid if a procedure for the same or related condition is paid for same patient on same day, same practitioner. vi) The visit for each payer must be fully and adequately documented in chart. vii) Paid only to General Practitioners.		
12200	Visit - out of office (Age 0 - 1)	107.00	41.74
13200	Visit - out of office (Age 2 - 49)	96.50	37.95
15200	Visit - out of office (Age 50 - 59)	107.00	41.74
16200	Visit - out of office (Age 60 - 69)	111.00	43.73
17200	Visit - out of office (Age 70 - 79)	119.00	49.33
18200	Visit - out of office (Age 80+)	124.00	56.91
	NOTE: For fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200 and 18200, see notes following fee item 00108.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
GENERAL PRACTICE GROUP MEDICAL VISIT			
	A Group Medical Visit provides medical care in a group setting. A requirement of a GMV is a 1:1 interaction between each patient and the attending physician. While portions of the GMV may be delegated to other allied health providers, the physician must be physically present at the GMV for the majority of each time interval billed and assumes clinical responsibility for the patients in attendance. Because this is a time based fee, concurrent billing for other services during the time intervals billed for GMV is not permitted.		
	Group Medical Visits are an effective way of leveraging existing resources; simultaneously improving quality of care and health outcomes, increasing patient access to care and reducing costs. Group Medical Visits can offer patients an additional health care choice, provide them support from other patients and improve the patient-physician interaction. Physicians can also benefit by reducing the need to repeat the same information many times and free up time for other patients. Appropriate patient privacy is always maintained and typically these benefits result in improved satisfaction for both patients and physicians.		
	The Group Medical Visit is not appropriate for advice relating to a single patient. It applies only when all members of the group are receiving medically required treatment (i.e. each member of the group is a patient). The GP Group Medical Visits are not intended for activities related to attempting to persuade a patient to alter diet or other lifestyle behavioural patterns other than in the context of the individual medical condition. Fee per patient, per ½ hour or major portion thereof:		
13763	Three patients	64.90	25.87
13764	Four patients	52.40	20.89
13765	Five patients	45.00	17.95
13766	Six patients	40.05	15.98
13767	Seven patients	36.50	14.57
13768	Eight patients	33.90	13.53
13769	Nine patients	31.80	12.67
13770	Ten patients	30.10	12.02
13771	Eleven patients	26.40	10.53
13772	Twelve patients	24.80	9.90
13773	Thirteen patients	22.95	9.17

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
13774	Fourteen patients	22.60	9.00
13775	Fifteen patients	21.65	8.63
13776	Sixteen patients	21.05	8.38
13777	Seventeen patients	20.10	8.04
13778	Eighteen patients	19.65	7.86
13779	Nineteen patients	19.05	7.58
13780	Twenty patients	18.60	7.39
13781	Greater than 20 patients (per patient)	17.85	7.12

NOTES:

i) A separate claim must be submitted for each patient.

ii) When a patient attends a group visit, it should be noted in his or her chart, along with the start and end times.

iii) A separate file should be maintained which documents all participants in each group visit.

iv) Claim must include start and end times.

v) Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements, and whose duties would otherwise include provision of care.

vi) A minimum of a full thirty (30) minute period and a maximum of ninety (90) minutes may be claimed per patient per day.

vii) Where group medical visits with a patient extend beyond two and one-half (2 ½) hours in any seven (7) day period, a note-record is required.

viii) Service is not payable with other consultation, visit or complete examination services, for the same patient, on the same day.

ix) Concurrent billings for any other MSP services for any patient during the time interval for which the GMV fee is billed will not be paid.

x) Where two physicians are involved, the group should be divided for claims purposes, with each physician claiming the appropriate rate per patient for the reduced group size. Each claim should indicate “Group medical visit” and also identify the other physician.

COUNSELLING - INDIVIDUAL

For a prolonged visit for counselling (minimum time per visit - 20 minutes).

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) MSP will pay for up to four (4) individual counselling visits (any combination of age appropriate in office, out of office and telehealth 13018 and 13038), per patient, per year (see Preamble, D. 3. 3). ii) Start and end time must be entered in both the billing claims and patient's chart. iii) Documentation of the effect(s) of the condition on the patient and what advice or service was provided is required.		
12120	Individual counselling - in office (Age 0 - 1).....	195.00	62.05
00120	Individual counselling - in office (Age 2 - 49).....	131.00	56.41
15320	Individual counselling - in office (Age 50 - 59).....	147.00	62.05
16120	Individual counselling - in office (Age 60 - 69).....	153.00	64.86
17120	Individual counselling - in office (Age 70 - 79).....	171.00	73.32
18120	Individual counselling - in office (Age 80+).....	200.00	84.60
	NOTE: Items 12120, 00120, 15320, 16120, 17120 and 18120 are subject to the daily volume payment rules described earlier in this section.		
12220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 0 - 1)	232.00	74.44
13220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 2 - 49)	209.00	67.67
15220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 50 - 59).....	232.00	74.44
16220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 60 - 69).....	242.00	77.83
17220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 70 - 79).....	263.00	87.99
18220	Individual counselling - out of office (Age 80+).....	272.00	101.52

COUNSELLING - GROUP (FOR GROUPS OF TWO OR MORE PATIENTS)

00121	first full hour	328.00	160.00
00122	second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof.....	163.00	80.00
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		

MISCELLANEOUS VISITS

T13706	FP Delegated Patient Telehealth Management Fee	N/A	20.00
	Notes: i) For verbal, real-time telephone or video technology communication discussion between the patient or the patient's medical representative and a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) employed within a physician's practice. Not payable when the delegated representative is paid or funded by alternate means by a health authority or the Ministry of Health.		

(notes continued on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as capture the elements of care discussed. iii) Not payable for prescription renewals, anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals. iv) Only one service payable per patient per day. v) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient. vi) Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.		
T3707	FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRx Fee	N/A	7.00
	Notes: i) Email/Text/Telephone Relay Medical Advice requires two-way relay/communication of medical advice from the physician to eligible patients, or the patient's medical representative, via email/text or telephone. The task of relaying the physician advice may be delegated to any Allied Care Provider or MOA working within the physician practice. ii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as the advice provided, modality of communication and confirmation the advice has been received. iii) Payable for prescription renewals without patient interaction. iv) Not payable for anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals. v) Only one service payable per patient per day. vi) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient. vii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.		
T13708	FP COVID-19 communication with specialist and/or allied care provider	N/A	40.00

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Payable to the Family Physician who participates in a 2 way telephone or video conference communication with a specialist and/or allied care provider about a patient regarding COVID-19. ii) T13708 FP COVID-19 communication with specialist and/or allied care provider can not be delegated. No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either provider. iii) Payable in addition to any visit fee on the same day. iv) Not payable for communications which occur as a part of the performance of routine rounds on the patient if located in a facility, or communications which occur as part of regular work flow within a physician's community practice. v) Not payable in addition to G14018 or G14077 on the same day for the same patient. vi) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.		
13015	HIV/AIDS Primary Care Management - in or out of office - per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof..... NOTES: i) When performed in conjunction with visit, counselling, consultations or complete examinations, only the larger fee is billable. ii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 042, 043 and 044. iii) Services that are less than 15 minutes duration should be billed under the appropriate visit fee item. iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	223.00	85.95
13501	MAiD Assessment Fee – Assessor Prescriber Includes all requirements of a MAiD assessment, including review of medical records, patient encounter and completion of the MAiD Assessment Record (Prescriber). The assessment may be provided either in-person or by video conference – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof..... *(see notes on next page)*	97.70	42.97

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Maximum payable is 135 minutes (9 units). Services which exceed the maximum will be given independent consideration with an explanatory letter. ii) Start and end time for the assessment must be entered in both the billing claim and patient's chart. iii) Additionally, start and end time for the patient encounter must be entered in the patient's chart. iv) Only one service for 13501 or 13502 may be performed by video conference.		
13502	MAiD Assessment Fee – Assessor Includes all requirements of a MAiD assessment, including review of medical records, patient encounter and completion of the MAiD Assessment Record (Assessor). The assessment may be provided either in-person or by video conference – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof..... NOTES: i) Maximum payable is 105 minutes (7 units). Services which exceed the maximum will be given independent consideration with an explanatory letter. ii) Start and end time for the assessment must be entered in both the billing claim and the patient's chart. iii) Additionally, start and end time for the patient encounter must be entered in the patient's chart. iv) Not payable with 13501 by same physician. v) Only one service for 13501 or 13502 may be performed by video conference.	97.70	42.97
13503	Physician witness to video conference MAiD Assessment – Patient Encounter Physician must be in personal attendance with the patient for the duration of the patient encounter with the Assessor or Assessor Prescriber. Billable only for time spent witnessing the patient-Assessor encounter. Includes completion of any required documentation – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof.....	97.70	42.97

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Maximum payable is 105 minutes (7 units). Services which exceed the maximum will be given independent consideration with an explanatory letter. ii) Start and end time for the witnessed encounter must be entered in both the billing claim and patient's chart. iii) Not payable with 13501 or 13502 by same physician.		
13504	MAiD Event Preparation and Procedure	641.00	282.10
	NOTES: i) Payable only to Assessor Prescriber. ii) Includes all necessary elements: establishment of IV, administration of meds, pronouncement of death. iii) Includes pharmacy visits for procedures provided in facilities with on-site pharmacies. iv) Fee 13505 billable in addition for procedures provided in facilities with no on-site pharmacy. v) A same day visit fee is payable in full in addition under fee item 00103 (home) or out of office visit fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200 and 18200 (all other locations). Fee items 00108, 00127 and 00114 are not payable.		
13505	MAiD Medication Pick-up and Return	287.00	125.94
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 13504. ii) Payable only when MAiD procedure takes place in a location where there is no on-site pharmacy. iii) Not payable when time for medication pick-up and return has been compensated under a different payment modality.		

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

These fee items cannot be interpreted without reference to the Preamble D. 1.

In-Office

P13036	Telehealth GP in-office Consultation.....	212.00	82.43
P13037	Telehealth GP in-office Visit.....	88.40	34.44
P13038	Telehealth GP in-office Individual counselling for a prolonged visit for counselling (minimum time per visit – 20 minutes)	152.00	58.90

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) MSP will pay for up to four (4) individual counselling visits (any combination of age appropriate in office, out of office and telehealth 13018 and 13038) per patient per year (see Preamble D. 3. 3.) ii) Start and end time must be entered into both the billing claims and patient's chart. iii) Documentation of the effect(s) of the condition on the patient and what advice or service was provided is required.		
	Telehealth GP in-office Group Counselling For groups of two or more patients		
P13041	– First full hour	223.00	86.94
P13042	– Second hour, per ½ hour or major portion thereof ..	112.00	43.50
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Out-of-Office For the billing of the GP Telehealth out-of-office fees 13016, 13017, 13018, 13021 and 13022, out-of-office shall mean that the physician providing the service is physically present in a health Authority approved facility. The name of the facility and the results of the Telehealth service must be recorded in the patient chart.		
P13016	Telehealth GP out-of-office Consultation.....	277.00	109.02
P13017	Telehealth GP out-of-office visit	107.00	41.10
P13018	Telehealth GP out-of-office Individual counselling for a prolonged visit for counselling (minimum time per visit – 20 minutes).....	193.00	75.32
	NOTES: i) MSP will pay for up to four (4) such visits per patient per year (see Preamble D. 3. 3.) ii) Start and end time must be entered into both the billing claims and patient's chart.		
	Telehealth GP out-of-office Group Counselling For groups of two or more patients.		
P13021	– First full hour	223.00	87.46
P13022	– Second hour, per ½ hour or major portion thereof ..	112.00	43.76
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
13020	Telehealth General Practitioner Assistant – Physical Assessment as requested by receiving specialist – for each 15 minutes or major portion thereof.....	77.90	31.46

NOTES:

i) Applicable only if general practitioner is required at the referring end to assist with essential physical assessment, without which the specialist service would be ineffective.

ii) Applies only to period spent during consultation with specialist.

iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

HOME VISITS

00103	Home visit (service rendered between 0800 and 2300 hours - <u>any day</u>)	224.00	115.73

NOTE: Additional patients seen during same house call are to be billed under the applicable out-of-office visit fee items (12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200 and 18200).

GP FACILITY VISITS

Please read the entire facility listings as some visits are restricted to community based GP's with active or associate/courtesy hospital privileges.

00109	Acute care hospital admission examination	157.00	81.61

NOTES:

i) This item applies when a patient is admitted to an acute care hospital for medical care rendered by a GP with active hospital privileges. It is not applicable when a patient has been admitted for surgery or for "continuing care" by a certified specialist.

ii) This item is intended to apply in lieu of fee item 00108 on the first in-patient day, for that patient.

iii) Fee item 00109 is not applicable if fee item 12101, 00101, 15301, 16101, 17101, 18101, 12201, 13201, 15021, 16201, 17201 or 18201 has been billed by the same physician within the week preceding the patient's admission.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iv) Essential non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 00108. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record.

v) For weekday daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.

vi) Limit of one hospital admission (00109 or 13109) payable per patient per hospitalization.

00108	Hospital visit	68.30	31.93

NOTES:

i) Billable by GP's with active hospital privileges for daily attendance on the patients they have most responsibility for.

ii) Essential emergent or non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 00108. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) For weekday, daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record. This note is not applicable to hospitalists.		
00128	Supportive care hospital visit	68.30	27.52
	NOTES: i) Referring physician may charge one supportive care hospital visit for each day hospitalized during the first ten days of hospitalization and thereafter one visit for every seven days hospitalized (Preamble D. 4. 7.). ii) Essential non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 00108 or 13008. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record. iii) For weekday daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.		
00127	Palliative care patient facility visit	157.00	53.87

(see notes on next page)

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) This item is applicable to the visits for palliative care rendered to terminally ill patients suffering from malignant disease or AIDS or end-stage respiratory, cardiac, liver and renal disease and end-stage dementia with life expectancy of up to 6 months and the focus of care is palliative rather than treatment aimed at cure. Billings for this item will only apply where there is no aggressive treatment of the underlying disease process and care is directed to maintaining the comfort of the patient until death occurs.

ii) This item may be billed for necessary visits rendered for a period not to exceed 180 days prior to death and is applicable to patients in an acute care hospital, nursing home or palliative care patient facility, whether or not the patient is in a palliative care unit. Under extenuating circumstances, for visits that exceed 180 days, a note record must be submitted.

iii) Palliative care patient visit fees do not apply when unexpected death occurs after prolonged hospitalization for another diagnosis unrelated to the cause of death.

iv) The chemotherapy listings (33581, 33582, 33583, 00578, 00579, and 00580) may not be billed when palliative care patient facility visit fees are being billed.

v) Essential non-emergent additional palliative care patient facility visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 00127. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	vi) For weekday daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items, 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time, or weekend emergent palliative care patient facility visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.		
	Community Based GP Hospital Visits		
	The following eligibility rules apply to all community based GP hospital visit fees.		
	Physician Eligibility:		
	• Payable only to GPs who maintain an active family practice in the community, accepting the role of being Most Responsible Physician (MRP) for the longitudinal coordinated care of their patients.		
	• Not payable to physicians who have been paid for any specialty consultation fee in the previous 12 months.		
	• Not payable to physicians who are employed by, or who are under contract, whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.		
	• Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements and whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.		
	Community Based GP with Active Hospital Privileges		
	Active privileges signify the physician has the authority to write orders, whereas courtesy/associate privileges permit the GP to write progress notes in charts, but not orders.		
13109	Community based GP: Acute care hospital admission examination	236.00	102.52

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) This item applies when a patient is admitted to an acute care hospital for medical care rendered by a community based GP with active hospital privileges. It is not applicable when a patient has been admitted for surgery or for “continuing care’ by a certified specialist.

ii) This item is intended to apply in lieu of fee item 13008 on the first in-patient day, for that patient.

iii) Fee item 13109 is not applicable if fee item 12101, 00101, 15301, 16101, 17101, 18101, 12201, 13201, 15201, 16201, 17201 or 18201 has been billed by the same physician within the week preceding the patient’s admission.

iv) Essential non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 13008. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record.

v) For weekday daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient’s condition has changed, requiring the physician’s attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If a physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.

vi) Limit of one hospital admission (00109 or 13109) payable per patient per hospitalization.

13338 Community based GP, first facility visit of the day bonus, extra (active hospital privileges) (for routine, supportive or palliative care) 94.90 49.53

NOTES:

i) Paid only if 13008, 13028, 00127 paid the same day.

ii) Limit of one payable for the same physician, same day, regardless of the number of facilities attended.

iii) Not payable same day for same physician as 13339.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
13008	Community based GP: hospital visit (active hospital privileges)	157.00	53.87

NOTES:

i) Additional visits are not payable on same day to same physician for the same patient, except as set out in the notes ii) and iii).

ii) Essential non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the attending or replacement physician during one day are to be billed under fee item 00108 or 13008. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need including a note record.

iii) For weekday daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time, or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.

13028	Community based GP: supportive care hospital visit (active hospital privileges)	85.30	35.79

NOTES:

i) Referring physician may charge one hospital visit for each day hospitalized during the first ten days of hospitalization and thereafter one visit for every seven days hospitalized (Preamble D. 4. 7.). A written record of the visit must appear in either the patient's hospital or office chart.

ii) Essential non-emergent additional visits to a hospitalized patient by the physician providing supportive care for diagnosis unrelated to the admission diagnosis, during one day are to be billed under fee item 00108 or 13008. The claim must include the time of each visit and a statement of need included in a note record.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) For weekday, daytime emergency visit, see fee item 00112. Fee items 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200 17200, 18200 may be billed for additional evening, night time, or weekend emergent hospital visits same day, same patient when the attending physician or replacement physician is specially called back as the patient's condition has changed, requiring the physician's attendance or due to a condition unrelated to the hospitalization. If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable. The claim must include the time of service and an explanation for the visit included in the note record.		
	Community Based GP With Courtesy or Associate Hospital Privileges		
13339	Community based GP, first facility visit of the day bonus, extra (courtesy/associate privileges)	68.30	30.00
	NOTES: i) Only payable if 13228 paid the same day. ii) Limit of one payable for the same physician, same day, regardless of the number of facilities attended. iii) Not payable same day for same physician as 13338.		
13228	Community based GP: hospital visit (courtesy/associate privileges)	68.30	30.00
	NOTES: i) Payable once per calendar week per patient up to the first four weeks. Thereafter, payable once per two weeks up to a maximum of 90 days. For visits over 90 days please submit note record. ii) Payable for patients in acute, sub-acute care, or palliative care. iii) Not payable with any other visit fee including 00108, 13008, 00109, 13109, 00114, 00115, 00113, 00105, 00123, 00127, 12200, 13200, 15200, 16200, 17200, 18200, 12201, 13201, 15201, 16201, 17201, 18201, 00128, 13028,13015, 12220, 13220, 15220, 16220, 17220, 18220, 00121, 00122, 12210, 13210, 15210, 16210, 17210, 18210, 00116, 00112, 00111.		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iv) If physician is on-site and called for emergent care, fee items 00113, 00105 or 00123 are billable.
v) A written record of the visit must appear in either in patient's hospital or office chart.
vi) If a hospitalist or GP member of an Unassigned In-Patient Care Network is providing GP care to the patient, the community based GP with courtesy or associate hospital privileges may bill 13228.
vii) Note vi) also applies to Community based GPs with active hospital privileges at a hospital other than the one to which the patient is admitted.

ON-CALL, ON-SITE HOSPITAL VISITS

These listings should be used when a physician, located in the hospital or Emergency Department, is called to see a patient in either the Emergency Department or elsewhere in the hospital.

00113	Evening (between 1800 hours and 2300 hours)	145.00	51.77
00105	Night (between 2300 hours and 0800 hours).....	191.00	71.95
00123	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday	145.00	51.77

NOTE: For services rendered between 0800 hours and 1800 hours weekdays, bill appropriate visit or procedure fee. Out-of-office hours premiums are not chargeable in addition to emergency department fees. Claim must state time call placed.

LONG TERM CARE FACILITY VISITS

00114	One or multiple patients, per patient	86.00	36.31
13334	Community based GP, long term care facility visit - first visit of the day bonus, extra	86.00	34.23

NOTES:
i) Paid only if 00114 paid the same day.
ii) Limit of one payable for the same physician, same day, regardless of the number of long term care facilities attended.

00115	Nursing home visit – one patient, when specially called and patient seen between hours of 0800 hrs and 2300 hrs - <u>any day</u> The visit must take place within 24 hours of receiving the request from the Nursing home	224.00	115.73

NOTE: See Preamble clause D. 4. 9.) for long-stay patients.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

EMERGENCY VISITS

00112 Emergency visit (call placed between hours of 0800 and 1800 hrs - weekdays)..... 259.00 115.73

NOTES:

i) This item to be charged only when one must immediately leave home, office or hospital to render immediate care. Call to hospital emergency department while at hospital, bill under appropriate on-call, on-site hospital visit listings or procedure.

ii) Claim must state time service rendered.

The following are examples of situations explaining when it would be appropriate to bill under fee item 00112:

Example 1: Physician is called by patient with non-urgent condition. Physician agrees to meet the patient later in the day at the hospital.

Fee item 00112 is not applicable, as the physician was not required to immediately leave home, office or hospital to render immediate care.

Example 2: Physician is called to assess a patient at the hospital. Due to the urgent nature of the patient's condition, the physician must leave his/her office immediately.

Fee item 00112 is applicable, as all of the criteria are met.

Example 3: Physician is visiting patients at the hospital during the daytime. S/he is called to attend a patient in the emergency ward. Due to the urgent nature of the patient's condition, the physician must attend the patient immediately.

Fee item 00112 is not applicable, as the physician remained at the same site.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Example 4: The physician is called at home regarding a patient. She/he asks the patient to meet him/her at the office later in the day for assessment. *Fee item 00112 is not applicable, as the physician was not required to immediately leave home, office or hospital to render immediate care.*		
00111	An emergency home (or scene of accident) visit for an acutely ill or injured patient immediately followed by a trip to hospital to arrange for emergency admission and to include immediate associated hospital visit	271.00	117.10

TELEPHONE ADVICE

00043	Anticoagulation therapy by telephone	26.85	6.98
13000	Telephone advice to a Community Health Representative in First Nation's Communities	40.25	18.22
	NOTES: i) Applicable only to medically required calls to physician for medical advice initiated by and provided to a Community Health Representative. ii) Not billable if a Community Health Nurse is available in the Community.		
13005	Advice about a patient in Community Care.....	40.25	18.22
	NOTES: i) This fee may be claimed for advice by telephone, fax or in written form about a patient in community care in response to an enquiry initiated by an allied health care worker specifically assigned to the care of the patient.		

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ii) Community Care comprises Residential, Intermediate and Extended care and includes patients receiving Home Nursing care, Home support or Palliative care at home.
iii) Allied health care workers are defined as: home care coordinators, nurses, (registered, licensed practical, public health, and psychiatric), psychologists, mental health workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, social workers, ambulance paramedics, and pharmacists (including completion of faxed medication review with orders, up to twice per calendar year, but not for simple prescription renewal).
iv) Claims should be submitted under the personal health number of the patient and should indicate the time of day the request for advice was received.
v) Dates of services under this item should be documented in the patient's record together with the name and position of the enquiring allied health care worker and a brief notation of the advice given. Alternatively the original of a fax or a copy of written advice will suffice to document these services.
vi) This fee may not be claimed in addition to visits or other services provided on the same day by the same physician for the same patient.
vii) This fee may be billed to a maximum of one per patient per physician per day.
viii) This fee may not be claimed for advice in response to enquiries from a patient or their family.
ix) Not payable to physicians who are employed by or who are under contract to a facility and whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care. Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care. Similarly, the fee does not cover advice provided by doctors who are on-site, on-duty in an emergency department, who are being paid at the time on a sessional basis, or who are working at the time as hospitalists.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

PREGNANCY AND CONFINEMENT

14199	Management of prolonged second stage of labour, per 30 minutes or major portion thereof	221.00	84.94

NOTES:

i) This item is billable in addition to the delivery fee only when the second stage of labour exceeds two hours in length.

ii) Not payable with fee item 04000, 04014, 04017, 04018 or 04085.

iii) Timing ends when constant personal attendance ends or at the time of delivery.

iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

14090	Prenatal visit - complete examination	187.00	84.43
14091	Prenatal visit - subsequent examination	83.70	31.62

NOTES:

i) Uncomplicated pre-natal care usually includes a complete examination followed by monthly visits to 32 weeks, then visits every second week to 36 weeks, and weekly visits thereafter to delivery. In complicated pregnancies, charges for additional visits will be given independent consideration upon written explanation.

ii) Where a patient transfers her total on-going uncomplicated pre-natal care to another physician, the second physician also may charge a complete examination (item 14090) and subsequent examinations, as rendered. To facilitate payment the reason for transfer should be stated with the claim. Temporary substitution of one physician for another during days off, annual vacation, etcetera, should not be considered as a patient transfer.

iii) Other than during pre-natal or post-natal visits, it is proper to charge separately for all visits, (including counselling) for conditions unrelated to the pregnancy under appropriate fee items listed elsewhere. The reason for the charges should be clearly spelled out when submitting claim.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Other than procedures, services for the care of unrelated conditions, during a pre-natal or post-natal visit are included in the pre-natal (14091) or post-natal visit fee (14094), and are not to be billed under fee item 04007. Procedures rendered for unrelated conditions are chargeable as set out in Preamble D. 8. d.		
14094	Post-natal office visit	83.70	31.62
	NOTE: i) 14094 may be billed in the six weeks following delivery (vaginal or Caesarean Section). ii) Not payable to physician performing Caesarean Section.		
14104	Delivery and post-natal care (1-14 days in-hospital)	1401.00	584.78
	NOTES: i) Care of new-born in hospital (see fee item 00119). ii) Repair of cervix is not included in fee item 14104. Charge 50% of listed fee when done on same day as delivery. iii) When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.		
14105	Management of labour and transfer to higher level of care facility for delivery.....	584.00	243.53
	NOTES: i) This fee includes all usual hospital care associated with the confinement and provided by the referring physician. ii) May be claimed by the referring physician when the referring physician intended to conduct the delivery providing the following conditions are met: a) The referring physician attended the patient during <u>active</u> labour and provided assessment of the progress of labour, both initial and on-going. b) Active labour is defined as “regular painful contractions, occurring at least once in five minutes, lasting at least 40 seconds, accompanied by either spontaneous rupture of the membranes, or full cervical effacement and dilatation of at least two centimeters.”		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	c) There is a documented complication warranting the referral such as fetal distress or dysfunctional labour (failure to progress). d) Where the referring physician must transfer the patient to another facility. iii) Not payable with assessment or visit fee or 14104, 14109 and generally 14199 (provide details if claiming for 14199 in addition). iv) OOOHP Continuing Care Surcharges do not apply to maternity services in the first stage of labour only. v) When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under P14094.		
14108	Post-natal care after elective cesarean section (1-14 days in-hospital).....	288.00	120.31
	NOTE: When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.		
14109	Primary management of labour and attendance at delivery and post-natal care associated with emergency cesarean section (1-14 days in-hospital)	1167.00	487.10
	NOTES: i) Surgical assistant is extra to fee item 14108 and 14109. ii) When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.		
15120	Pregnancy test, immunologic - urine.....	28.70	11.65

INFANT CARE

00118	Attendance at cesarean section (if specifically requested by surgeon for care of baby only)	236.00	90.81
	NOTE: Not payable if a pediatrician is present at the caesarean section to care for the baby)		
00119	Routine care of new-born in hospital	168.00	92.82

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
GYNECOLOGY				
14540	Insertion intrauterine contraceptive device (operation only)	99.80	2	43.15
	NOTE: Includes pap smear if required.			
14541	Removal of intrauterine device (IUD) – operation only.	79.30		31.62
	NOTE: Not payable with a pap smear (14560) or IUD insertion (14540).			
14545	Medical abortion.....	351.00		164.96
	NOTE: Includes all associated services rendered on the same day as the abortion including the consultation whenever rendered, required components of Rh factor associated services including counselling rendered on the day of the procedure, and any medically necessary clinical imaging.			
14560	Routine pelvic examination including Papanicolaou smear (no charge when done as a pre and post-natal service)	83.70		31.62
	NOTE: Services billed under this code must include both a pelvic examination and a Pap smear.			
SURGICAL ASSISTANCE				
	NOTES:			
	i) In those rare situations where an assistant is required for minor surgery, a detailed explanation of need must accompany the account to the payment agency.			
	ii) Where an assistant at surgery assists at two operations in different areas performed by the same or different surgeon(s) under one anesthetic, s/he may charge a separate assistant fee for each operation, except for bilateral procedures, procedures within the same body cavity or procedures on the same limb.			
	iii) Visit fees are not payable with surgical assistance listings on the same day, unless each service is performed at a distinct/separate time. In these instances, each claim must state time service was rendered.			
	Total Operative Fee(s) for Procedure(s):			
00195	– less than $317.00 inclusive.....	339.00		134.22
00196	– $317.01 - $529.00 inclusive.....	477.00		189.24
00197	– over $529.00.....	624.00		260.35

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00198	Time, after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	71.30		28.52
13194	First Surgical Assist of the Day	207.00		88.16
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Practitioners ii) Maximum of one per day per physician, payable in addition to 00195, 00196, 00197 or 00193.			

OPEN HEART SURGERY

00193	Non-CVT certified surgical assistance at open-heart surgery, per quarter hour or major portion thereof	88.70		29.84
	NOTES: i) The same fee applies equally to all assistants (first, second, etc.). ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

ANESTHESIOLOGY

13052	Anesthetic evaluation, non-certified Anaesthesiologist NOTE: See Anesthetic Preamble regarding Pre-Anesthetic Evaluation Fees.	94.40		55.76

MINOR PROCEDURES

00190	Forms of treatment other than excision, x-ray, or Grenz ray; such as removal of hemangiomas and warts with electrosurgery, cryotherapy, etc. (per visit) - operation only	83.70		31.62
	NOTES: i) Payable to non-dermatologists only. ii) The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the Plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b. “Surgery for Alteration of Appearance”.			
Y10710	In-office Anoscopy	20.25		7.94
	NOTES: i) Anoscopy is the examination of the anus and anal sphincter, for evaluating patients with anal and/or peri-anal symptoms (pain or bleeding), or used as an adjunct to the DRE. ii) Not payable in addition to 00715, 00716, 00718, 10714, 10731, 10732 or 10733. iii) Restricted to General Practitioners			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
13660	Metatarsal bone – closed reduction - operation only....	122.00	2	52.78
13600	Biopsy of skin or mucosa - operation only.....	119.00	2	51.92
13601	Biopsy of facial area - operation only	119.00	2	51.92
	NOTE: Punch or shave biopsies which do not require sutures are not to be charged under fee items 13600 or 13601.			
13605	Opening superficial abscess, including furuncle – (operation only)	104.00	2	44.48
13610	Minor laceration or foreign body – not requiring anesthesia (operation only).....	82.60		35.62
	NOTES: i) Intended for primary treatment of injury ii) Not applicable to dressing changes or removal of sutures iii) Applicable for steri-strips or glue to repair a primary laceration			
13611	Minor laceration or foreign body requiring anesthesia – (operation only)	156.00	2	66.35
13612	Extensive lacerations over 5 cm (maximum charge 35 cm) – (operation only) - per cm.....	30.55	2	13.32
	NOTE: Not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.			
13620	Excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or small scar, under local anesthetic – up to 5 cm - operation only	156.00	2	66.35
13621	– additional lesions removed at the same sitting (maximum per sitting – five) – each - operation only	76.50		33.18
	NOTES: i) The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b. “Surgery for Alteration of Appearance”. ii) Fee items 13620 and 13621 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.			
13622	Localized carcinoma of skin, proven histopathologically	168.00	2	73.30
13623	Excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or small scar under local anesthetic – face (operation only)	207.00		89.49
	NOTE: Not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
13624	Removal of extensive scars – 5 cm or more – per cm over 5 cm (in addition to 13623 or 13620)	19.75		8.57
	NOTES: i) Payment for scar revision based on length of sca, not length of incision. ii) A note record is required for scars >30 cm. iii) Not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.			
13630	Paronychia (operation only)	82.40	2	35.53
13631	Removal of nail – simple (operation only)	82.40	2	35.53
13632	– with destruction of nail bed - operation only	165.00	2	71.89
13633	Wedge excision of one nail - operation only	147.00	2	63.44
13650	Enucleation or excision of external thrombotic hemorrhoid - operation only	121.00	2	52.12
Y13655	GP Vasectomy bonus (associated with bilateral vasectomy)	55.00		21.44
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Practitioners. ii) Maximum of 25 bonuses per calendar year per physician. iii) Payable only when fee item S08345 billed in conjunction. iv) Maximum of one bonus per vasectomy per patient.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
INVESTIGATION			
00117	Interpretation of electrocardiogram by non-internist.....	29.30	10.38
NO CHARGE REFERRAL			
03333	Use this code when submitting a claim for a “no charge referral”		

TESTS PERFORMED IN A PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

The following tests when performed in physician's offices are accepted for payment by the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia. These tests are not payable to laboratories, vested interest laboratories and/or hospitals:

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00012	Venepuncture and dispatch of specimen to an approved laboratory facility, when no other blood work performed	13.55	5.95
	NOTES: i) This is the only fee applicable for taking blood specimens and is to apply in those situations where a single blood work service is provided by a medical practitioner. ii) Where a blood specimen is taken by a physician's office and dispatched to another unassociated physician's office or to an approved laboratory facility, the original physician's office may charge 00012 only when it does not perform another laboratory procedure using blood collected at the same time. (see Preamble Clause C. 21.) iii) When billed with another service such as an office visit, 00012 may be billed at 100%.		
15132	Candida culture	18.20	6.67
15133	Examination for eosinophils in secretions, excretions and other body fluids	27.70	7.14
15134	Examination for pinworm ova	19.00	5.85
15136	Fungus, direct microscopic examination, KOH preparation	27.05	8.39
15100	Glucose – semiquantitative (dipstick analysed visually or by reflectance meter)	9.95	3.70
15137	Hemoglobin - cyanmethemoglobin method and/or hematocrit	8.25	3.12
15000	Hemoglobin – other methods	4.40	1.62
	NOTE: 15137 and 15000 – see the Laboratory Services Payment Schedule for additional hematology information.		
15110	Occult blood – feces Note: Applies only to guaiac methods.	13.15	5.34
15120	Pregnancy test, immunologic, urine	28.70	11.65
30015	Secretion smear for eosinophils	28.65	7.29
15138	Sedimentation rate	8.10	2.51
15139	Sperm, Seminal examination for presence or absence	47.25	14.78

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
15140	Stained smear.....	23.75	7.40
15141	Trichomonas and/or Candida and/or Bacterial Vaginosis direct microscopic examination	21.95	5.65
15130	Urinalysis – Chemical or any part of (screening)	5.75	2.18
15131	Urinalysis – microscopic examination of centrifuged deposit	11.60	4.12
15142	Urinalysis – Complete diagnostic, semi-quant and micro.	17.05	5.62
15143	White cell count only (see the Laboratory Services Payment Schedule for additional hematology information).....	17.75	6.48
	The following test is payable in a physician's office (when performed on their own patients) and/or on a referral basis:		
93120	ECG tracing, without interpretation (technical fee).....	40.75	16.90

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR GPSC INITIATED LISTINGS.
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GENERAL PRACTICE - GPSC

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

Preamble – General Practice Services Committee (GPSC) Initiated Listings

The following incentive payments are available to B.C.'s eligible family physicians. The purpose of the incentive payments is to improve patient care. These fees were previously administered by the General Practice Services Committee (GPSC). Note that the GPSC Preamble governs the GPSC initiated listings in this section, however, the GPSC Preamble does not apply to the rest of the MSP fee listings. GPSC, in collaboration with the Section of General Practice, retains the right to modify or change fees.

Unless otherwise identified in the individual fee description, physicians are eligible to bill the following incentive payments if they are:

1. A Family Physician who has a valid BC MSP practitioner number;
2. Currently in family practice in BC as a full service family physician;
3. The most responsible practitioner for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care.

Unless otherwise identified in the individual fee description, physicians are NOT eligible to bill GPSC incentives if:

1. They are working under an Alternate Payment/Funding model as defined below and their duties would otherwise include provision of this care; and
2. They have billed any specialty consultation fee in the previous 12 months.

Additional detailed eligibility requirements are identified in each section.

Definitions in GPSC Initiated Listings:

(1) Physicians

Full Service Family Physician
GPSC defines a "Full Service Family Physician" (FSFP) as the FP who provides continuous comprehensive care to his/her patients and takes responsibility for the coordination of care needs for these patients. It is not about any specific set of services being provided by a specific individual; however, if the FP does not provide a particular service needed at any given time (e.g.: Obstetrics) the FSFP will coordinate the referral to a colleague who is able to provide that service in a shared care arrangement with the FSFP until such time as that particular service is no longer required.

Family Physician with Consultative Expertise
GPSC defines a Family Physician with Consultative Expertise as: "A family physician who has consultative expertise and provides consultative services or support to colleagues through a health authority supported or approved program. Examples of health authority supported

programs include (but are not limited to) mental health, addictions, palliative, chronic pain, and emergency medicine.

Locum Tenens
For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC defines a locum tenens as a physician with appropriate accreditation who substitutes on a temporary basis for another physician who is away from practice.

Most Responsible Physician/Provider (MRP)
For the purpose of its incentives, the GPSC defines "Most Responsible Physician/Provider" (MRP) as a physician who takes responsibility for directing and coordinating the ongoing care and management of a patient. This includes coordinating clinical services delegated to other providers, ensuring cross coverage when MRP is unavailable, and coordinating referrals to specialty care when needed.

(2) Allied Care Providers

Allied Care Provider
For the purposes of its incentives, when referring to Allied Care Providers, GPSC includes trained professionals with a scope of practice that allows the provision of medical and medically related services to patients. Examples include but are not limited to: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners; Mental Health Workers; Midwives Psychologists; Clinical Counsellors; School Counsellors; Social Workers; Registered Dieticians; Physiotherapists; Occupational Therapists; and Pharmacists, etc.
Note: Not all allied care providers are College-certified.

College-certified Allied Care Provider
Allied Care Providers who are College-certified are governed by a provincial regulatory college or body. Specific GPSC incentives may require ACPs to be College-certified for the delegation of tasks, whereas other GPSC incentives may not require ACPs to be College-certified to undertake delegated tasks. Fee notes will clearly indicate whether the ACP must be College-certified to be delegated tasks.

Allied Care Provider "Employed by" a Physician Practice
For the purposes of its incentives, GPSC defines Allied Care Providers (ACPs) "employed by" a physician practice as ACPs who are employed by a physician practice and paid out of practice earnings to work directly within the practice team, with no cost recovery either directly or indirectly from a third party (e.g.: Health Authority, Division of Family Practice, Ministry of Health, etc.), unless otherwise specified.

Allied Care Provider "Working Within" a Physician Practice Team
For the purposes of its incentives, GPSC defines Allied Care Providers (ACPs) "working within" a physician practice team as ACPs who work as part of an FP practice's team to support the ongoing care of its patients. The costs of an ACP "working within" the practice team may be paid either by the physician practice or a third party (directly or indirectly). ACPs employed by a Health Authority, are considered to be "working within" the practice team if they are assigned to work with an FP practice to support the longitudinal care of its patients. By contrast, ACPs not assigned to work with an FP practice and who provide episodic services to patients on a

referral basis such as through Specialized Health Authority Programs or in stand-alone chronic disease clinics are not considered to be “working within” the physician practice team.

(3) Payment Models

Alternative Payment/Funding Model:
For the purposes of these fees Alternative Payment/Funding Model means an Alternative Payment Arrangement or Alternative Funding contract between an entity (e.g.: Ministry of Health, Health Authority or other organization) and an individual physician or physician clinic. An Alternative Payment Arrangement or Alternative Funding contract may or may not be governed by the Physician Master Agreement. If services supported and paid through GPSC incentives are already included in an Alternative Payment/Funding Model contract, GPSC incentives are not billable in addition. Private agreements between physicians to pool FFS billings and pay out physicians in a mutually acceptable way (e.g.: per day, per shift, per hour, etc.) are not considered as an Alternative Payment/Funding Model..

(4) Miscellaneous

Assisted Living:
For the purpose of its incentives when referring to assisted living, GPSC utilizes the ministry definitions as found at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/assisted-living

Care plan
For the purpose of its incentives, when referring to a care plan, GPSC requires documentation of the following core elements in the patient’s chart, as follows:

1. There has been a detailed review of the case/chart and of current therapies;
2. Name and contact information for substitute decision maker;
3. Documentation of eligible condition(s);
4. There has been a face to face planning visit with the patient, or the patient’s medical representative if appropriate, on the same calendar day that Care Planning Incentive code is billed;
5. Specifies a clinical plan for the patient’s care;
6. Documentation of patient’s current health status including the use of validated assessment tools when available and appropriate to the condition(s) covered by the care planning incentive;
7. Incorporates the patient’s values, beliefs and personal health goals in the creation of the care plan;
8. Outlines expected outcomes as a result of this plan, including advance care planning when clinically appropriate;
9. Outlines linkages with other allied care providers who would be involved in the patient’s care, and their expected roles;
10. Identifies an appropriate time frame for re-evaluation of the plan;
11. Provides confirmation that the care plan has been created jointly and shared with the patient and/or the patient’s medical representative and has been communicated verbally or in writing to other involved allied care providers as appropriate. The patient and/or their representative/family should leave the planning process knowing there is a plan for their care and what that plan is.

Face to Face:
For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC defines “face to face” to mean in-person.

Living in Community:
For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC considers patients living in group homes to be living in community.

Patient’s Medical Representative:
For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC defines Patient’s Medical Representative as outlined in the “Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act”.

Representative means a person authorized by a representation agreement to make or help in making decisions on behalf of another and includes an alternate representative.

Temporary Substitute decision makers (Alternate Representative) in listed order, of the following who is available and qualifies under subsection 16(2):

(a)the adult's spouse;
(b)the adult's child;
(c)the adult's parent;
(d)the adult's brother or sister;
(d.1)the adult's grandparent;
(d.2)the adult's grandchild;
(e)anyone else related by birth or adoption to the adult;
(f)a close friend of the adult;
(g)a person immediately related to the adult by marriage.

Patient self-management:
Patient self-management can be defined as the decisions and behaviours that patients with chronic illness engage in that affect their health. Self-management support is the help given to patients with chronic conditions that enables them to manage their health on a day to day basis. There are a variety of publicly available tools that FPs can provide to patients, to help build the patients’ skills and confidence to manage their chronic conditions.

Patient Panel:
For the purpose of its incentives, the GPSC defines a “patient panel” as the group of patients for which a family physician has assumed the role of MRP, and has confirmed their ongoing patient-physician relationship.

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

1. GPSC PORTALS (PG14070, PG14071)

Effective April 1, 2020, PG14070 will continue to provide access to the following fee codes:

- PG14075 FP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee
- PG14076 FP Patient Telephone Management Fee
- PG14077 FP Conference with Allied Care Provider and/or physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof
- PG14078 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee
- PG14029 FP Allied Care Provider Practice Code

In addition to the fee below:

- PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053 Chronic Disease management Fees (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14033 Complex Care Planning & Management (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14043 Mental Health Planning fee (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047 and PG14048 Mental Health Management fees (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14063 Palliative Care Planning (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14066 Prevention/Personal Health Risk Assessment (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)

Submitting PG14070 signifies that:

- You are providing full-service family practice services to your patient's and will continue to do so for the duration of that calendar year.
- You are confirming your doctor-patient relationship with your existing patients through a standardized conversation or 'compact'.

Family Physician-Patient 'Compact'

The standardized wording of the Family Physician-Patient 'Compact' was developed in consultation with physicians and members of the Patient Voices Network.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

The GPSC believes this compact appropriately describes the relationship between a FP and their patients. The compact states:

As your family doctor I, along with my practice team, agree to:

- Provide you with the best care that I can
- Coordinate any specialty care you may need
- Offer you timely access to care, to the best of my ability
- Maintain an ongoing record of your health
- Keep you updated on any changes to services offered at my clinic
- Communicate with you honestly and openly so we can best address your health care needs

As my patient I ask that you:

- Seek your health care from me and my team whenever possible and, in my absence, through my colleague(s)
- Name me as your family doctor if you have to visit an emergency facility or another provider
- Communicate with me honestly and openly so we can best address your health care needs

PG14070	GPSC Portal Code.....	0.00	0.00

The GPSC Portal should be submitted once at the beginning of each calendar year by MRP FSFPs who maintain a comprehensive longitudinal practice OR at any time during the year when the MRP FSFP begins their comprehensive longitudinal practice. Successful submission of PG14070 allows access to fees listed in the notes below during the calendar year.

Submit fee item PG14070 GPSC Portal Code using the following “Patient” demographic information:

PHN:	**9753035697**
Patient Surname:	**Portal**
First name:	**GPSC**
Date of Birth:	**January 1, 2013**
ICD9 code:	**780**

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Submit once per calendar year per physician.
ii) Submission provides access to the following fee codes:
- PG14075 FP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee
- PG14076 FP Patient Telephone Management Fee
- PG14077 FP Conference with Allied Care Provider and/or physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof
- PG14078 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee
- PG14029 FP Allied Care Provider Practice Code ($0.00 Fee)
- PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053 Chronic Disease Management Incentive Fees
- PG14033, PG14075 Complex Care Planning & Management Fees
- PG14043 Mental Health Planning fee
- PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047 and PG14078 Mental Health Management fees
- PG14063 Palliative Care Planning Fee; and
- PG14066 Personal Health Risk Assessment (Prevention) Fee.

iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed and been paid for any specialist consultation in the previous 12 months

GPSC Locum Portal
Effective April 1, 2020, GPSC Locum Portal Code provides access to the following incentive fee codes:
- PG14075 FP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee
- PG14076 FP Patient Telephone Management Fee
- PG14077 FP Conference with Allied Care Provider and/or physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof
- PG14078 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee
- PG14029 FP Allied Care Provider Practice Code

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053 Chronic Disease management Fees (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14033 Complex Care Planning & Management (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14043 Mental Health Planning fee (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047 and PG14048 Mental Health Management fees (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14063 Palliative Care Planning (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)
- PG14066 Prevention/Personal Health Risk Assessment (Behind portal as of April 1, 2020)

These fees are accessible by a locum tenens when working on a temporary basis for a MRP FP who is away from practice. As per the GPSC Preamble, a locum tenens is defined as a physician with appropriate credentials who substitutes on a temporary basis for another physician who is away from practice.

The host MRP FP must have submitted PG14070 in the same calendar year. The locum tenens and host FP should discuss and mutually agree which of the services accessed through the GPSC Portal may be provided and billed by the locum. However, locums have their own annual allotment of PG14076 (FP Patient Telephone Management Fee) and PG14078 (FP Patient Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee).

Submitting PG14071 signifies that:

- You are providing full service family practice services to patients of host physician, and will continue to do so for the duration of any locum coverage for a family physician who has submitted PG14070

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PG14071	GPSC Portal Code	0.00	0.00

The GPSC Portal should be submitted once at the beginning of each calendar year by MRP FSFPs who maintain a comprehensive longitudinal practice OR at any time during the year when the MRP FSFP begins their comprehensive longitudinal practice. Successful submission of PG14070 allows access to fees listed in the notes below during the calendar year.

Submit fee item PG14071 Locum Portal Code using the following "Patient" demographic information:

PHN:	**9753035697**
Patient Surname:	**Portal**
First name:	**GPSC**
Date of Birth:	**January 1, 2013**
ICD9 code:	**780**

Submission of this code signifies that:

- You are providing continuous comprehensive coordinated family practice services to the patients of the host physician who has submitted PG14070 and will continue to do so for the duration of locum coverage.

NOTES:

i) Submit once per calendar year per physician.

ii) Submission provides access to the following fee codes:
   - PG14075 FP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee
   - PG14076 FP Patient Telephone Management Fee
   - PG14077 FP Conference with Allied Care Provider and/or physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof
   - PG14078 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee
   - PG14029 FP Allied Care Provider Practice Code ($0.00 Fee)
   - PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053 Chronic Disease Management Incentive Fees
   - PG14033, PG14075 Complex Care Planning & Management Fees

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- PG14043 Mental Health Planning fee
- PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047 and PG14078 Mental Health Management fees
- PG14063 Palliative Care Planning Fee; and
- PG14066 Personal Health Risk Assessment (Prevention) Fee.

iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed and been paid for any specialist consultation in the previous 12 months

2. CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVES – FEE FOR SERVICE (PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053, PG14029)

The GPSC Chronic Disease Management Incentives compensate for the additional work, beyond the office visit, of providing guideline-informed care for the eligible condition(s) to the patient over a full twelve-month period. Guideline-informed care includes consideration of the patient's goals, values and comorbidities.

To confirm an ongoing doctor-patient relationship, there must be at least 2 visits billed over the previous 12 months. Visits provided by a locum or colleague covering for the MRP FP may be counted toward these 2 visits however, an electronic note indicating the locum or colleague coverage must be submitted with the claim. Patients in long-term care facilities are eligible when active chronic disease management is clinically appropriate.

When a new FP assumes the practice of another FP who has been providing guideline-informed care to patients with eligible chronic conditions, the CDM fees are billable on the anniversary date of the previous billing, provided the new FP has continued to provide guideline-informed care for these patients. To demonstrate continuity, if some of the required visits have been provided by the previous FP, an electronic note should be submitted at the time of the CDM submission by the new FP, indicating they have taken over the practice of the previous FP and there has been continuity of care over 12 months. Documentation in the patient chart of the provision of patient self-management supports as part of the patients' chronic disease management is expected

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Effective April 1, 2020, PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG1403 are payable only to MRP FPs who have submitted PG14070 or PG14071.		
PG14050	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians - annual chronic care incentive (diabetes mellitus).....	275.00	125.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only to Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14070 or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for diabetes in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a telephone visit (PG14076); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iv) Not payable if the required two visits were provided while working under an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for diabetes (250).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Payable in addition to fee items PG14051 or PG14053 for same patient if eligible.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed; both services will be paid at the full fee.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PG14051	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians - annual chronic care incentive (heart failure)	275.00	125.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only to Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14070 or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of heart failure and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for heart failure in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a telephone visit (PG14076); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College -certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP")

iv) Not payable if the required two visits were provided while working under an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for heart failure (428).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Payable in addition to items PG14050 or PG14053 for the same patient if eligible.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed both services will be paid at the full fee.

PG14052	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians - annual chronic care incentive (hypertension).....	110.00	50.00

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable only to Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14070 or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of hypertension and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for hypertension in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a telephone visit (PG14076); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College-certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iv) Not payable if the required two visits were provided while working under an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for hypertension (401).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Not payable if PG14050, or PG14051 paid within the previous 12 months.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed; both services will be paid at the full fee.

G14053	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians - annual chronic care incentive (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease – COPD)	275.00	125.00

(see notes on next page)

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable only to the family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14070 or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of COPD and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for COPD in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a telephone visit (PG14076); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College-certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iv) Not payable if the required two visits were provided while working under an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for chronic bronchitis (491), emphysema (492), bronchiectasis (494) or chronic airways obstruction-not elsewhere classified (496).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Payable in addition to fee items PG14050, PG14051 or PG14052 for the same patient if eligible.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed; both services will be paid at the full fee.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

Allied Care Provider Code (PG14029)
To support team based care, College-certified Allied Care Providers (ACPs) may provide one of the two visits required for billing GPSC chronic disease management incentives. Visits provided by the College-certified ACP can be in person (PG14029) or by telephone (PG14078)

PG14029	Allied Care Provider Practice Code.....	0.00	0.00

NOTES:

i) Only billable by the family physician who has submitted code PG14070 in the same calendar year and who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care. May also be billed by Locum Family Physicians who are covering for a MRP FP when using this fee code, and have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071.

ii) Applicable only for in-person medical services (office, home or LTC) provided by a College-certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team where the family physician has accepted responsibility for the provision of the care. (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iii) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient, with the exception of PG14077.

iv) Billable on patients receiving guideline informed care who will be eligible for one of the chronic disease management incentives (CDM's).

3. CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVES – MRP FAMILY PHYSICIANS UNDER ALTERNATE PAYMENT/FUNDING MODEL PROGRAMS (PG14250, PG14251, PG14252, PG14253, PG14276)

Use the following CDM incentive fee codes if the required two visits were billed as an encounter record while working under sessional, salary, service or independent contractor contracts. Post review will be performed within 2 years and recoveries made if encounter records were not submitted for the required visits.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	A new telephone management encounter code (PG14276) is billable for physicians on alternate payment/funding models.		
PG14250	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians (who bill encounter record visits) – annual chronic care incentive (diabetes mellitus).....	293.00	125.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is the most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for diabetes in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a GPSC telephone visit (PG14276); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College-certified allied health provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP")

iv) Only payable to physicians who are employed by or who are on an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for diabetes (250).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Payable in addition to fee items PG14251, PG14253 for same patient if eligible.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed both services will be paid at the full fee.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PG14251	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians (who bill encounter record visits) - annual chronic care incentive (heart failure).....	293.00	125.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is the most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of heart failure and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for heart failure in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a telephone visit (PG14276); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College-certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (G14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iv) Only payable to physicians who are on an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for heart failure (428).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Payable in addition to fee items PG14250 or PG14253 for same patient if eligible.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 is billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed both services will be paid at the full fee.

G14252	Incentive for MRP Family Physicians (who bill encounter record visits) - annual chronic care incentive (hypertension).....	293.00	50.00

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is the most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care.

ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of hypertension and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for hypertension in the preceding year.

iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be:
   1. a GPSC telephone visit (PG14276); or
   2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or
   3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or
   4. an in-person visit with a College-certified allied health provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

iv) Only payable to physicians who are on an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble.

v) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for hypertension (401).

vi) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period.

vii) Not payable if fee items PG14250 or PG14251paid within the previous 12 months.

viii) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

ix) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed; both services will be paid at the full fee.

G14253 Incentive for MRP Family Physicians (who bill encounter record visits) - annual chronic care incentive (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease – COPD)..... 293.00 125.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is the most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Applicable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of COPD and the documented provision of a clinically appropriate level of guideline-informed care for COPD in the preceding year. iii) This item may only be billed after one year of care has been provided including at least two visits. Office, prenatal, home, long term care visits qualify. One of the two visits may be: 1. a GPSC telephone visit (PG14276) or 2. a group medical visit (13763-13781); or 3. a telehealth visit (13017, 13018, 13037, 13038); or iv) an in-person visit with a College-certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice team (PG14029). (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP"). v) Only payable to physicians who are on an alternate payment/funding model as described in the GPSC Preamble. vi) Claim must include the ICD-9 code for chronic bronchitis (491), emphysema (492), bronchiectasis (494) or chronic airways obstruction-not elsewhere classified (496). vii) Payable once per patient in a consecutive 12 month period. viii) Payable in addition to fee items PG14250, PG14251 or PG14252 for the same patient if eligible. ix) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid. x) If a visit is provided on the same date the incentive is billed; both services will be paid at the full fee.		
PG14276	Patient Telephone Management encounter code for MRP Family Physicians on alternate payment/funding models providing chronic disease management NOTES: i) Billable only by MRP Family Physicians who are employed or under contract to a facility or working under an alternate payment/funding model to demonstrate one of the two required visits as per fees PG14250, PG14251, PG14252 and/or PG14253.	0.00	0.00

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ii) Telephone Management requires a clinical telephone discussion between the patient or the patient's medical representative and physician. Alternatively, telephone management may be billed when delegated to a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) employed by the eligible physician practice (see GPSC Preamble for definition of allied care provider "employed by" a physician practice and "College-certified ACP").
iii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as capture the elements of care discussed.
iv) Not billable for prescription renewal alone.
v) Not billable for anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals.
vi) Billable to a maximum of 1500 services per physician per calendar year.
vii) Not billable on the same calendar day as a visit or service by same physician for same patient, with the exception of PG14250, PG14251, PG14252, PG14253.

4. COMPLEX CARE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT FEES (PG14033, PG14075)

There are two Complex Care Planning and Management Incentives: PG14033 an PG14075.

Effective April 1, 2020, both PG14033 and PG14075 are available only to MRP Family Physicians who have submitted PG14070 or PG14071. PG14033 and PG14075 are payable only to the family physician who commits to providing the majority of the patient's longitudinal comprehensive primary medical care for the ensuing calendar year.

Only one Complex Care Planning and Management Incentive may be billed for an individual patient in any given calendar year, even if the patient meets eligibility requirements for both PG14033 and PG14075. When patients meet eligibility requirements for both Complex Care Incentives, choose either PG14033 or PG14075 – whichever best reflects the cause of their medical complexity.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	To be eligible for either of the Complex Care Planning and Management Fees, the effects of the patient's condition(s) should be significant enough to warrant the development of a management plan. In other words, eligibility is not based solely on the individual diagnoses. Consideration should be given to the overall clinical impact of the diagnoses on the patient.		
PG14033	Complex Care Planning and Management Fee - 2 Diagnoses	693.00	315.00

The Complex Care Planning and Management Fee is payment for the creation of a care plan and advance payment for the complex work of caring for patients with two eligible conditions. It is payable upon the completion and documentation of a care plan in the patient's chart.

Patient Eligibility:

- Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living.
- Patients in Acute and Long Term Care Facilities are not eligible.

PG14033 Complex Care Planning & Management Fee – 2 Diagnoses

The Complex Care Planning and Management Fee - 2 Diagnoses was developed to compensate FPs for the management of complex patients living in their home or assisted living, who have documented confirmed diagnoses of 2 eligible conditions from at least 2 of the 8 categories listed below.

Eligible Complex Care Condition Categories

1) Diabetes mellitus (type 1 and 2)
2) Chronic Kidney Disease
3) Heart Failure
4) Chronic respiratory Condition (asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, Pulmonary Fibrosis, Fibrosing Alveolitis, Cystic Fibrosis, etc.)
5) Cerebrovascular disease, excluding acute transient cerebrovascular conditions (e.g.: TIA, Migraine)

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

6) Ischemic heart disease, excluding the acute phase of myocardial infarct
7) Chronic Neurodegenerative Diseases (Multiple Sclerosis, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, brain injury with a permanent neurological deficit, paraplegia or quadriplegia, etc.)
8) Chronic Liver Disease with evidence of hepatic dysfunction.

If a patient has more than 2 of the eligible conditions, the submitted diagnostic code from Table 1 should represent the two conditions creating the most complexity.

NOTES:
i) Payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal care and who has successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year. Alternatively, if a locum and host MRP FP have agreed that the locum may provide a planning visit, the locum must have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 in the same calendar year.
ii) Payable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of two eligible conditions as listed in Table 1.
iii) Payable once per calendar year per patient on the date of the complex care planning visit.
iv) Payable in addition to a visit fee (home or office) on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the physician face to face planning included under PG14033.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

v) Minimum required total planning time 30 minutes. The majority of the planning time must be spent face to face between physician and patient (or patient's medical representative) to create the care plan collaboratively (minimum 16 minutes). Other planning tasks (review chart and existing care plan(s), medication reconciliation, etc.) may take place on different dates, may be done with or without the patient, and may be delegated to a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) working within the eligible physician practice team. (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

vi) Chart documentation must include:
   1. The care plan;
   2. total planning time (minimum 30 minutes); and
   3. physician face to face planning time (minimum 16 minutes).

vii) PG14018 or PG14077 payable on same day for same patent if all criteria met. Time spent on conferencing does not apply to time requirement for PG14033.

viii) PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053 payable on same day for same patient, if all other criteria met.

ix) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

x) PG14043, PG14063, PG14076 and PG14078 not payable on the same day for the same patient.

xi) Maximum daily total of 5 of any combination of PG14033 and PG14075 per physician.

xii) PG14075 is not payable in the same calendar year for same patient as PG14033.

xiii) Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living. patients in Acute or Long Term Care facilities are not eligible.

xiv) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

Diagnostic codes submitted with PG14033 billing must be from Table 1. If the patient has multiple comorbidities, the submitted diagnostic code should represent the two conditions creating the most complexity of care.

Table 1: Complex Care Diagnostic Codes

Diagnostic Code	Condition One	Condition Two
N519	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Chronic Respiratory Condition
N414	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Ischemic Heart Disease
N428	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Heart Failure
N250	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Diabetes
N430	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Cerebrovascular Disease
N585	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Chronic Kidney Disease
N573	Chronic Neurodegenerative Disorder	Chronic Liver Disease
R414	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Ischemic Heart Disease
R428	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Heart Failure
R250	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Diabetes
R430	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Cerebrovascular Disease
R585	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Chronic Kidney Disease
R573	Chronic Respiratory Condition	Chronic Liver Disease
I428	Ischemic Heart Disease	Heart Failure
I250	Ischemic Heart Disease	Diabetes
I430	Ischemic Heart Disease	Cerebrovascular Disease
I585	Ischemic Heart Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease
I573	Ischemic Heart Disease	Chronic Liver Disease
H250	Heart Failure	Diabetes
H430	Heart Failure	Cerebrovascular Disease
H585	Heart Failure	Chronic Kidney Disease
H573	Heart Failure	Chronic Liver Disease
D430	Diabetes	Cerebrovascular Disease
D585	Diabetes	Chronic Kidney Disease
D573	Diabetes	Chronic Liver Disease
C585	Cerebrovascular Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease
C573	Cerebrovascular Disease	Chronic Liver Disease
K573	Chronic Kidney Disease	Chronic Liver Disease

PG14075 Complex Care Planning and Management Fee - Frailty 693.00 315.00

The Complex Care Planning and Management Fee - Frailty is payment for the creation of a care plan (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) and advance payment for the complex work of caring for eligible patients of any age with documented frailty from any cause. Frailty is defined as requiring assistance with at least one ADL from each of the instrumental and non-instrumental activities of daily living (IADL & NIADL). The effect of the frailty on the patient must be significant enough to warrant the development of a management plan.

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

Patients of any age who require assistance with at least one ADL from each of the instrumental and non-instrumental activities of daily living (IADL & NIADL) are eligible for PG14075.

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) = Activities that are required to live in the community:	**Non-Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (NIADL) = Activities that are related to personal care:**
Meal preparation	Mobility in bed
Ordinary housework	Transfers
Managing finances	Locomotion inside and outside the home
Managing medications	Dressing upper and lower body
Phone use	Eating
Shopping	Toilet use
Transportation	Personal hygiene
	Bathing

Patient eligibility:

- Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living.
- Patients in Acute and long term Care Facilities are not eligible.

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal care and who has successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year. Alternatively, if a locum and host MRP FP have agreed that the locum may provide a planning visit, the locum must have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 in the same calendar year.

ii) Payable only for patients who require assistance with at least one ADL from each of the instrumental and non-instrumental activities of daily living, the effects of which are significant enough to warrant the development of a management plan.

iii) Claim must include the diagnostic code V15.

iv) Payable once per calendar year per patient on the date of the complex care planning visit.

v) Payable in addition to a visit fee (home or office) on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the physician face to face planning included under PG14075.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

vi) Minimum required total planning time 30 minutes. The majority of the planning time must be face-to-face between the physician and patient (or patient's medical representative) to create the care plan collaboratively with the patient and/or their medical representative (minimum 16 minutes). Other tasks (review chart and existing care plan(s), medication reconciliation, etc.) may take place on different dates, may be done with or without the patient, be on different dates and may be delegated to a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) working within the eligible physician practice team. (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

vii) Chart documentation must include:
   1. the care plan;
   2. total planning time (minimum 30 minutes); and
   3. face to face planning time (minimum 16 minutes)

viii) PG14018 or PG14077 payable on the same day for the same patient. Time spent on conferencing does not apply to time requirement for PG14075.

ix) Maximum daily total 5 of any combination of PG14033 and PG14075 per physician.

x) PG14075 not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid.

xi) PG14033 is not payable in the same calendar year for same patient as PG14075.

xii) PG14043, PG14063, PG14076, PG14078 not payable on the same day for the same patient.

xiii) Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living. Patients in Acute or Long Term Care facilities are not eligible.

xiv) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

5. PREVENTION FEE (PG14066)

PG14066	Personal Health Risk Assessment (Prevention).....	110.00	50.00

This fee is payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal primary medical care and who undertakes a Personal Health Risk Assessment with a patient in one of the designated target populations (obese, tobacco use, physically inactive, unhealthy eating). The FP is expected to develop a plan that recommends age and sex specific targeted clinical preventative actions of proven benefit, consistent with the Lifetime Prevention Schedule and GPAC Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease – Primary Prevention Guidelines. The Personal Health Risk Assessment requires a face to face visit with the patient or patient's medical representative.

Effective April 1, 2020, PG14066 is payable only to MRP Family Physicians who have submitted PG4070 or PG14071.

Patient Eligibility:

- Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living.
- Patients in Acute and Long Term Care Facilities are not eligible.

The Ministry of Health website contains:
The current Lifetime Prevention Schedule
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/health-priorities/lifetime-prevention
and the BC Prevention Guidelines
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/bc-guidelines/preventative-health

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal care and who has successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year. Alternatively, if a locum and host MRP FP have agreed that the locum may provide a planning visit the locum must have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14701 in the same calendar year.

ii) Payable only for patients with one or more of the following risk factors: Tobacco Use/Smoking, unhealthy eating, physical inactivity, medical obesity.

iii) Diagnostic code submitted with PG14066 must be one of the following: Tobacco Use/Smoking (786), Unhealthy Eating (783), physical inactivity (785), Medical Obesity (783).

iv) The discussion with the patient and the resulting preventive plan of action must be documented in the patient's chart.

v) Payable in addition to a visit fee (home or office) on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the face to face planning included under PG14066.

vi) PG14077 payable on same day for same patient if all criteria met.

vii) PG14033, PG14043, PG14063, PG14076 and PG14078 not payable on the same day for the same patient.

viii) Payable to a maximum of 100 patients per calendar year, per physician.

ix) Payable once per calendar year per patient.

x) Not payable once PG14063 has been billed and paid as patient has been changed from active management of chronic disease to palliative management.

xi) Not payable to physicians working an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

7. MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT FEE (PG14043)

This fee is payable upon the completion and documentation of a care plan (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) in the patient's chart for patients with a confirmed eligible mental health diagnosis when the effect on the patient is significant enough to warrant the development of a care plan. This is not intended for patients with short-lived mental health symptoms (e.g.: normal grief, life transitions).

The mental Health Planning Fee requires a face to face visit with the patient and/or the patient's medical representative and the physician.

Effective April 1, 2020, PG14043 is payable only to Family Physicians who have submitted PG14070 or PG14071. The Mental Health Planning Fee is payable only to the family physician who commits to providing the majority of the patient's longitudinal comprehensive primary medical care for the ensuing year.

Successful billing of the mental health Planning fee PG14043 allows access to four counselling equivalent mental health management fees in that same calendar year which may be billed once the four MSP counselling fees (any combination of 00120 age differential or telehealth counselling codes) have been utilized.

Patient eligibility:

- Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living.
- Patients in acute or long term care facilities are not eligible.

PG14043	FP Mental Health Planning Fee	220.00	100.00

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal care and who has successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year. Alternatively, if a locum and host MRP FP have agreed that the locum may provide a planning visit, the locum must have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 in the same calendar year.

ii) Payable only for patients with documentation of a confirmed eligible mental health diagnosis of sufficient severity to warrant the development of a management plan. Not intended for patients with self-limited or short lived mental health symptoms.

iii) Payable once per calendar year per patient. Not intended as a routine annual fee.

iv) Payable in addition to a visit fee (home or office) on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the physician face to face planning included under PG14043.

v) Minimum required total planning time 30 minutes. The majority of the planning time must be face to face between the physician and patient (or patient's medical representative) to create the care plan collaboratively (minimum 16 minutes). Other tasks (review chart and existing care plan(s), medication reconciliation, etc.) may take place on different dates, may be done with or without the patient, and may be delegated to College-certified allied care providers (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) employed within the eligible physician practice team. (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").

vi) Chart documentation must include:
    1. the care plan;
    2. total planning time (minimum 30 minutes); and
    3. face to face planning time (minimum 16 minutes)

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

vii) PG14077 payable on same day for same patient if all criteria met. Time spent on conferencing does not apply to 30 minute time requirement for PG14043.
viii) PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047, PG14048, PG14033, PG14063, PG14075, PG14076 and PG14078 not payable on the same day for the same patient.
ix) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

Table 1

Effective April 1, 2020, the following list of eligible diagnoses and ICD-9 codes is to be used when billing the Mental Health Planning and Management Fees, PG14043, PG14044 – PG14048:

CATEGORY	DIAGNOSIS	ICD-9
Anxiety Disorders	Anxiety Disorders	300, 308, 50B
Bipolar and Related Disorders	Bipolar	296
	Cyclothymia	301.13
Depressive Disorders	Depressive disorders	311
Dissociative Disorder	Dissociative Disorders	300
Eating Disorders	Eating Disorders	307, 307.1
Gender Dysphoria	Gender Dysphoria	302
Impulse Control Disorders	Impulse Control Disorders	312
Neurocognitive Disorders	Delirium	293
	Dementia	290, 331, 331.0, 331.2
Neurodevelopmental disorders	Attention Deficit Disorder	314
	Autism Spectrum Disorder	299.0
	Pervasive Developmental Disorder	299.0
Obsessive-Compulsive & Related Disorders	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	300
	Body Dysmorphic Disorder	300.7
Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders	Schizophrenia and other Psychotic disorders	293, 295, 297, 298
Sexual Dysfunction	Sexual Dysfunction	302
Sleep Disorders	Sleep wake disorders: Insomnia / hypersomnolence / narcolepsy	307.4, 347
	Parasomnias	307.4
	Breathing-Related Sleep Disorders	780.5
Somatic Symptom & Related Disorders	Factitious disorder	300, 312
	Pain Disorder with Affective Symptoms	338
	Somatic Symptom Disorder	300.8
	Conversion Disorder	300.1
Substance use Disorders	Substance Use Disorder: Alcohol	303
	Substance Use Disorder: Drugs	304
Trauma and stressor related disorders	Adjustment Disorders	309
	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	309

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

7. MENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT FEES (PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047, PG14048)

PG14044	FP Mental Health Management Fee age 2–49	131.00	56.41
PG14045	FP Mental Health Management Fee age 50–59	147.00	62.05
PG14046	FP Mental Health Management Fee age 60–69	153.00	64.86
PG14047	FP Mental Health Management Fee age 70–79	171.00	73.32
PG14048	FP Mental Health Management Fee age 80+	200.00	84.60

These fees are payable for prolonged counselling visits (minimum time 20 minutes) with patients on whom a Mental Health Planning fee PG14043 has been successfully billed. The four MSP counselling fees (any combination of age-appropriate 00120 or telehealth counselling) must first have been paid in the same calendar year.

NOTES:

i) Payable only to the physician who has previously billed and been paid the Mental Health Planning fee (PG14043) in the same calendar year, unless that physician has agreed to share care with another delegated physician. To facilitate payment, the delegated physician must submit an electronic note.
ii) Payable a maximum of 4 times per calendar year per patient.
iii) Not payable unless the four age-appropriate 00120 or telehealth counselling (13018, 13038) fees have already been paid in the same calendar year in any combination.
iv) Minimum time required is 20 minutes.
v) Start and end times must be included with the claim and documented in the patient chart.
vi) Counselling may be provided face to face or by videoconferencing.
vii) PG14077, payable on same day for same patient if all criteria met.
viii) PG14043, PG14076, PG14078 not payable on same day for same patient.
ix) Documentation of the effect(s) of the condition on the patient and what advice or service was provided is required.
x) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

8. PALLIATIVE CARE PLANNING FEE (PG14063)

This fee is payable upon the development and documentation of a care plan as described in the GPSC Preamble for patients who in the FP's clinical judgment have reached the palliative stage of a life-limiting disease or illness, with life expectancy of up to 6 months, and who consent to the focus of care being palliative.

Examples include end-stage cardiac, respiratory, renal and liver disease, end stage dementia, degenerative neuromuscular disease, HIV/AIDS or malignancy. This fee requires a face to face visit and assessment of the patient. If the patient is incapable of participating in the assessment to confirm and agree to their being palliative, then the patient's alternate substitute decision maker or legal health representative must be consulted and asked to provide informed consent.

Effective April 1, 2020, PG14063 is payable only to Family Physicians who have submitted PG14070 or PG14071 in the same calendar year.

This fee is payable only to the family physician who commits to providing the majority of the patient's longitudinal comprehensive primary medical care for the patient.

Patient Eligibility:

- Eligible patients must be living at home or in assisted living.
- Patients in Acute and Long Term Care Facilities are not eligible.

PG14063	FP Palliative Care Planning Fee	220.00	100.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only to Family Physicians who have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070. Alternatively, if a locum and host MRP FP have agreed that the locum may provide a planning visit, the locum must have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 in the same calendar year.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ii) Requires documentation of the patient's medical diagnosis, determination that the patient has become palliative, and patient's agreement to no longer seek treatment aimed at cure.
iii) Patient must be eligible for BC Palliative Care Benefits Program (not necessary to have applied for palliative care benefits program).
iv) Payable once per patient once patient deemed to be palliative. Under circumstances when the patient moves communities after the initial palliative care planning fee has been billed, it may be billed by the new FP who is assuming the ongoing palliative care for the patient.
v) Payable in addition to a visit fee (home or office) on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the face to face planning included under PG14063.
vi) Minimum required total planning time 30 minutes. The majority of the planning time must be spent face to face between physician and patient (or patient's medical representative) to create the care plan collaboratively (minimum 16 minutes). Other planning tasks (review chart and existing care plan(s), medication reconciliation, etc.) may take place on different dates, may be done with or without the patient, and may be delegated to a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) working within the eligible physician practice team. (See Preamble definition of "working within" and "College-certified ACP").
vii) Chart documentation must include:
    1. the care plan;
    2. total planning time (minimum 30 minutes); and
    3. face to face planning time (minimum 16 minutes).
viii) PG14077 payable on same day for same patient if all criteria met. Time spent on conferencing does not apply to time requirement for PG14063.
ix) Not payable if PG14033 or PG14075 has been paid within 6 months.
x) Not payable on same day as PG14043, PG14076 or PG14078.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

xi) PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053, PG14250, PG14251, PG14252, PG14253, PG14033, PG14066, PG14075 not payable once Palliative Care Planning fee is billed and paid.

xii) The GPSC Mental Health Initiative Fees (PG14043, PG14044, PG14045, PG14046, PG14047, PG14048), are still payable once PG14063 has been billed provided all requirements are met, but are not payable on same day.

xiii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

9. FP EMAIL, TEXT & TELEPHONE FEES: MEDICAL ADVICE TO PATIENTS (PG14076, PG14078)

PG14076	FP Patient Telephone Management Fee	33.00	20.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only to:
   a) MRP Family Physicians who have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year; or
   b) Locum Family Physicians who are covering for a MRP FP when using this fee code, and have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year; or
   c) Family Physicians Registered in a Maternity Network, Long Term Care Network, or FP Unassigned In-patient network on a prior date.

ii) Telephone Management requires a clinical telephone discussion between the patient or the patient's medical representative and physician. Alternatively, this fee may be billed when delegated to a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) employed by the eligible physician practice. (see GPSC Preamble for definition of allied care provider "employed by" a physician practice and "College-certified ACP").

iii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as capture the elements of care discussed.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Not payable for prescription renewals alone. v) Not payable for anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals. vi) Payable to a maximum of 1500 services per physician per calendar year. vii) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient with the exception of PG14077, PG14018, PG14050, PG14051, PG14052, PG14053, 13005. viii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.		
PG14078	FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee .. PG14078 is payable for 2-way communication of medical advice from the MRP Family Physician to eligible patients, or the patient's medical representative, via email/text or telephone relay. This fee is not payable for prescription renewals, anticoagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals. NOTES: i) Payable only to: a. MRP Family Physicians who have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year; or b. Locum Family Physicians who are covering for a MRP FP when using this fee code, and have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year; or c. Family Physicians Registered in a Maternity Network, Long Term Care Network, or FP Unassigned In-patient network on a prior date.	16.35	7.00

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ii) Email/Text/Telephone Relay Medical Advice requires 2-way relay/communication of medical advice from the physician to eligible patients, or the patient's medical representative, via email/text or telephone. Alternatively, the task of relaying the physician's advice may be delegated to any allied care provider or MOA working within the physician practice.(See GPSC Preamble for definition of allied care provider "working within" a physician practice team).
iii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as the advice provided, modality of communication and confirmation the advice has been received.
iv) Not payable for prescription renewals, anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals.
v) Payable to a maximum of 200 services per physician per calendar year.
vi) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient with the exception of PG14077.

10. CONFERENCING AND ADVICE FEES (PG14077, PG14018, PG14019)

FP Conference with Allied Care Provider and/or Physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof

PG14077 pays for two-way case conferencing about a patient with at least one allied care provider or physician. The fee is billable regardless of where the patient is located or how the conference occurs (in-person, by phone). Time spent talking to the patient or family member does not count towards conferencing time under PG14077.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	As start and end times must be submitted, consider: a) If conferencing takes place as a series of separate phone calls, use the start time of the first call and calculate the "end time" based on total time spent conferencing. b) If billing a same day out-of-office hour's visit fee code (which also requires start/end times), the time submitted must either be before or after the PG14077 start/end time.		
PG14077	FP Conference with Allied care Provider and/or Physician – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof . NOTES: i) Payable only to: a) MRP Family Physicians who have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14070 in the same calendar year; or b) Locum Family Physicians who are covering for a MRP FP when using this fee code, and have successfully submitted and met the requirements for PG14071 on the same or a prior date in the same calendar year; or c) Family Physicians registered in a Maternity Network, Long Term Care Network, or FP Unassigned In-patient network on a prior date. ii) Payable for two-way collaborative conferencing, either by telephone, videoconferencing or in person, between the Family Physician and an allied care provider and/or a physician. iii) Conferencing cannot be delegated. No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either provider. iv) Details of care conference must be documented in the patient's chart (in office or facility as appropriate), including particulars of participant(s) involved in conference, role(s) in care, and information on clinical discussion and decisions made. v) Conference to include the clinical and social circumstances relevant to the delivery of care.	88.00	40.00

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

vi) Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:
    a) book an appointment
    b) arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure
    c) arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
    d) convey the results of diagnostic investigations
    e) arrange a hospital bed for the patient
vii) If multiple patients are discussed, the billings must be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods.
viii) Payable in addition to any visit fee on the same day if medically required and does not take place during a time interval that overlaps with the patient conference. (i.e.: visit time is separate from conference time).
ix) Payable to a maximum of 18 units (270 minutes) per calendar year per patient with a maximum of 2 units (30 minutes) per patient on any single day.
x) Start and end times must be included with the claim and documented in the patient chart.
xi) Not payable for communications which occur as a part of the performance of routine rounds on the patient if located in a facility or communications which occur as part of regular work flow within a physician's community practice.
xii) Not payable for simple advice to a non-physician allied care provider about a patient in a facility.
xiii) Not payable in addition to PG14018.
xiv) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

FP Urgent Telephone Advice from a Physician with Consultative Expertise

PG14018 is billable when the severity of the patient's condition justifies urgent advice (within 2 hours of request) from a Specialist or Physician with Consultative Expertise (as defined in the GPSC Preamble), in order to develop and implement a plan to keep the patient stable in their current environment. The intent of PG14018 is to improve the management of patients with acute needs, and reduce unnecessary

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ER or hospital admissions/transfers. This fee is not restricted by diagnosis or location of the patient, but by the urgency of the need for care.		
PG14018	FP Urgent Telephone Advice from a Specialist or FP with Consultative Expertise.....	88.00	40.00

PG14018 is payment for telephone advice that is needed on an urgent basis (within 2 hours of request) from a Specialist or Family Physician with Consultative Expertise (as defined in the Preamble). Includes the creation, documentation, and implementation of a plan for the care of patients with acute needs (i.e. requiring attention within the next 24 hours) and communication of that plan to the patient or patient's representative.

NOTES:

i) Payable to the FP who initiates a two-way telephone communication (including other forms of electronic verbal communication) with a specialist or family physician with consultative expertise (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) regarding the urgent assessment and management of a patient but without the responding physician seeing the patient.

ii) Conversation must take place within two hours of the FP's request and must be physician to physician. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).

iii) Fee includes:
   a) Discussion with the specialist of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint, and discussion of the patient's condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.
   b) Developing, documenting and implementing a plan to manage the patient safely in their care setting.
   c) Communication of the plan to the patient or the patient's representative.
   d) The plan must be recorded in patient chart and must include patient identifiers, reason for the care plan, list of co-morbidities, safety risks, list of interventions, what referrals to be made what follow-up has been arranged.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iv) Not payable to the same patient on the same date of service as fee item PG14077.
v) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.
vi) Include start time in time fields when submitting claim.
vii) Not payable for situations where the primary purpose of the call is to:
    a) book an appointment
    b) arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
    c) arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
    d) arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
    e) convey the results of diagnostic investigations
    f) arrange a hospital bed for the patient
    g) obtain non-urgent advice for patient management (i.e. not required within the next 2 hours)
viii) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day.
ix) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.
x) Maximum of 6 (six) services per patient, per practitioner per calendar year.
xi) Payable in addition to a visit on the same day.

FP Advice to Nurse Practitioner/Registered Midwife Fee

The intent of PG14019 is to support collaboration between nurse practitioners, registered midwives and community family physicians. This fee is billable when providing advice by telephone or in person to a Nurse Practitioner who is an independent practitioner providing care to patients under his/her MRP care. This fee is not billable for providing advice to a NP when the patient is attached to a FP. This fee is also billable when providing advice by telephone or in person to a Registered Midwife who is an independent practitioner providing maternity care to patients under their MRP care.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PG14019	FP Advice to a Nurse Practitioner/Midwife Fee - Telephone or In person.....	99.20	40.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to:
   a. the FP who provides advice by telephone or in person in response to a request from a Nurse Practitioner (NP) in independent practice on patients for whom the NP has accepted the responsibility of being the Most Responsible Provider for that patient's community care; or
   b. the FP who provides advice by telephone or in person in response to a request from a Registered Midwife in independent practice on patients for whom the Midwife has accepted the responsibility of being the Most Responsible Provider for that patient's maternity care.

ii) Excludes advice to an NP about patients who are attached to the FP; excludes advice to a Registered Midwife about patients being cared for in a shared care model with a FP.

iii) Payable for advice regarding assessment and management by the NP/Midwife and without the responding physician seeing the patient.

iv) Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).

v) A chart entry, including advice given and to whom, is required.

vi) NP/Midwife Practitioner number required in referring practitioner field when submitting fee through Teleplan.

vii) Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:
   a. Book an appointment
   b. Arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
   c. Arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
   d. Arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
   e. Convey the results of diagnostic investigations
   f. Arrange a hospital bed for the patient.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

viii) Limited to 1 (one) claim per patient per day with a maximum of 6 (six) claims per patient per calendar year.
ix) Limit of 5 (five) PG14019 units may be billed by a FP on any calendar day.
x) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same FP.
xi) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.
xii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

11. Family Physicians with Consultative Expertise Fees (PG14021, PG14022, PG14023)

FP with Consultative Expertise Telephone Advice Fees (PG14021, PG14022, PG14023) support tele/videoconferencing between FP's with Consultative Expertise and other Family Physicians, Specialists or Allied Care Providers for the purpose of improving patient care.

The GPSC Preamble defines Family Physicians with Consultative Expertise as:

GPSC defines a Physician with Consultative Expertise as "A family physician who has consultative expertise and provides consultative services or support to colleagues through a health authority supported or approved program". Examples of health authority supported programs include (but are not limited to) mental health, addictions, palliative, chronic pain and emergency medicine.

<u>Eligibility for FP with Consultative Expertise Telephone Advice Fees:</u>
In addition to meeting the definition of FP with Consultative Expertise listed above and in the GPSC Preamble, the following criteria must be met:

- Must not have billed another GPSC fee item on the specific patient in the previous 18 months.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- Service may be provided when physician is located in office or hospital.
- Telephone advice must be related to the field in which the FP provides consultative services or support.

Requirements for submission of FP with Consultative Expertise Fee
Effective April 1, 2020, PG14021, PG14022, PG14023 fees will only be billable by physicians who have applied and been confirmed as "FPs with Consultative Expertise" as per the GPSC Preamble. For applications to bill FP with consultative expertise fees, email gpsc.billing@doctorsofbc.ca

PG14021	FP with Consultative Expertise Telephone/Video Advice - Initiated by a Specialist, Family Physician, or Allied Care Provider, Response within 2 hours	132.00	60.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to a FP with consultative expertise (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) for two-way telephone/video communication regarding assessment and management of a patient but without the consulting physician seeing the patient.
ii) Conversation must take place within two hours of the initiating provider's request. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, e-mail).
iii) Includes discussion of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint and discussion of the patient's condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.
iv) Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:
    a) book an appointment
    b) arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
    c) arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
    d) arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
    e) convey the results of diagnostic investigations
    f) arrange a hospital bed for the patient

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

v) Not payable to provider initiating call.
vi) No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either provider (e.g.: office support staff).
vii) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day.
viii) A chart entry, including advice given and to whom, is required.
ix) Start times must be included with the claim and documented in the patient chart.
x) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same physician.
xi) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.
xii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.
xiii) Include the practitioner number of the provider requesting advice in the “referred by” field when submitting claim. (For allied care providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987 and include a note record specifying the type of provider).

PG14022	FP with Consultative Expertise Telephone/Video Advice - Initiated by a Specialist, Family Physician or Allied Care Provider, Response within one Week – per 15 minutes or portion thereof	88.00	40.00

NOTES:
i) Payable to a FP with Consultative Expertise (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) for two-way telephone/video communication regarding assessment and management of a patient but without the consulting physician seeing the patient.
ii) Conversation must take place within 7 days of initiating provider’s request. Initiation may be by phone or referral letter.
iii) Includes discussion of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint and discussion of the patient’s condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iv) Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:
   a) book an appointment
   b) arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
   c) arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
   d) arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
   e) convey the results of diagnostic investigations
   f) arrange a hospital bed for the patient

v) Not payable to provider initiating call.

vi) No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either provider (e.g.: office support staff).

vii) Limited to two services per patient per physician per week.

viii) A chart entry, including advice given and to whom, is required.

ix) Start and end times must be included with the claim and documented in the patient chart.

x) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same physician.

xi) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.

xii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

xiii) Include the practitioner number of the provider requesting advice in the “referred by” field when submitting claim. (For allied care providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987 and include a note record specifying the type of provider).

G14023	FP with Consultative Expertise - Patient Telephone/Video Management/Follow-Up.....	44.00	20.00

NOTES:

i) This fee applies to two-way telephone/video communication between the FP with consultative expertise (as defined in the GPSC Preamble) and patient, or a patient’s representative. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, e-mail).

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ii) Access to this fee is restricted to patients having received a prior consultation, office visit, hospital or ER visit, diagnostic procedure or surgical procedure from the same physician, within the 6 months preceding this service.
iii) Telephone/video management requires two-way communication between the patient and physician on a clinical level; the fee is not billable for administrative tasks such as appointment notification.
iv) No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for the physician (e.g.: office support staff).
v) Each physician may bill this service 4 (four) times per calendar year for each patient.
vi) This fee requires chart entry as well as ensuring that patient understands and acknowledges the information provided.
vii) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same physician.
viii) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.
ix) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

12. FAMILY PHYSICIAN OBSTETRICAL PREMIUMS (PG14004, PG14005, PG14008, PG14009)

The following fees are payable to BC's eligible family physicians. The purpose of the payment is to encourage family physicians to continue to provide obstetrical care, giving women the benefit of choice and longitudinal care. Practitioners who have billed any specialty consultation fee in the previous 12 months are not eligible.

Effective April 1, 2020, PG14004, PG14005, PG14008 and PG14009 are payable only to Family Physicians who have submitted PG14070 or PG14071 in the same calendar year, or who are registered in a Maternity Network

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
G14004	Obstetric Delivery Incentive for Family Physicians - associated with vaginal delivery and postnatal care	700.00	375.40

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who provides the maternity care, is responsible for or shares the responsibility for providing the patient's primary medical care and who has successfully:
   a) Submitted PG14070, or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted code PG14071 on the same or prior date in the same calendar year; or
   b) Registered in a Maternity Network on a prior date.

ii) Payable only when fee item 14104 billed in conjunction.

iii) Maximum of one incentive under fee item PG14004, PG14008, PG14009 per patient delivered.

iv) Maximum of 25 incentives per calendar year per physician under fee item PG14004, PG14005, PG14008, PG14009 or a combination of these items.

G14005	Obstetric Delivery Incentive for Family Physicians - associated with management of labour and transfer to a higher level of care facility	293.00	156.34

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who provides the maternity care, is responsible for or shares the responsibility for providing the patient's primary medical care and who has successfully:
   a) Submitted PG14070, or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted code PG14071 on the same or prior date in the same calendar year; or
   b) Registered in a Maternity Network on a prior date.

ii) Payable only when fee item 14105 billed in conjunction.

iii) Payable in addition to PG14004 or PG14009 when billed and paid to a different GP attending delivery in the receiving hospital.

iv) Maximum of 25 incentives per calendar year per physician under fee item PG14004, PG14005, PG14008, PG14009 or a combination of these items.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
G14008	Obstetric Delivery Incentive Family Physicians - associated with postnatal care after an elective caesarean section.....	145.00	77.23

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who provides the maternity care, is responsible for or shares the responsibility for providing the patient's primary medical care and who has successfully:
   a) Submitted PG14070, or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted code PG14071 on the same or prior date in the same calendar year; or
   b) Registered in a Maternity Network on a prior date.

ii) Payable only when fee item 14108 billed in conjunction.

iii) Maximum of one incentive under fee item PG14004, PG14008, PG14009 per patient delivered.

iv) Maximum of 25 incentives per calendar year per physician under fee item PG14004, PG14005, PG14008, PG14009 or a combination of these items.

G14009	Obstetric Delivery Incentive for Family Physicians – associated with attendance at delivery and postnatal care associated with emergency caesarean section....	584.00	312.70

NOTES:

i) Payable to the family physician who provides the maternity care, is responsible for or shares the responsibility for providing the patient's primary medical care and who has successfully:
   a) Submitted PG14070, or on behalf of Locum Family Physicians who have successfully submitted code PG14071 on the same or prior date in the same calendar year; or
   b) Registered in a Maternity Network on a prior date.

ii) Payable only when fee item 14109 billed in conjunction.

iii) Maximum of one incentive under fee item PG14004, PG14008, PG14009 per patient delivered.

iv) Maximum of 25 incentives per calendar year per physician under fee item PG14004, PG14005, PG14008, PG14009 or a combination of these items.

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13. MATERNITY NETWORK INITIATIVE (H14010)

Eligible family physicians can receive a quarterly payment each quarter ending March 31, June 30, September 30 & December 31, to cover the costs of group/network activities for their shared care of obstetric patients (both assigned and unassigned obstetric patients).

To support conferencing with other health care providers with other health care providers and communication with patients, registration in a Maternity Network allows access to FP Conferencing Incentive PG14077 and FP Patient telephone/advice Incentives PG14076 and PG14078. As part of the GPSC In-patient Initiative, members of Maternity Networks are eligible to bill the Unassigned In-patient Care fee H14088 for unassigned pregnant patients for whom they are the Most Responsible Physician (MRP). Maternity patients who have been referred to an FP for prenatal care and delivery are not considered unassigned.

Note: Claims received for processing before the date of service or with a date of service other than the last day in a quarter will be refused.

Effective April 1, 2020, registration in a Maternity Network provides access to the Obstetrical Delivery Incentives for Family Physicians (PG14004, PG14005, PG14008 and PG14009)

H14010	Maternity Care Network Initiative Payment – per quarter		2100.00

Eligibility:
To be eligible to be a member of the network, you must, for the 3-month period up to the payment date:

- Be a family physician in active practice in BC;
- Have hospital privileges to provide obstetrical care;

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- Be associated and registered with a minimum of three other network members (special consideration will be given in those hospital communities with fewer than four doctors providing maternity care). Refer to the Maternity Network Registration Form found on the GPSC website at http://www.gpscbc.ca/;
- Cooperate with other members of the network so that one member is always available for deliveries;
- Make patients aware of the members of the network and the support specialists available for complicated cases;
- Accept a reasonable number of referrals of pregnant patients from doctors who do not have hospital privileges to deliver babies (preferred first visit to the doctor planning to deliver the baby is no later than 12 weeks of pregnancy; the referring doctor may, with the agreement of the delivering doctor, provide a portion of the prenatal care);
- Share prenatal records (real or virtual) with other members of the network as practical, with the expectation to work toward utilizing an electronic prenatal record;
- Each doctor must schedule at least four deliveries in each 6-month period of time (April to September, October to March); and
- The maternity care network is payable for participation in the network activity for the majority of the preceding calendar quarter (50% plus 1 day).

Billing Information for Maternity Care Network Initiative Payment:

PHN:	9824870522
Patient Last name:	Maternity
Patient First name/initial:	G
Date of Birth:	November 2, 1989
Diagnostic code:	V26
For Date of service use:	Last day in a calendar quarter
Billing Schedule:	Last day of the month, per calendar quarter

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

14. GPSC INCENTIVES FOR IN-PATIENT CARE (H14086, H14088)

The GPSC In-patient Initiative was developed to recognize and better support the continuous relationship with a family physician (FP) that can improve patient health outcomes and ease the burden on hospitals by reducing repeat hospitalizations and emergency room visits. An important aspect of such continuous care is the coordination of care through the in-patient journey as well as in transitions between hospital and community FP offices. There are two separate levels of incentives aimed at better supporting and compensating FPs who provide this important aspect of care. This initiative will support family physicians who:

- Provide Most Responsible Provider (MRP) care to their own patients when they are admitted to the identified acute care hospital in their community (Assigned In-patients); and may also
- As part of a network, provide care for patients admitted to hospital without an FP, whose FP does not have hospital privileges, or who are from out-of-town (Unassigned In-patients).

To participate in the GPSC In-patient Initiative, it is expected that these FPs agree to the following expectations:

A. They are members of the active or equivalent medical staff category and have hospital privileges in the identified acute care hospital.
B. That their on-call colleagues (Network) are also members of the active or equivalent medical staff category and have hospital privileges.
C. That they will:
    - Coordinate and manage the care of hospitalized patients (assigned and/or unassigned), admitted under them as the MRP.
    - Provide supportive care when their hospitalized patient is admitted under a specialist as MRP.
    - See all acute patients under their MRP care on a daily basis and document a progress note in the medical record.

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- See all acute patients under their MRP care on a daily basis and document a progress note in the medical record.
- Work with the interdisciplinary team, as appropriate, to develop a care plan and a plan for discharge.
- When care is transferred to another physician, ensure that this is documented in the medical record and ensure there is a verbal or written handover plan provided to the accepting physician.
- Ensure availability through their network to expedite discharges of patients daily during the normal working day which includes early morning, daytime, and early evening.
- On weekends ensure the covering physician is made aware of those discharges that could occur over the weekend.
- Provide a discharge note to an unassigned in-patient for their FP or communicate directly with the FP on discharge.
- Respond to requests from members of the interdisciplinary in-patient care team by phone as per hospital bylaws.
- The Network Call Group will accept responsibility for their newly admitted in-patients on a 24/7/365 basis. The MRP shall assess and examine the patient, document findings and issue applicable orders as soon as warranted by the patient's needs, but in any case no longer than 24 hours after accepting the transfer. Utilization needs within the facility may dictate that the patient must be seen sooner.

D. The non-clinical services include the already existing expectations of FPs as outlined in the Health Authority Medical Staff bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies. The health authority, the Department of Family Practice, the Division of Family Practice (where it exists) and the In-patient Care Networks could reasonably expect that all parties would participate in discussions which could include:
    - The orderly transitions of MRP status between specialists and generalists.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- Participating in the orderly discharge planning of generally more complicated patients.
- Patient safety concerns that come up in local hospitals.
- Identifying and providing input into “local hassle factors” that would need to be examined and resolved at a local level between the local division of family practice and health authorities.
- Participate in utilization management within the hospital.
- Patient care improvement discussions that would reasonably be covered under the improved FP hospital care incentives.

FP Assigned Inpatient Care Network (H14086)

The FP Assigned Inpatient Care Network Initiative was designed to support community Family Physicians who continue to accept Most Responsible Physician (MRP) status to provide care to their own patients who have been admitted to hospital. The Assigned In-patient Network payment is for FPs who provide in-patient care services for their own and colleagues’ patients (assigned). Maternity patients are not included under the Assigned In-patient Network if the FP is also participating in a GPSC Maternity Care Network because those patients are counted as part of that incentive.

H14086 FP Assigned Inpatient Care Network Initiative..... 4620.00 2100.00

Eligibility

To be eligible to be a member of a FP Assigned Inpatient Care Network, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Family Physician in active practice in BC.
- Have active hospital privileges.
- Be associated and registered with a minimum of three other network members (special consideration will be given in those hospital communities with fewer than four doctors providing inpatient care – see below).
- Submit a completed Assigned Inpatient Care Network Registration Form.

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- Co-operate with other members of the network so that one member is always available to care for patients of the assigned inpatient network.
- Each doctor must provide MRP care to at least 24 admitted patients over the course of a year; networks may average out this number across the number of members.

This network incentive is payable in addition to visit fees, but is inclusive of time spent in associated Quality Improvement activities necessary to maintain privileges such as M and M rounds as well as time spent on network administration, etc.

Exemptions for communities where it may be difficult to achieve the minimum volume of MRP inpatient cases will be considered by the GPSC Inpatient Care Working Group.

The FP Assigned In-Patient Care Network Incentive is payable for participation in the network activities for the majority of the following calendar quarter (50% plus 1 day). Once your registration in the network has been confirmed, submit fee item H14086 GP Assigned in-patient care network fee using the following billing specifics:

Billing Schedule: First day of the month, per calendar quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1) and is paid for the subsequent quarter. ICD9 Code: 780

Your location will determine which PHN# to use:

Interior Health Authority:

PHN#	9752590587
Patient Surname:	Assigned
First Name:	IHA
Date of birth:	January 1, 2013

Fraser Health Authority:

PHN#	9752590548
Patient Surname:	Assigned
First Name:	FHA
Date of birth:	January 1, 2013

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Vancouver Coastal Health Authority:

PHN#	9752590523
Patient Surname:	Assigned
First Name:	CVHA (note first name starts with 'C')
Date of birth:	January 1, 2013

Vancouver Island Health Authority:

PHN#	9752590516
Patient Surname:	Assigned
First Name:	VIHA
Date of birth:	January 1, 2013

Northern Health Authority:

PHN#	9752590509
Patient Surname:	Assigned
First Name:	NHA
Date of birth:	January 1, 2013

FP Unassigned Inpatient Care Fee (H14088)

The term "Unassigned Inpatient" is used in this context to denote those patients whose Family Physician does not have admitting privileges in the acute care facility in which the patient has been admitted.

The FP Unassigned Inpatient Care Fee is designed to provide an incentive for Family Physicians to accept Most Responsible Physician (MRP) status for an unassigned patient's hospital stay. It is intended to compensate the Family Physician for the extra time and intensity required to evaluate an unfamiliar patient's clinical status and care needs when the patient is admitted and is only billable once per hospital admission.

This fee is restricted to Family Physicians actively participating in the FP Unassigned Inpatient Care Network or the FP Maternity Network. This fee is billable through the MSP Teleplan system and is payable in addition to the hospital visit (00109, 13109, 13008, 00127) or delivery fee.

H14088	FP Unassigned Inpatient Care Fee.....	330.00	150.00

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable only to Family Physicians who have submitted a completed FP Unassigned Inpatient Care Network Registration Form and/or a FP Maternity Network Registration Form.

ii) Payable only to the Family Physician who is the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) for the patient during the in-hospital admission.

iii) Payable once per unassigned patient per in-hospital admission in addition to hospital visit (00109, 13109, 13008, 00127) or delivery fee.

iv) Not payable to physicians who are employed by or who are under contract to a facility or working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

These listings cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP - Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
	NOTES: i) These fee items are only payable to specialists qualified by the Royal College Certification in Clinical Immunology and Allergy, or equivalent as approved by the B.C. Society of Allergy and Immunology. ii) Services not related to Clinical Immunology and Allergy should be billed under the appropriate fee listings for the specialty of the physician (see Preamble C. 16.). iii) Allergy skin test fees are payable in addition to consultations.		
30010	**Allergy and Immunology Consultation:** To include a detailed history and physical examination with review of laboratory investigations, plus appropriate allergy and immunology management and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00	184.96
30011	**Pediatric Allergy and Immunology Consultation:** To include a detailed history and physical examination with review of laboratory investigations, plus appropriate allergy and immunology management and additional visits necessary to render a written report	687.00	187.36
30012	**Repeat or Limited Allergy and Immunology Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00	61.96
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>		
30006	Directive care	105.00	35.96
30007	Subsequent office visit	111.00	37.97
30008	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90	22.14
30005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00	87.57

		Non-MSP - Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
30070	Telehealth Clinical Immunology and Allergy Consultation: To include a detailed history and physical examination with review of laboratory investigations, plus appropriate allergy and immunology management and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	570.00	184.96
30071	Telehealth Pediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy Consultation: To include a detailed history and physical examination with review of laboratory investigations, plus appropriate allergy and immunology management and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	687.00	187.36
30072	Telehealth repeat or limited Clinical Immunology and Allergy Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	287.00	61.96
30076	Telehealth directive care	105.00	35.96
30077	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00	37.97
30078	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	80.90	22.14
	ALLERGY SKIN TESTING		
S00762	Scratch test, per antigen..... Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 16 antigens are used.	7.00	1.06
S00763	Scratch test, children under 5 years of age, per antigen .. Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 14 antigens are used.	7.45	2.32
S00764	Intracutaneous test (per test).....	9.95	2.15
S00765	Annual maximum (to include scratch or intracutaneous tests) for each physician - per patient.....	159.00	34.40
S00767	Patch testing (extra) - annual maximum is 80 tests (per test)	6.45	1.96
	PULMONARY INVESTIGATIVE AND FUNCTION STUDIES		
	Exercise Studies: NOTE: No more than one exercise study item may be billed for a single patient on any one day without written explanation.		
S00958	Testing for exercise-induced asthma by serial flow measurements - professional fee	96.40	22.35
S00959	– technical fee.....	145.00	32.95

		Non-MSP - Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	TESTS PERFORMED IN A PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE		
30015	Secretion smear for eosinophils.....	28.65	7.29

ANESTHESIOLOGY

PREAMBLE

The tariff is for all types of anesthetic service. This includes general and regional anesthesia, resuscitation, monitored anesthesia care, and any other procedure carried out with the assistance of an anesthesiologist at the request of the attending physician. The fees are payable to all anesthesiologists, with the exception of consultations and continuing care by consultants which are payable only to certified specialists in anesthesia.

INTENSITY AND COMPLEXITY INDEX

INTENSITY / COMPLEXITY LEVEL	FEE CODE	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
			Per 15 min or part thereof
2	01172	126.00	34.89
3	01173	134.00	34.89
4	01174	143.00	36.64
5	01175	148.00	38.41
6	01176	155.00	40.15
7	01177	160.00	41.90
8	01178	165.00	43.67
9	01179	171.00	45.46
10	01180	179.00	47.20
11	01181	189.00	48.98

THE TOTAL ANESTHETIC FEE is determined by selecting the appropriate item or items:

1. Pre-anesthetic evaluation fee.
2. Consultation and continuing care fees.
3. Anesthetic intensity/complexity levels.
4. Anesthetic procedural fee modifiers.
5. Resuscitation and critical care fees.
6. Diagnostic and therapeutic anesthetic fees.
7. Acute pain management fees.
8. Obstetrical analgesia fees.

1. PRE-ANESTHETIC EVALUATION FEES

01151 and **13052** apply when a pre-anesthetic evaluation is performed for:

a) In-patients where a separate visit prior to anesthesia is required. The assessment when performed immediately prior to anesthesia will be paid using the anesthetic intensity/complexity level of the anesthetic procedure itself and **01151** or **13052** will not be paid in addition.
b) Out-patients where a separate visit for anesthetic assessment is required such as in a pre-anesthetic clinic.

2. CONSULTATIONS

a) **01015** applies when a certified specialist anesthesiologist is requested to assess a patient because of the complexity, obscurity and/or seriousness of the case. It may or may not be associated with a subsequent anesthetic. If this consultation is followed by an anesthetic within 24 hours by the same consultant, a pre-anesthetic assessment will not be paid in addition. If the anesthetic is given by the same consultant after an interval of more than 24 hours, or a different anesthesiologist within 24 hours, then the appropriate pre-anesthetic evaluation will apply.
b) **01115** applies to two situations:
   i) When a repeat consultation is done for the same condition within six months by the same consultant. If it is done by the same consultant for a different condition, or a different consultant for the same condition within six months, then 01015 will be paid if the problem is appropriately complex, obscure and/or serious.
   ii) **01115** also applies for a limited consultation when in the opinion of the consultant the problem does not warrant **01015**. If a repeat or limited consultation is followed by an anesthetic within 24 hours by the same consultant, a pre-anesthetic assessment will not be paid in addition. If the anesthetic is given by the same consultant after an interval of more than 24 hours, or a different anesthesiologist within 24 hours then the appropriate pre-anesthetic evaluation (see preamble for fee item number **01151**) will apply.
c) **01016** applies to consultations for complex diagnostic and/or therapeutic chronic pain management problems which require a comprehensive history and physical examination.
d) **01116** applies to two situations:
   i) When in the opinion of the consultant the diagnostic and/or therapeutic chronic pain management problem is of a more limited nature.
   ii) When the same consultant sees a patient in consultation within six months of billing **01016** for the same problem. When the same consultant sees the patient for a different problem within six months, or a different consultant sees the patient for the same problem within six months, then **01016** may be billed if the problem is appropriately complex.
e) **01107** specifically applies to patient visits in a private office setting where the physical is an increased overhead factor.
f) Continuing care items, **01107, 01108** and **01109,** cannot be billed with any other listings.

3. ANESTHETIC PROCEDURAL FEES

a) **The anesthetic procedural fee** is calculated by multiplying the anesthetic intensity/complexity level by the anesthetic time calculated in 15 minute increments.

b) **The anesthetic intensity/complexity** level is listed opposite the specific surgical, diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedure in the schedule. The anesthetic intensity/complexity level time units are indicated in the listings. These levels represent different degrees of complexity and/or intensity, and each procedure is allocated according to the complexity and/or intensity of the anesthetic service required.

c) **The anesthetic time** commences when the anesthesiologist is first present for the purpose of providing the anesthetic, and ends when the anesthesiologist is no longer in attendance and the patient may be safely left in the care of the appropriate nursing staff. Time should be calculated in 15 minute periods or parts thereof, i.e. the final period of an anesthetic counts as a full 15 minute period, even if it lasts less than 15 minutes.

The anesthetic procedural fee covers all services rendered by an anesthesiologist during the procedure except those listed in the "anesthesia procedural fee modifier" and “acute pain management” sections of the fee guide.

d) **P.A.R. (Post-Anesthetic Recovery)**

There are three different ways to bill care in **P.A.R**. according to the situation:

i) **Routine P.A.R. care:** Time spent with the patient subsequent to the end of the anesthetic in the **P.A.R**. for routine problems is to be billed at the same rate as the anesthetic and included in the anesthetic procedural fee. For example, in a patient with post-operative hypertension after a cholecystectomy, the **P.A.R**. time is added to the anesthetic time and billed at the cholecystectomy procedural hourly rate.

ii) **Critical care in P.A.R.** can be billed as **01088** where time spent with the patient begins when the anesthetic finishes, e.g.: post-operative abdominal aortic aneurysm on a ventilator.

iii) **Resuscitation in life threatening emergencies in the P.A.R.** should be billed as **01088**, e.g.: respiratory arrest in the recovery room requiring intubation.

e) **Multiple Procedures:** When more than one surgical, diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedure is performed during the same anesthetic service, the procedural rate for the total anesthetic time will be the rate for whichever of those procedures has the highest procedural rate (e.g.: emergency craniotomy with compound fractured femur will be paid at the procedural rate for craniotomy).

4. ANESTHETIC PROCEDURAL FEE MODIFIERS

a) These fee items are to be paid in addition to the anesthetic procedural fee. They apply to all general, regional and monitored anesthesia care for all surgical, therapeutic and/or diagnostic procedures. These fees are payable to all anesthesiologists. They do not apply to diagnostic and therapeutic anesthesia fees.

b) **01059, 01065, 01070, 01071, 01072, 01077, 01082, 01084, 01093, 01164, 01166, 01168 and 01192** are fixed fees which are paid in addition to the anesthetic procedural fee. They are not included in the anesthetic procedural fee for the application of 01080.

c) **01080** is a multiplier and applies only to the anesthetic procedural fee. When **01080** is applicable, multiply the total anesthetic procedural fee (including routine **P.A.R**. care as in 3.d) i) by 15%.

d) **01080** can only be used once per case, even if it qualifies more than once (e.g.: ASA 5E cardiac surgical case with an I.A.B.P. lasting 12 hours will be paid at 15%).
e) Emergency cardiac surgery is defined for this purpose as surgery, which is so urgent that it has to be done outside normal elective operating time, or necessitates "bumping" cases previously booked on the elective slate.

5. RESUSCITATION FEES

These fees refer to resuscitation by anesthesiologists.

a) **Resuscitation: 01088** refers to treatment of acute life threatening emergencies that require constant bedside attendance. It includes all services provided by the anesthesiologist such as: endotracheal intubation, crico-thyroidotomy, invasive monitoring, chest tube drainage and/or temporary pacemaker insertion. Consultations will not be paid. Written explanation is normally not required.
Timing begins when the anesthesiologist is first in attendance with the patient and ends when constant bedside attendance is no longer necessary. If resuscitation precedes a surgical procedure (e.g.: a patient with a ruptured thoracic aneurysm), resuscitation timing will finish when surgery is commenced as noted on the OR record and the anesthetic time will then start.
b) **Neonatal Resuscitation: 01090** refers to resuscitation of a severely depressed neonate when the Apgar score at one minute is 5 or less as noted on the delivery record. It includes all services performed by the anesthesiologist including endotracheal intubation and/or umbilical catheterization. Consultations will not be paid. Written explanation is normally not required.
c) **01088, 01090, 01091, 01094, 00017** and **01095** are eligible for out-of-office hours premium charges and/or continuing care surcharges.

6. DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC ANESTHETIC FEES

a) These fees apply to nerve blocks and intravenous procedures done for diagnostic and/or therapeutic chronic pain management problems.
b) Consultations will be paid where appropriate.
c) Anesthetic procedural fee modifiers will not be paid with these fee items.
d) Diagnostic and/or therapeutic anesthetic fees are not eligible for out-of-office hours premium charges and continuing care surcharges.
e) DTAF's and/or FIs 00424 and/or 00811 paid to a maximum of three fees.
f) When multiple DTAFs and/or FIs 00424 and/or 00811 are billed, the fee with the largest value may be claimed in full and the remaining two procedures at 50 percent of the listed fee(s).
g) Trigger point injections within 60 cms of a peripheral nerve block(s) are considered included in the peripheral nerve block fee.
h) FI 01125 is the only peripheral nerve block fee regardless of the anatomic location of each nerve (e.g.: sciatic and occipital nerve blocks are paid as FI 01125).

7. ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT

a) Acute pain management listings are applicable to the management of "acute" pain in: post-operative surgical patients, surgical patients who may not undergo surgery but have "acute" pain problems and medical patients who have "acute" pain problems. These listings are not applicable to pain management during labour.
b) When catheters are inserted in the OR, prior to or immediately following surgical, therapeutic and/or diagnostic procedures for the purpose of acute pain management in

the post-operative period, the procedural fees for insertion of catheters are paid as anesthesia procedural modifiers (**01071, 01072, 01082, 01084**). Catheters placed subsequently in the **P.A.R.** and/or ICU will be paid according to the acute pain management listings (**01025, 01026, 01074, 01007**). Catheter supervision visits (**01076, 01021, 01073**) in the **P.A.R.** should be billed as routine **P.A.R.** care as per 3. d) i).

c) All acute pain management fee items are eligible for out-of-office hours premium charges and continuing care surcharges in accordance with the Schedule and Preamble for out-of-office hours premiums.
d) Repeat injections of previously inserted catheters will be paid to a maximum of four in 24 hours without written explanation. Written explanation will be required by the payment agency for payment of repeat injections in excess of this.
e) Visits for continuous infusions and patient controlled analgesia will be paid to a maximum of two in 24 hours without written explanation. Payment of visits in excess of this will require written explanation to the payment agency.
f) Anesthetic procedural fee modifiers will not be paid with acute pain management fee items.
g) Consultations for assessment of the patient for acute pain management:
    i) **01013** is not applicable to referrals from another certified specialist in anesthesia.
    ii) **01013** applies to consultations requested for post-operative acute pain management prior to surgery (but after admission) or within 24 hours following the end of surgery. When a certified specialist in anesthesia is requested to consult on a patient for acute pain management not associated with surgery or more than 24 hours following the end of surgery, then either **01016** or **01116** will be applicable.
    iii) The peri-operative assessment of the routine patient for PCA post-operatively is included in the anesthesia fee. In exceptional circumstances, item **01013** may be applicable. Such claims will require an explanatory note in the claim note record. Fee item **01013** may also be applicable for cases requiring epidural, axillary plexus or intrapleural infusions and/or PCA for control of unanticipated, prolonged or severe or other exceptionally painful conditions unrelated to the surgery.
    NOTE: Consultation (**01015**) or pain consultation (**01013**) may not be billed for routine PCA post-operative pain management.
h) Referred consultations for acute pain management assessment post-operatively will be paid as **01013**. In more complex situations, (e.g.: acute pain management of terminal cancer patients), **01016** will be appropriate and paid as such. Pre-anesthetic evaluations will not be paid.
i) Hospital visits for supervision of epidural, axillary plexus and/or intrapleural catheters and/or PCA are to be billed only when the physician is in attendance for the purpose of assessing the patient's response to, and/or adjustment of the infusion/PCA and/or treating adverse reactions.
j) Acute pain management listings are not applicable in addition to critical care fee items (**01088, 01412, 01413, 01422, 01423, 01432, 01433, 01442** and **01443**) when claimed by an anesthesiologist capable of acute pain management.

8. <u>OBSTETRIC ANALGESIA FEES</u> (Epidural Analgesia in Labour)
a) Consultation will be appropriate when referred because of complex, obscure and/or serious problems. For example, patients with pregnancy-induced hypertension,

thrombocytopenia, or any other medical or obstetrical complications would be appropriate for an anesthetic consultation.

9. MONITORED ANESTHETIC CARE
An anesthesiologist's continuous attendance by request of the attending physician at any procedure for monitored anesthetic care is payable at the same anesthetic intensity/complexity level as for administration of anesthesia for the procedure.

10. PAYMENT OF TWO ANESTHESIOLOGISTS
a) Where two anesthesiologists are medically required in the interest of the patient, both may charge a full fee. When billing MSP, support the need for charges with a written statement.
b) When one anesthesiologist takes over from another part way through a procedure, the total fee billed by both anesthesiologists should not exceed the fee that one anesthesiologist would have billed had the replacement not occurred.

11. PAYMENT OF ANESTHESIA WHEN PERFORMED BY THE SURGEONS
When a surgeon is required to administer an anesthetic in addition to performing a surgical procedure it is recommended that a charge NOT be made for the anesthesia in addition to the procedure performed. In emergency situations it may be necessary for the surgeon to act as an anesthesiologist; a charge for such service should be accompanied with a written explanation of the circumstances by the surgeon concerned when billing payment agencies.

12. ANESTHETIC FEES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE
a) Such fees shall be computed in equity with procedures of similar anesthetic responsibility, difficulty and skill. When submitting an account to MSP, use fee item **01999** and state reason for charge.
b) The foregoing also applies to anesthetic procedural fees for surgical or diagnostic procedures charged under a miscellaneous **999** number (see Clause C. 4. Preamble).
c) Anesthesiologists will not normally perform simultaneous services. In the rare event where a life-threatening emergency presents to an anesthesiologist already in attendance at one service, AND a second anesthesiologist is not immediately available AND a delay to await the arrival of the second anesthesiologist would pose an unacceptable risk of adverse outcome to the second patient SO THAT, in the judgement of the attending physicians, the attending anesthesiologist has no option other than performing two services simultaneously, THEN the attending anesthesiologist may perform two services simultaneously and may bill the full fee for both services until the second anesthesiologist arrives. Written explanation to the payment agency is required. This does not apply to simultaneous services of a less than life-threatening nature or where one of the two services is conducted or supervised by a resident or intern or student.

For example, a patient with respiratory arrest in a **P.A.R.** requires intubation. The patient undergoing a procedure in the OR has to be left with appropriate alternate care for a brief period while the **P.A.R.** patient is intubated and stabilized.

Another example would be setting up a second operating room for a “STAT” caesarean section for life threatening fetal distress and supervising two anesthetics

with appropriate help until a second anesthesiologist can arrive to take over.

Similarly, when there is a **life-threatening** Neonatal Resuscitation required and the "baby doctor" is not available to perform the resuscitation, it is acceptable that the initial patient be supervised under appropriate alternate care until either the "baby doctor" arrives or the baby is stabilized.

d) Where unusual detention with the patient before, and/or after anesthesia is necessary, this time will be compensated at the same intensity/complexity level as the anesthetic except when it is appropriate to bill for resuscitation, or when requested to attend at delivery to resuscitate the neonate if necessary. Examples where unusual detention may be required include (but not limited to) are:
   i) Patients with: prolonged neuromuscular paralysis, hemodynamic instability, post-extubation laryngeal stridor, bronchospasm and bleeding diathesis.
   ii) **01112** is applicable where the attendance of the anesthesiologist is requested by the patient's other medical attendants for the sole purpose of monitoring or special supportive care and where the anesthesiologist is in constant attendance. For example, this applies to the situation where an anesthesiologist is requested to be present at delivery for the purpose of neonatal resuscitation. If resuscitation is necessary, then **01112** stops at the time of delivery and **01090** commences.

13. Dental Anesthesia Policy

This policy is restricted to non-cosmetic non-insured dental procedures where it is impossible for the dentist or oral and maxillofacial surgeon to properly manage the patient by any other means except with general anesthesia. The exceptions will apply to dental services regardless of the location in which they are performed.

Dental-related anesthesia services are only a benefit when the dental procedure is an insured service under MSP unless one of the following exceptions exists:

i) Children requiring extensive dental rehabilitation and could not be otherwise managed/treated due to the length of time for the treatment and the dental treatment is scheduled to last more than one hour; or
ii) The patient has a severe mental or physical disability that precludes the performance of the dental procedure(s) under local anesthesia; or
iii) There is a demonstrated medical contra-indication (e.g.: allergy) to local anesthesia precluding the performance of the dental procedure(s) under local anesthesia; or
iv) There is difficulty with access to the airway precluding the performance of the dental procedure(s); or
v) The presence of dental disease adds a significant risk of complication(s) to a planned major surgical procedure, medical treatment, or post-operative care such as for cancer treatment and/or the patient's presenting medical condition is severe enough to preclude the performance of the dental procedure(s) under local anesthesia; or
vi) The emergent nature of the dental condition requires immediate attention under general anesthesia.

(See notes on following page)

NOTES:

1. The term extensive dental rehabilitation will include surgery for trauma, fillings, and other traditional rehabilitation services.
2. Prior approval may be sought for those cases not fulfilling the exception criteria listed above when the dentist or oral and maxillofacial surgeon is of the opinion general anesthesia is essential for the safe and efficient performance of a medically required dental procedure. It is important to note that fear and/or anxiety does not warrant coverage of dental anesthesia by MSP. Requests for prior approval should be forwarded in writing (with appropriate documentation to make a decision) to the Director, Claims Branch, Medical Services Plan.
3. The Association of Dental Surgeons has agreed that in the case of an audit resulting in the recovery of inappropriately billed anesthesia claims, the dental or oral and maxillofacial surgeon requesting the anesthesia will be responsible for reimbursement. Recoveries will be applied to the Available Amount for physician services.

ANESTHESIA FEE ITEMS

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
VISIT / EVALUATION				
01107	Office visit NOTE: Not paid with other listings.	208.00		56.75
01108	Hospital visit (weekday) NOTE: i) Not paid with other listings. ii) Applies only on weekdays, excluding statutory holidays. iii) Out-of-Office Hour Premiums are not applicable.	172.00		50.74
P01109	Hospital visit (Saturday, Sunday, or statutory holiday)... NOTES: i) Not paid with other listings. ii) Applies only on Saturday, Sunday or statutory holidays. iii) Out-of-Office Hour Premiums are not applicable.	206.00		88.62
01151	**Pre-anesthetic Evaluation:** Applies to standard pre-anesthetic evaluation NOTE: Applicable to certified anesthesiologist only.	112.00		60.85
REFERRED CASES				
01015	**Consultation:** By a certified specialist in anesthesiology because of the complexity, obscurity and/or seriousness of the case. Includes appropriate history and physical examinations, review of radiological and laboratory findings and a written report	374.00		132.71
01115	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** By a certified specialist in anesthesiology to apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition/problem within six (6) months by the same consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant 01015. To include appropriate history and physical examination, review of radiological and laboratory findings and a written report	241.00		76.14

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01016	**Consultation:** By a certified specialist in anesthesiology **for diagnostic opinion and/or therapeutic management of complicated chronic pain, and/or related problems**. To include comprehensive history and physical examination, review of radiological and laboratory findings and a written report. If followed by a diagnostic or therapeutic nerve block, the consultation may be charged in addition to the nerve block fees on the first occasion	753.00		201.75
01116	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** By a certified specialist in anesthesiology to apply for a diagnostic opinion and/or therapeutic pain management where a consultation is repeated for the same condition/problem within six (6) months by the same consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant 01016.	372.00		100.86

NOTES:

i) 01016 and 01116 do not apply to evaluation of pain during confinement.

ii) Fee item 01116 plus a nerve block would be payable for the initial re-referral at the same sitting.

iii) In cases where the consultant sets down a treatment plan that requires the patient to return for follow-up nerve blocks for the same condition, only the nerve block is payable.

iv) In some cases, a single nerve block will be performed at the initial consultation and no further nerve blocks are planned at that time. The course of treatment is to monitor the effectiveness of the first block. If, however, the patient is <u>re-referred</u> for further blocks within 6 months, then a follow-up consultation (01116) plus the nerve block is payable.

<u>Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient:</u>

01155	Telehealth Anesthesiology Consultation: By a certified specialist in Anesthesiology because of the complexity, obscurity and/or seriousness of the case. Includes appropriate history and an appropriate physical examination, review of pertinent radiological and laboratory findings and a written report	354.00		132.71

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
ANESTHETIC PROCEDURAL FEE MODIFIERS				
01168	Neonates (less than 42 gestational weeks and/or 4000 grams or less)	299.00		122.20
01169	BMI ≥ 35 – per 15 minutes or part thereof	34.30		10.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to certified specialists in Anesthesiology. ii) Payable only when fee items 01172, 01173, 01174, 01175, 01176, 01177, 01178, 01179, 01180, 01181, 01005, 01106, 01110, or 01111 are also payable. iii) Applicable to all patients ≥ 19 years of age with a BMI ≥ 35 and to all patients < 19 years of age with a BMI ≥ 97th percentile adjusted for age and gender. iv) The patient's BMI must be provided in the claim note record and documented on the patient's anesthetic record.			
01164	Patients 70 - 79 years of age	74.80		20.38
01165	Patients 80 years of age and over	155.00		41.56
01065	Patients under one year of age NOTE: Not to be billed in addition to 01168.	151.00		61.10
01059	Prone position	112.00		35.50
01166	Sitting position where there is a danger of venous air embolism	223.00		61.13
01070	Controlled hypotension in neurosurgical anesthesia to lower mean blood pressure to 60 mm Hg or less, or the appropriate safe lower limit	223.00		61.13
01093	Spinal cord monitoring (interpretation of SSEP during anesthetic)	151.00		40.76
01077	Pulmonary artery catheterization	206.00		55.60
01071	Thoracic epidural catheter insertion during anesthesia, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	200.00		54.28
01072	Lumbar epidural catheter insertion during anesthesia, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	155.00		41.75
01082	Axillary catheter insertion during anesthesia, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	89.00		24.26
01084	Intrapleural catheter insertion during anesthesia, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	104.00		27.93
01192	Awake intubation by any means in the patient with a suspected or proven difficult airway NOTE: Applicable only when airway score is 3 or 4.	223.00		61.13
01096	Retrobulbar/peribulbar block administered by an anesthesiologist in conjunction with an anesthetic	124.00		34.04

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01080	In the following cases an additional 15% of the procedural fee will be paid: a) All patients (except cardiac surgery patients) who have an incapacitating, systemic disease which is a constant threat to life, or who are not expected to survive for 24 hours, i.e. ASA 4 or 5. b) Cardiac surgery patients who have emergency surgery, i.e. ASA 4E or 5E. c) Cardiac or transplant surgery patients who require an I.A.B.P. or mechanical assist device. d) All cases where the surgical time as noted on the OR record is 8 hours or more. This includes cardiac surgery. **Controlled hypothermia and/or pump oxygenation in non-cardiac anesthesia should be billed as 01999 with a written report.**			

RESUSCITATION BY AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST

NOTE: Consultations and anesthetic assessments are not payable in addition to critical care fees. However, when they are done prior to the surgery for the purpose of the anesthetic they are payable.

01088	Resuscitation by an anesthesiologist requiring continuous bedside care - per 15 minutes or part thereof NOTES: i) Includes endotracheal intubation, cricothyroidotomy, chest tube drainage, monitoring and pacemaker insertion. ii) Consultations not paid in addition.	214.00		83.73
01090	Neonatal resuscitation by an anesthesiologist - per 15 minutes or part thereof NOTES: v) Applicable where the Apgar score is 5 or less, as noted on the delivery record. vi) Includes endotracheal intubation and/or umbilical vessel catheterization. vii) Consultation not paid in addition.	214.00		83.73
01091	Intubation requested by attending physician with no responsibility for subsequent care. NOTES: i) Applicable to removal and reinsertion of ET tube. ii) Consultations will not be paid in addition.	487.00		170.28

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01094	Pulmonary artery catheter placement (not associated with an anesthetic)	615.00		167.09
01095	Intra-arterial catheter placement (isolated procedure)	126.00		34.46
00017	Insertion of central venous pressure catheter	96.40		23.77

DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC ANESTHESIA FEES

The anesthetic fee is for professional services Consultations (fee items 01016, 01116 and 01013) when requested, will be charged in addition. Anesthetic evaluation (fee item 01151) or Continuing Care items (fee items 01107, 01108 and 01109) will not be charged in addition. These fees are for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures not associated with surgery.

01022	Nerve plexus	499.00		135.49
01124	Peripheral nerve block - single	241.00		64.17
01125	Peripheral nerve block - multiple	362.00		96.97
01035	Gasserian ganglion	933.00		254.41
	Epidural Blocks:			
01135	Lumbar	555.00		150.36
01036	Thoracic	861.00		228.03
01037	Cervical	994.00		263.12
01138	Caudal block	555.00		150.36
	Nerve Root or Facet Blocks:			
01140	Cervical – single	672.00		183.13
01141	Cervical – multiple	896.00		244.17
01142	Thoracic – single	614.00		167.72
01143	Thoracic – multiple	825.00		223.60
01144	Lumbar – single	558.00		152.31
01145	Lumbar – multiple	746.00		203.09
	NOTE: Fee items 01140, 01141, 01142, 01143, 01144 and 01145 must be performed under medical imaging guidance (ultrasound, fluoroscopy or CT) with image capture.			
	Subarachnoid (Spinal) Blocks:			
01032	Subdural - spinal	587.00		160.01
01034	Differential - spinal	783.00		213.36
	Sympathetic Nerves:			
01040	Stellate ganglion	431.00		117.92
01042	P.A.R avertebral (lumbar sympathetic)	716.00		193.87
01044	Celiac plexus	990.00		269.84

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Permanent Cryosection and/or Neurolysis:			
01146	Major plexus or nerve root	1293.00		352.86
01147	Single peripheral nerves	614.00		166.87
01148	Multiple peripheral nerves	825.00		223.60
01149	Epidural or subarachnoid neurolysis	1455.00		397.04
01150	Gasserian ganglion neurolysis	1455.00		397.04
	Injection Tendon Sheath, Ligaments, Trigger Points:			
01156	Single injections	223.00		60.75
01157	Multiple Injections	279.00		76.20
01159	IV injections for diagnosis and/or therapeutic management of chronic pain syndromes - local anesthetic only	223.00		60.75
01160	IV injections for diagnosis and/or therapeutic management of chronic pain syndromes – ketamine only	396.00		121.52

ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT

See anesthesia preamble for application and limitations.

01013	Consultation by a certified specialist in anesthesiology for assessment of the patient for post-operative acute pain management when the consultation is requested after admission and either prior to surgery or within 24 hours following the end of surgery, to include review of the relevant history and physical examination, x-ray and laboratory findings and a written report	241.00		101.03
01026	Thoracic epidural catheter insertion, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	616.00		228.03
01025	Lumbar or caudal epidural catheter insertion (to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up)	464.00		150.36
01050	Repeat injection via indwelling epidural catheter to a maximum of 4 per day - per injection NOTE: Where more than 4 injections per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	160.00		60.85
01073	Hospital visit for supervision of epidural infusion to a maximum of 2 per day - per visit NOTE: Where more than 2 visits per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	95.60		40.57
01074	Axillary catheter insertion, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	268.00		72.55

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01075	Repeat injections via indwelling axillary catheter to a maximum of 4 per day - per injection NOTE: Where more than 4 injections per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	160.00		60.85
01076	Hospital visit for supervision of axillary catheter infusion to a maximum of 2 per day - per visit NOTE: Where more than 2 visits per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	95.60		40.57
01007	Intrapleural catheter insertion, to include initial injection and/or infusion set-up	306.00		83.54
01019	Repeat injections via indwelling intrapleural catheters to a maximum of 4 per day - per injection NOTE: Where more than 4 injections per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	160.00		60.85
01021	Hospital visit for supervision of intrapleural infusion to a maximum of 2 per day - per visit NOTE: Where more than 2 visits per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required.	95.60		40.57
01011	Patient controlled analgesia (PCA) - first day only (to include set up)	80.10		21.79
01012	Hospital visit for supervision of patient controlled analgesia during second and subsequent days, to a maximum of two visits per day - per visit NOTES: i) Where more than 2 visits per day are necessary, an explanatory note in the claim note record is required. ii) 01012 is not claimable on the same day as 01011.	80.10		40.57
01186	Major peripheral nerve block - single	171.00		45.85
01187	Major peripheral nerve block - multiple	259.00		69.28

OBSTETRIC ANALGESIA FEES

01102	Insertion of epidural catheter. To include initial injection and/or set up of infusion for analgesia during labour	482.00		127.43
	Supervision of Labour Epidural Analgesia			
01047	Medical supervision of labour epidural analgesia: Daytime (Monday to Friday, 0800-1800 hours), per 5 minutes (or major portion thereof)	28.15		9.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01048	Medical supervision of labour epidural analgesia: Evening (Monday to Friday, 1800-2300 hours), and Weekends (Saturday & Sunday, 0800 – 2300 hours) and Statutory holidays (0800-2300 hours, per 5 minutes (or major portion thereof)	42.20		14.38
01049	Medical supervision of labour epidural analgesia: night (Monday to Sunday, 2300-0800 hours), per 5 minutes (or major portion thereof)	56.10		19.16

Notes:

i) Fees are payable to the same physician concurrently with services provided to other patients, including concurrent payment of fee items 01047, 01048, 01049 for more than one patient.

ii) The fee items 01047, 01048, 01049 are payable to a maximum of 48 units per patient, per maternity.

iii) Payment begins immediately after the labour epidural catheter is inserted.

iv) Payment continues until the earliest of the following:
- 4 hours duration of medical supervision (48 time units).
- Time of Birth.
- Time when payment begins for anesthetic care on the same patient related to C-section, complicated delivery, or surgical delivery.

v) Fees include payment for labour epidural analgesia top-up and supervision visit services.

vi) Reinsertion of a labour epidural catheter is payable under fee item 01102, and does not form part of the medical supervision period.

vii) Our-of-Office Hours Premiums (Call-Out Charges and Continuing Care Surcharges (Non-operative and Anesthesiology)) are not applicable.

viii) The time period (e.g.: daytime, evening, night) during which the medical supervision begins determines which fee item is paid for the entire duration even when the supervision time continues into a new time period.

ix) Start and end times required in the time field.

MISCELLANEOUS ANESTHETIC PROCEDURAL FEES

01110	Anesthesia for dental procedures - all procedures unless otherwise listed - per 15 minutes or part thereof	134.00		36.64

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01005	Anesthesia for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or CT scanning - per 15 minutes or part thereof NOTE: Intended to apply only to very heavy sedation, general anesthesia and/or ventilatory assistance associated with MRI.	143.00		36.64
01105	Anesthesia for cataract surgery – per 1 minute increment Note: This item applies to fee codes S02188, S02190, S02192, S02196 and S22191.	8.35		2.00
01106	Anesthesia for electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) - per 15 minutes or part thereof	126.00		41.90
01111	Anesthesia for emergency relief of acute upper airway obstruction (above the carina) - per 15 minutes or part thereof NOTES: i) Applicable to conditions such as acute epiglottitis but not applicable to conditions such as choanal atresia. ii) If the patient proceeds to immediate tracheostomy, timing continues under this listing. NOTE: Anesthetic evaluations and/or consultations as appropriate apply to 01110, 01106 and 01111.	189.00		48.98
01112	Anesthetic attendance - per 15 minutes or part thereof NOTE: Timing begins when the anesthesiologist is specifically in attendance for the purpose of providing anesthetic or neonatal resuscitation. Timing ends either when standby is no longer required or when the anesthesiologist initiates neonatal resuscitation or provides another anesthetic service.	119.00		36.64
01158	Epidural blood patch	464.00		181.82

TRANSPLANT SURGERY

Anesthetic Levels for Transplant Surgery:

Pulmonary transplant - single or double	11
Repeat intrathoracic surgery in the pulmonary transplant recipient during initial hospitalization	10
Cardiac transplant	9
Cardio-pulmonary transplant	10
Repeat intrathoracic surgery in the cardiac or cardio-pulmonary transplant recipient during initial hospitalization	10
Hepatic transplant	11
Repeat hepatic transplant	11
Renal transplant	6

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Repeat intra-abdominal surgery in the hepatic transplant recipient during initial hospitalization		10	
Pancreatic transplant		6	
Pancreatic-renal transplant		7	
Repeat intra-abdominal surgery in the pancreatic or pancreatic-renal transplant recipient during the initial hospitalization		8	
Anesthesia level for retrieval of organ(s) for transplant		7	

CARDIAC SURGERY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
07810	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	309.00		193.65
07812	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	159.00		65.10
07815	Pre-Operative Assessment	402.00		193.65
	NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.			
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>			
07807	Subsequent office visit	66.90		28.85
07808	Subsequent hospital visit	57.30		24.63
07809	Subsequent home visit	117.00		49.62
07805	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	235.00		99.03
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
78010	Telehealth Consultation: to include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report.	309.00		193.65

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
78012	Telehealth repeat or limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	159.00		65.10
78007	Telehealth subsequent office visit	66.90		28.85
78008	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	57.30		24.63

ARTERIAL SYSTEM

07818	Resection of ascending aortic aneurysm	3903.00	10	1690.88
07819	Resection of descending aortic aneurysm	3903.00	10	1690.88
07820	Coarctation of aorta	2155.00	9	941.63
07822	Ruptured thoracic aneurysm	4163.00	11	1825.97
07825	Resecting left ventricular aneurysms in conjunction with another procedure	628.00	10	273.08
07826	Resection of aortic arch aneurysm	5462.00	10	2395.05
07827	Repair of aortic dissection (thoracic)	3855.00	10	1690.88
07828	Repair of aortic injury (thoracic)	3855.00	10	1690.88
07829	Repair of traumatic injury of major intrathoracic vessels	2155.00	10	941.63

HEART AND MEDIASTINUM

Heart:

07830	Banding of pulmonary artery	1880.00	9	822.92
07831	Pericardiotomy with poudrage	1880.00	9	822.92
07832	Pericardectomy	1880.00	9	822.92
07833	Left atrial appendage ligation	1373.00	9	597.73
07834	Patent ductus arteriosus	1880.00	9	822.92
07835	Tetralogy of Fallot - Blalock or Pott's	1880.00	9	822.92
07836	Blalock-Hanlon procedure	1880.00	9	822.92
07837	Mitral commissurotomy (closed)	1880.00	9	822.92
07838	Pulmonary valvulotomy (closed)	1880.00	9	822.92
07839	Aortic valvulotomy	1880.00	9	822.92
S07843	Endocardial pacemaker (ventricular)	984.00	4	414.25
S07953	Double lead endocardial pacemaker	1263.00	4	541.77
S78030	AICD and single ventricular lead	1192.00	8	578.55
	NOTE: Thoracotomy (79045) is paid in addition at 50% when required for incision in chest for RV lead.			
S78031	- each additional lead, to a maximum of 3 extra leads	499.00		210.39
S07952	Electronic monitoring of pacing and pacemaker function	227.00		96.22

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S07844	Implantation or replacement of pulse generator for cardiac pacing	588.00	4	250.28
07845	Repair, replacement, adjustment of electrode NOTE: For implantation of temporary pacemaker, see 33030.	588.00	4	253.15
07846	Surgical treatment of cardiac arrest by cardiac massage (operation only) NOTE: To be supported by a written letter. Clause D. 5. 3. of the General Preamble will apply.	957.00	11	418.95
78045	Thoracotomy post cardiac surgery for hemorrhage NOTE: Must be performed by a Cardiac Surgeon in the Operating Room, under general anesthetic.	1891.00	8	751.07
07851	Phrenic nerve stimulator	1092.00	8	473.55
07852	Gore-Tex modified aorto-pulmonary shunt	2155.00	9	941.63
78041	Laser Lead Extraction after 30 days, first lead NOTES: i) Not payable with 07845, 33030 and S33057. ii) Includes any and all diagnostic imaging related to the surgery. iii) Claims for surgical assistance for laser lead extraction are payable under 00197.	2910.00	9	1409.88
78042	Laser Lead Extraction after 30 days, additional leads, to a maximum of two – extra	1962.00	9	529.26
78043	Debridement of chest wall during laser lead extraction – extra (payable only with P78041)	189.00	9	52.92
78044	Wide debridement of chest wall during laser lead extraction – extra (payable only with P78041)	418.00	9	105.87

OPEN HEART SURGERY

07824	Resecting aneurysm of the ventricle as an isolated procedure	3624.00	10	1587.14
	Mitral Valve:			
07853	Commissurotomy	3241.00	9	1422.02
07854	Plication	3241.00	9	1422.02
07855	Replacement	3624.00	9	1587.14
07856	Simple repair NOTES: Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.	3624.00	9	1587.14
78056	Mitral Valve Complex repair – including remodeling Annuloplasty and repair of anterior or posterior leaflet, with or without transposition and/or implantation of chordae/neochordae NOTE: Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.	4990.00	9	1983.95

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
78051	Minimal Access Mitral or Aortic valve replacement or Mid-Cavity CABG (extra)	940.00		373.70
	NOTES: i) Paid at 100% and only paid with 07853, 07854, 07855, 07856, 07857, 07858, 07859, 07860 and 07908. ii) Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.			
	Aortic Valve:			
07857	Commissurotomy	3241.00	9	1422.02
07858	Plication	3241.00	9	1422.02
07859	Replacement	3624.00	9	1587.14
07860	Aortic root reconstruction with mechanical valved conduit, Homograft, or Xenograft room	5468.00	10	2700.32
	Tricuspid Valve:			
07861	Commissurotomy	3241.00	9	1422.02
07862	Replacement	3624.00	9	1587.14
07863	Annuloplasty	3241.00	9	1422.02
	Multiple Valve Replacement:			
07864	Two valves	5462.00	10	2395.05
07865	Three valves	6310.00	10	2768.96
07866	Valved external conduit	5026.00	10	2203.98
	Atrial Septum Defect:			
07867	Secundum - suture	3241.00	9	1422.02
07868	– patch	3241.00	9	1422.02
07869	Primum	3624.00	9	1587.14
07870	Multiple	3241.00	9	1422.02
07871	– plus pulmonary stenosis	3241.00	10	1422.02
07872	– plus partial anomalous pulmonary drainage	3624.00	10	1587.14
	Ventricular Septal Defect:			
07874	Simple	3489.00	9	1527.12
07875	Multiple	3489.00	9	1527.12
07876	– plus patent ductus	3489.00	9	1527.12
07877	– plus pulmonary hypertension	3489.00	10	1527.12
07878	– plus corrected transposition	3489.00	10	1527.12
07879	– plus aortic regurgitation	3489.00	10	1527.12
	Subaortic Stenosis:			
07881	Fibrous ring	3241.00	9	1422.02
07882	Muscular hypertrophy	3624.00	9	1587.14

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	Pulmonary Valve:			
07884	Valvulotomy	3241.00	9	1422.02
07885	Infundibulectomy	3624.00	9	1587.14
07886	Patch	3624.00	9	1587.14
07887	Pulmonary arterioplasty with bypass	3626.00	9	1587.14
07889	Tetralogy of Fallot	3624.00	10	1587.14
07890	– plus outflow patch	4163.00	10	1825.97
07893	– with previous anastomosis shunt	4163.00	10	1825.97
07898	Transposition	4504.00	10	1974.73
07899	Anomalous pulmonary drainage - total	4504.00	10	1974.73
07900	Aorticopulmonary window	3624.00	10	1587.14
07901	Ruptured sinus of valsalva	3624.00	10	1587.14
07902	Atrioventricular communis	5462.00	10	2395.05
07905	Intracardiac tumours	3624.00	9	1587.14
07906	Pulmonary embolectomy with bypass	3241.00	11	1422.02
07908	Coronary artery by-pass graft (end-to-side or side-to-side) - one artery	3241.00	9	1440.05
07909	– each additional artery NOTE: When 7 or more arteries are by-passed, a written explanation must be submitted along with the account.	629.00		273.64
07990	Harvest of arterial conduit for the purpose of coronary revascularization – per conduit (extra) NOTES: i) Paid with fee items 07908 and 07909 only. ii) Paid to a maximum of two per patient. iii) Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.	486.00		178.45
07910	Complete Cox-Maze procedure to include all right and left atrial lesion sets and pulmonary vein isolation Note: Not paid with 33084.	4239.00	9	1819.71
07962	Left atrial lesion sets only, with or without pulmonary vein isolation Note: Not paid with 33084.	5073.00	9	1357.73
07963	Pulmonary vein isolation only Note: Not paid with 33084.	2226.00	9	611.78
07911	Ventricular arrhythmia surgery - must include mapping and ablation, and includes aneurysmectomy if necessary	5145.00	9	2209.66
07912	Endocardial mapping	896.00		382.12
07913	Pericardectomy with bypass	3241.00	9	1422.02
07914	Recurrent surgery after 21 days (add to 07824, 07855, 07859, 07860, 07862, 07864, 07865, 07908 and congenital heart operations), extra	687.00		560.12

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Specially Qualified Assistant Fees:			
07915	1st Assistant for operations of $1,033 or less	630.00		275.83
07916	2nd and 3rd Assistant for operations of $1,033 or less	383.00		161.32
07917	1st Assistant for operations over $1,033	909.00		395.75
07918	2nd and 3rd Assistant for operations over $1,033	573.00		247.53
07920	Time, after 4 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minute period or fraction thereof	49.80		21.66
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

	Pleura and Lung:			
S07924	Decompression of traumatic pneumothorax - (operation only)	88.10	4	38.20
S07925	Artificial pneumothorax - operation only	63.00	4	26.60
	Ribs and Chest Wall:			
07949	Laser therapy for intra-tracheal or intra-bronchial tumour - to include endoscopy	1057.00	7	454.93

VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE

NOTES:

i) Fee items 78061, 78063 and 78065 are paid at 150% for biventricular devices.

ii) Fee items 78062, 78064, 78066 are only paid for devices inserted for 14 days or more.

iii) Not paid with ECMO fee items (78701, 78072 and 78073).

iv) Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.

78061	Uni-ventricular temporary device (i.e. Abiomed Impella 5.0) – transcutaneous	1284.00	10	509.83
78062	Removal of Abiomed Impella 5.0 (includes artery repair)	898.00	10	356.88
78063	Uni-ventricular – temporary device (i.e. Levitronix) – thoracotomy (includes blood vessel repair)	4361.00	10	1733.38
78064	Removal of Levitronix device	1797.00	10	713.74
78065	Uni-ventricular – fully implantable (i.e. Heartmate II or Heartware) includes blood vessel repair	7438.00	10	2956.95
78066	Removal of fully implantable device includes blood vessel repair	3848.00	10	1529.46
07960	Intra-aortic balloon insertion, removal and care	1539.00	8	672.80

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATOR (ECMO)

NOTES:
i) Includes cannulating and decannulating, by any method, heart, vein and/or artery and repair of vessels if needed.
ii) Restricted to Cardiac Surgery.

78071	Veno-Arterial (V-A) ECMO insertion – peripheral	1540.00	10	611.78
78072	Veno-Arterial (V-A) ECMO insertion – central	2052.00	10	815.71
78073	Veno-Veno (V-V) ECMO insertion – peripheral	1027.00	10	407.86

ESOPHAGEAL SURGERY

Surgical Assistant:

70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour	1048.00		256.63

NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.

70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	119.00		32.23

NOTES:
i) After 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof).
ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.

Esophagus - Incision:

V70500	Esophagotomy - cervical approach with removal of foreign body	2186.00	5	536.76
V70501	– thoracic approach with removal of foreign body	2594.00	8	637.58
V70502	Cricopharyngeal myotomy - cervical approach	1909.00	4	469.34

Esophagus - Excision:

Excision of lesion, esophagus, with primary repair:

VC70530	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
VC70531	– thoracic or abdominal approach, open	3164.00	8	777.59

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
VC70532	– thoracic or abdominal approach, laparoscopic or thoracoscopic	3164.00	8	777.59
	Total or Near Total Esophagectomy; without Thoracotomy (Transhiatal):			
	• **with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty:**			
V70533	– primary surgeon	5822.00	8	2030.14
70503	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70534	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	2030.14
70504	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	Total or Near Total Esophagectomy:			
	• **with thoracotomy, with or without pyloroplasty (3 hole):**			
V70535	– primary surgeon	6650.00	8	2283.91
70505	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70536	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	2283.91
70506	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
V70538	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3 - with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic esophagogastrostomy	6650.00	8	1634.89
	NOTE: Includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required.			
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70539	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	1864.78
70509	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
VC70540	Partial esophagectomy, thoraco-abdominal or abdominal approach-with esophagogastrostomy	5822.00	8	1430.50
	NOTES: i) Includes vagotomy. ii) Includes proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty and splenectomy, if required.			

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	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
VC70541	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	1673.20
70511	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
VC70542	Total or partial esophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical esophagostomy (includes gastrostomy)	4368.00	6	1073.50
	Diverticulectomy of hypopharynx or esophagus, with or without myotomy:			
V70545	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
V70544	– thoracic approach	2660.00	8	653.95
	Upper Gastrointestinal System – Endoscopy (Surgical)			
S33321	Removal of foreign material causing obstruction, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	4	101.91
S33322	Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762..	521.00	3	116.68
S33323	Transendoscopic tube, stent or catheter – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	3	101.86
S33324	Thermal coagulation – heater probe and laser, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	191.00	3	42.60
S33325	Gastric polypectomy, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	721.00	5	161.47
S33326	Percutaneous endoscopically placed feeding tube – operation only	329.00	3	73.78

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	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.			
S33327	Endoscopic repositioning of the gastric feeding tube through the duodenum for enteric nutrition, operation only	63.40	3	14.25
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.			
S33328	Esophageal dilation, blind bouginage, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	258.00	3	57.25
S33329	Esophageal dilation or dilation of pathological stricture, by any method, except blind bouginage, under direct vision or radiologic guidance, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	486.00	3	109.02
	Esophagus Repair:			
V71530	Cervical esophagostomy	2162.00	5	531.36
V71531	Cervical approach - repair TE fistula NOTE: 71530 and 71531 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	6	2000.00
	Esophagoplasty (plastic repair or reconstruction) thoracic approach:			
VC71532	– without repair of tracheo-esophageal fistula	3660.00	8	2000.00
VC71533	– with repair of tracheo-esophageal fistula	4238.00	8	2250.00
V71534	Division of tracheo-esophageal fistula without esophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach) NOTE: C71533 and 71534 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	8	804.44
	Esophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill procedures); antireflux:			
V71535	– laparoscopic	4198.00	6	920.65
V71536	– open	3000.00	6	736.52
V71537	Esophagogastric fundoplasty, with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure); abdominal and/or thoracic approach	3224.00	8	791.86
V71538	– with gastroplasty - Collis	3224.00	8	1218.09
	Plastic Operation for Cardiospasm; Heller:			
VC71539	– thoracic approach - open	2740.00	8	672.58
V71540	– laparoscopic or thorascopic (endoscopy to be billed separately)	3833.00	6	840.72
VC71541	– with fundoplication - open	3829.00	6	940.05
VC71542	– with fundoplication - laparoscopic	5357.00	6	1175.07

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Gastrointestinal Reconstruction for Previous Esophagectomy; for Obstructing Esophageal Lesion or Fistula or for Previous Esophageal Exclusion:			
VC71543	– with stomach, with or without pyloroplasty	5822.00	6	1430.50
VC71544	– with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)	6808.00	6	1673.20
	Suture of Esophageal Wound or Injury:			
V71548	– cervical approach	1764.00	6	1268.85
VC71549	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3161.00	8	1522.60
	Closure of Esophagostomy or Fistula:			
VC71550	– cervical approach	2193.00	6	1268.85
VC71551	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3328.00	8	1522.60
02449	Rigid esophagoscopy for removal of foreign body	692.00	4	191.35

DIAPHRAGM - REPAIR

V70601	Repair paraesophageal hiatus hernia, transabdominal, with or without fundoplication	3087.00	6	1212.64
	NOTE: For anti-reflux procedures, fundoplications, etc., please see Esophageal section. Diaphragmatic or other hernia to include fundoplication, vagotomy and drainage procedure where indicated:			
V70602	– open	3087.00	6	1212.64
V70603	– laparoscopic	3087.00	6	1212.64
VC70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	3107.00	9	1522.60
	Repair diaphragmatic hernia or laceration; thoracic or abdominal approach:			
VC70605	– acute (traumatic)	3277.00	8	1215.00
VC70606	– chronic	3000.00	8	1215.00
V70607	Imbrication of diaphragm for eventration, transthoracic or transabdominal	2740.00	8	800.00

TRAUMA

	NOTE: Trauma fee items are to be charged in cases of blunt and/or penetrating abdominal injury. They do not apply to incidental intra-operative injury to abdominal structures.			
V07431	Repair diaphragmatic injury	3277.00	8	804.44

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MISCELLANEOUS				
70023	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for malignancy - neck - operation only	541.00	3	203.62
V70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)	1638.00	5	505.35
V07630	Gastrostomy - open	1369.00	5	456.79
V07648	Revision of ileostomy or colostomy - simple - incision of scar, etc.	1023.00	4	450.00
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body	931.00	6	255.15
02422	– in a child under the age of 3 years	1385.00	6	380.57
02420	Dilation of trachea - operation only	299.00	5	152.64
02421	– repeat within one month - operation only	537.00	5	152.43
	Microsurgery with use of carbon dioxide laser for removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea:			
02430	– first procedure	1616.00	6	445.46
02435	– subsequent procedure, each	1601.00	6	445.46
	NOTES: i) Maximum of 5 subsequent procedures in six (6) month period, otherwise support with written letter. ii) Microsurgery treatment with CO_2 laser other than removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea, bill under 07999 with operative report.			
02407	Tracheostomy puncture NOTE: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy.	1067.00	5	390.00
C02473	Laryngo-pharyngo-esophagectomy - primary excision only	5749.00	6	1900.00
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES				
	THORACIC PROCEDURES: **Procedures Involving Visualization by Instrumentation:**			
S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscopy - procedural fee	288.00	5	117.42
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	531.00	5	207.08
S00719	Thoracoscopy	464.00	7	329.62
S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee NOTE: S00701 not payable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesia.	141.00	5	37.70
S10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	400.00	3	89.73
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74

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S10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy.....	128.00	3	29.06
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761, S10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.			
S10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma.....	196.00	3	43.58
	NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10763 at 100%. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.			
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	330.00	4	195.57
	Procedures Utilizing Radiological Equipment:			
S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) - procedural fee (extra)	288.00	4	66.73
S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy / gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	1043.00	2	275.79
	Needle Biopsy Procedures:			
S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedural fee	174.00	2	48.94
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis - procedural fee	200.00	2	130.41
	Puncture Procedures for Obtaining Body Fluids (When performed for diagnostic purposes):			
S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	200.00	3	165.44
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee.....	29.85	2	6.38
S00759	Paracentesis (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	96.40	2	84.00
	Miscellaneous:			
S00797	Esophageal motility test	561.00		176.15
S00798	– professional fee	259.00		101.79
S00788	– technical fee.....	300.00		74.35
S00818	Esophageal pH study for reflux (extra) - professional fee	177.00		40.82
S00817	– technical fee.....	54.40		12.44

CARDIOLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	570.00		171.46
33012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		85.73
33014	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	287.00		60.66
33013	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	581.00		93.55
33015	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	296.00		46.75
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
33006	Directive care	105.00		64.27
33007	Subsequent office visit	111.00		62.88
33008	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		54.52
33009	Subsequent home visit	162.00		42.80
33005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state service rendered.	327.00		94.84
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
33110	Telehealth consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	570.00		171.46
33112	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant that consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	287.00		85.73

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33114	Telehealth prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four per year).	287.00		60.66
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
33106	Telehealth directive care.	105.00		64.27
33107	Telehealth subsequent office visit.	111.00		62.88
33108	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.	80.90		54.52
	Telehealth Single Chamber permanent programmable pacemaker testing			
33126	– professional fee	206.00		46.24
33153	– technical fee	90.40		23.12
	Telehealth Dual chamber permanent programmable pacemaker testing			
33128	– professional fee	314.00		69.36
33154	– technical fee	181.00		46.24
	NOTES: i) 33126, 33153, 33128, 33154 include telehealth office visit or an office visit and necessary ECG. ii) May be billed by any qualified physician who performs this service from a location in BC. iii) Paid only on outpatients.			

REMOTE MONITORING CARDIAC DEVICES

	Remote Monitoring of Single chamber implantable cardiac devices			
33174	– professional fee	206.00		46.24
33175	– technical fee	90.40		23.12
	NOTES: i) For the virtual or telephone assessment of single chamber implantable cardiac devices with virtual or telephone connection with patient. ii) Includes a telehealth, virtual or telephone assessment, necessary ECG and/or heart rhythm assessment including device interrogation. iii) May be billed by any qualified physician who performs this service from a location in BC. iv) Paid only on outpatients.			
	Remote Monitoring of Dual chamber implantable cardiac devices			
33176	– professional fee	314.00		69.36
33177	– technical fee	181.00		46.24

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) For the virtual or telephone assessment of dual chamber implantable cardiac devices with virtual or telephone connection with patient. ii) Includes a telehealth, virtual or telephone assessment, necessary ECG and/or heart rhythm assessment including device interrogation. iii) May be billed by any qualified physician who performs this service from a location in BC. iv) Paid only on outpatients.			

EXAMINATIONS BY CERTIFIED CARDIOLOGIST

33016	Electrocardiogram and interpretation - office, each	98.50		24.52
33017	– home, each	155.00		34.10
33018	Electrocardiogram - professional fee	40.05		8.58
	The following test is payable in a physician's office (when performed on their own patients) and/or on a referral basis:			
93120	E.C.G. tracing, without interpretation, (technical fee)	40.75		16.90
Y33025	Cardioversion - operation only	366.00	2	88.90
	NOTE: The procedural fee does not include the consultation fee or follow-up daily visits. If more than one cardioversion is performed on any patient in a single day, this is to be treated as a special case and a written report should accompany the account.			
33026	Single chamber, permanent programmable pacemaker testing - professional fee	209.00		46.24
33053	– technical fee	92.30		23.12
33028	Dual chamber permanent programmable pacemaker testing - professional fee	320.00		69.36
33054	– technical fee	187.00		46.24
	NOTE: 33026, 33053, 33028 and 33054 include office visit and necessary ECG, and may be billed by any qualified physician.			
33030	Temporary right ventricular pacemaker catheter placement, using external battery pack – certified cardiologist, internal medicine specialist or other qualified physicians	726.00	4	176.07
33031	Left ventricular pacing lead insertion-transvenous approach (as part of new cardiac resynchronization device implantation or upgrade from current conventional pacing or AICD system (extra)	1302.00	4	456.79

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES:			
	i) This fee includes hookup. If optimization of device is performed post operatively, 33028 and 33054 may be billed as extras.			
	ii) Venogram (00733) performed on same day by same practitioner is included.			
	iii) Additional leads payable under S78031, to a maximum of three.			
	iv) Restricted to qualified cardiac implantation specialists.			
	v) Maximum of one per patient per day.			
33032	Pacemaker standby and/or placement of the endocardial catheter - operation only	368.00	4	80.66
33033	Generator placement and venous cut-down	1191.00	4	263.32
33034	Graded exercise test (performance and interpretation)	337.00		77.66
33035	– professional fee	201.00		46.06
33036	– technical fee	138.00		31.58
	NOTES:			
	i) This test involves controlled graduated exercise levels by the use of either a bicycle or treadmill ergometer or pharmaceutical agents with continuous electrocardiographic monitoring during and after exercise. At least two exercise work levels must be measured, exclusive of a warm-up period, and reproducible exercise and post-exercise records must be obtained.			
	ii) When a 12 lead cardiogram is done on the same day as the graded exercise test, it is included in fee item 33034.			
	iii) A graded exercise tolerance test may be repeated once within one year to assess the functional capacity of the patient after recovery from coronary bypass surgery and to assess the effect of therapy where exercise has produced a serious ventricular rhythm disturbance. In all other circumstances, where graded exercise tests are repeated within one year, a letter of explanation for the need will accompany the account to the payment agency, except in conjunction with thallium myocardial scans where a graded exercise test may be performed and charged with each scan.			
	iv) Where the exercise stress test (33034, 33035 or 33036) and exercise echocardiogram (08662) are performed by the same physician, the stress test will be paid at 50%.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33037	Replacement transfusion - hepatic failure to include two weeks care after transfusion NOTE: Consultation and necessary hospital visits prior to initial transfusion, extra	1287.00		287.85
	Scanning of 24-hour Electrocardiogram:			
33047	– professional fee	302.00		66.13
33048	– technical fee	111.00		24.81
33049	Technical fee for scanning: **Level I:** Requires a recorder capable of recording all beats and transmitting this information to a scanner which is capable of analyzing and printing every beat and also performing edited trend analysis, and/or edited graphic or alpha-numeric hourly summary of data	242.00		54.16
33063	**Level II:** Requires a recorder capable of recording all beats and transmitting this information to a scanner which is capable of analyzing and printing every beat and also performing unedited trend analysis, and/or unedited graphic or alpha-numeric hourly summary of data	187.00		40.61
33065	**Level IV:** a) Requires a recorder capable of recording beats for only a portion of a minute and feeding this information into a scanner through an adapter that feeds the information to the standard ECG machine. b) Requires a recorder capable of recording all beats and feeding the information into an alpha-numeric device which prints an hourly summary of heart rate, minimum and maximum R-R intervals, premature beats, and ventricular complexes of abnormal width	61.20		13.57
	Patient Activated Cardiac Event Recorders:			
33062	Event/unmonitored loop recorder (first strip) - professional fee	135.00		36.21
33069	– each additional strip (per strip) NOTE: Additional strips are limited to two extra strips per patient, per two-week period.	70.10		18.10
33092	Event/unmonitored loop recorder - technical fee	161.00		43.51

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: The following notes apply to fee items 33062, 33069 and 33092: i) These items are intended to cover a two-week period. ii) Consultation not paid in addition. iii) Provide note record when more than one recording billed per patient, per year. iv) Holter monitor not payable in addition. v) An explanatory note is required for second test, same patient.			
	Intracardiac Electrophysiological Mapping:			
33066	– initial study	3441.00	4	776.20
33068	Oesophageal or intra-atrial electrophysiological study	537.00	4	116.03
	Electrophysiological Mapping and Ablation:			
33084	Catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation NOTE: Includes percutaneous right heart catheterization, transseptal left heart catheterization, all diagnostic imaging, ECG's (electrophysiological mapping/ablation fee items 33066, 33085, 33086 and 33087).	5981.00	6	1718.60
33085	Catheter ablation-AV node NOTE: To include diagnostic study (33066).	3703.00	4	948.58
33086	Catheter ablation of SVT NOTE: To include diagnostic study (33066).	5665.00	4	1450.76
33087	Catheter ablation of VT NOTE: To include diagnostic study (33066).	6101.00	4	1718.60
33088	Repeat diagnostic EP study NOTE: Not normally to be billed for recheck on the same day.	1309.00	4	334.78
33089	Catheter ablation - assistant's fee (per hour) NOTES: i) For SVT and/or VT ablation, AV node may be billed with supporting documentation. ii) Applicable only to fully qualified cardiologists with 2 years EP training. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	542.00		139.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

PULMONARY INVESTIGATIVE AND FUNCTION STUDIES

Diagnostic Procedures:

	Overnight home oximetry (continuous recording of oxygen and pulse):			
S00910	– professional fee	114.00		27.90
S00911	– technical fee	60.40		15.62
S00944	Tilt table testing with continuous ECG monitoring and automatic BP recording - total fee	1268.00		290.15
S00947	– professional fee	688.00		178.57
S00948	– technical fee	522.00		111.59

NOTES:

i) Applicable only for investigation for diagnosis of neurally mediated syncope.
ii) Physician must be present throughout duration of procedure.
iii) Includes testing before and if necessary, after pharmacological provocation.
iv) Requires backup resuscitation equipment and materials.
v) Routine ECG not billable in addition.
vi) Restricted to facilities licensed to perform cardiac electrophysiological testing.

MISCELLANEOUS

P33020	Supervision of patient in a Cardiac Rehabilitation Program	111.00		62.41

NOTES:

i) Payable only for patients enrolled at a Health Authority approved Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.
ii) Payable only to cardiologists with fellowship training in cardiac rehabilitation working at Health Authority approved Cardiac Rehabilitation programs.
iii) Payable once per week and includes all services and multiple encounters, necessary for management and supervision of patient while patient is actively enrolled in a comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation program.
iv) Visits by primary cardiologist may be billed for reasons unrelated to cardiac rehabilitation.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Diagnostic Ultrasound:			
S33057	Trans-esophageal echocardiography - procedural fee....	201.00	3	165.45
	NOTES: i) This procedural fee is intended to cover all aspects of the patient's cardiological care during the performance of the TEE. A consultation may not be billed in addition, except in situations where specifically requested and the physician fulfills all Preamble criteria for billing a consultation. ii) Trans-thoracic echocardiography may only be billed in addition where medically indicated. Written explanation is required. iii) Real-time ultrasound fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the laboratory for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.			
32090	Intra-operative transesophageal echocardiographic imaging - first hour or portion thereof.....	720.00		
32091	Intra-operative transesophageal echocardiographic imaging – subsequent 30 minutes or portion thereof	287.00		
	DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES			
PS33131	Diagnostic cardiac catheterization	909.00	4	483.26
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Cardiologists and Pediatric Cardiologists. ii) Not payable with 33132, 33133, 33134 and/or 00842. iii) Include arterial access, arterial pressure measurements and interpretations, direct coronary artery cannulation and injection with contrast, left heart catheterization with direct LV pressure measurement and assessment, and interpretation of aortic valve pullback gradient hemodynamics.			
PS33132	Diagnostic cardiac catheterization with advanced arterial assessment.....	1317.00	4	483.26
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Cardiologists and Pediatric Cardiologists. ii) Not payable with 33131, 33133, 33134 and/or 00842. iii) Applies to per patient, not per vessel or lesion when advanced arterial assessment is performed.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Include arterial access, arterial pressure measurements and interpretations, direct coronary artery cannulation and injection with contrast, left heart catheterization with direct LV pressure measurement and assessment, interpretation of aortic valve pullback gradient hemodynamics, and advanced assessment of the coronary artery with Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR), intravascular ultrasound (IVUS), and/or optical coherence tomography (OCT).			
	Procedures Utilizing Radiological Equipment The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection on contrast material.			
33091	Echocardiography - combined with two-dimensional real time and M-mode	573.00		144.20
	NOTE: The professional/technical split is as follows: Professional fee - $66.91, Technical fee - $77.29			
33093	Level III Echocardiographer Complex Assessment of Previous Echocardiogram (clinical assessment and review, interpretation and written report of submitted echocardiograms) - per patient	472.00		252.39
	NOTES: i) Payable following a written request from a cardiologist or cardiac surgeon for a clinical assessment, review and interpretation of submitted echocardiograms done on an out-patient basis only, performed in another institution by a different Echocardiographer. ii) A written report and management recommendation must be provided to the referring physician. iii) Not payable when echocardiograms above are used for comparison purposes with echocardiograms made in the Level III Echocardiographer's facility. iv) Not payable with a consult, visit or 33091 done on the same day. v) Payable once per year per patient, unless substantiated in note record.			
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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	vi) Payable only on echocardiograms done in publicly-funded hospitals in BC.			
	vii) Not payable in addition to a consultation rendered within 2 months on the same patient on referral by the same physician for the same diagnosis.			
33094	Contrast echocardiography (extra) – technical fee, per vial of contrast	169.00		127.45
	NOTES:			
	i) Paid only in addition to fee items 33091, 08638 or 08662.			
	ii) Submit claim on the first patient the vial is used for. No claims should be made on subsequent patients for the same vial.			
S00729	Fluoroscopy of chest by internist or pediatrician – procedural fee	49.15		11.11
	Puncture Procedures for Obtaining Body Fluids			
	(When performed for diagnostic purposes)			
S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	200.00	3	165.44
	Cardio-Vascular Procedures			
S00801	Intra-arterial cannulation (with multiple aspirations) - procedural fee	96.40		22.10
S00810	Right heart catheterization - by duly qualified specialist	724.00	4	165.44
S00812	Selective angiocardiogram (extra) - by duly qualified specialist	242.00	4	55.52
S00813	Ergonovine provocative testing for coronary artery spasm	351.00	4	79.14
S00814	Dye dilution studies (extra) - by duly qualified specialist	242.00	4	55.52
S00816	Hydrogen ion study	119.00	2	28.96
	Pulse tracing, including interpretation:			
S00871	– intravascular, including both arterial and venous	242.00		55.52
	Cardiology Assistant Fees			
00845	First hour or fraction thereof	242.00		111.04
00846	After one hour, for each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	49.15		27.77
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY PROCEDURES

33071	Percutaneous endovascular aortic or pulmonary heart valve replacement NOTES: i) All diagnostic imaging, all necessary left and right heart catheterizations, arterial or venous cannulation, blood sampling, CVP, pressure or gradient measurements, infusion of pharmacological agents, temporary pacing and pacemaker, and percutaneous balloon valvuloplasty are included. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital are included.	4216.00	9	1147.10
P33072	Percutaneous left atrial appendage closure NOTES: i) Includes all necessary catheterizations, angiography (00801, 00810, 00812, 00871, 00888, 00889, 33030), angiocardiography, intra-arterial cannulation, right heart catheterization, retrograde left heart catheterization, pulse tracing (intravascular), temporary pacemaker, any medically necessary diagnostic imaging (e.g.: Intra-cardiac ultrasound), CVP, arterial lines, blood pressure measurements, and any pharmacological infusion and studies, blood sampling, blood analysis and interpretations done in association with procedure. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital included. iii) Fee item 33057 is payable when performed by another practitioner. iv) Cardiologist (specialty 26) paid under 00845/6 when assisting 33072.	2747.00	7	900.00
S33073	Percutaneous transcatheter cardiac occluder device closure of ASD for patients over 18 years of age - (composite fee)	2625.00	7	713.74

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Includes all necessary diagnostic imaging, right and left heart catheterization, all necessary angiograms, angiocardiograms, atrial septostomy. HIS bundle recordings, CVP, venous cannulation, infusion of pharmacologic agents, pressure measurement, pressure gradient calculations. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital included.			
S33074	Percutaneous transcatheter cardiac occluder device closure of PFO - for patients over 18 years of age - composite fee	2062.00	7	560.80
	NOTES: i) Includes all necessary diagnostic imaging, right and left heart catheterization, all necessary angiograms, angiocardiograms, atrial septostomy, HIS bundle recordings, CVP, venous cannulation, infusion of pharmacologic agents, pressure measurement, pressure gradient calculations. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital included.			
S33075	Percutaneous balloon valvuloplasty for congenital or rheumatic mitral stenosis - (composite fee)	3374.00	9	917.67
	NOTES: i) Includes all necessary catheterizations, angiography (00810, 00812, 00830, 00871, 00888, 00889 and 00898), angiocardiography, atrial septostomy, balloon dilation of atrial septum, any medically necessary diagnostic imaging, CVP, arterial lines, blood pressure measurements, and any pharmacological infusion and studies, blood sampling, blood analysis and interpretations done in association with procedure. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital included.			
C33076	Percutaneous balloon valvuloplasty for aortic stenosis - (composite fee)	2250.00	9	611.78

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Includes all necessary catheterizations, angiography (00801, 00810, 00812, 00871, 00888, 00889, 33030), angiocardiography, intra-arterial cannulation, right heart catheterization, retrograde left heart catheterization, pulse tracing (intravascular), temporary pacemaker, any medically necessary diagnostic imaging (e.g.: intra-cardiac ultrasound), CVP, arterial lines, blood pressure measurements, and any pharmacological infusion and studies, blood sampling, blood analysis and interpretations done in association with procedure. ii) 30 days pre and 48 hour post-operative visits in hospital included. iii) 33131, 33132, 33133 may be payable at 50% if done with this procedure. iv) If a Cardiology assist is required, may bill Cardiology Assist Fee Items 00845 (first hour or fraction thereof) and 00846 (after one hour, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof) at 50%.			
	Percutaneous coronary interventions:			
PS33133	Percutaneous coronary intervention with diagnostic cardiac catheterization	1535.00	4	563.36
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Cardiologists and Pediatric Cardiologists. ii) Includes balloon inflation (angioplasty), stent insertion, and/or diagnostic cardiac catheterization. iii) Not payable with 33131, 33132 and/or 33134. iv) Name of vessel must be provided in the note record.			
PS33134	Percutaneous coronary intervention alone	1023.00	4	375.53
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Cardiologists and Pediatric Cardiologists. ii) Includes balloon inflation (angioplasty), stent insertion. iii) Payable when 33131 or 33132 had been performed by a different practitioner as part of the same procedure.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Not payable with 33131, 33132, 33133 when is performed by the same practitioner. v) Name of vessel must be provided in the note record.			
S00842	Percutaneous coronary intervention – for additional vessel(s), per vessel	819.00		189.01
	NOTES: i) Only payable in addition to 33133 or 33134. ii) When temporary pacemaker insertion is performed in addition, it will be payable at 50% of listed fee(s). iii) Maximum of 5 named vessels per patient. iv) Name of vessel(s) must be provided in the note record.			
	Percutaneous coronary intervention anatomical named vessels (Including Coronary artery bypass graft to vessels below): Right Coronary: • Right coronary artery • Right posterior descending artery • Right posterior atrioventricular artery • First right posterolateral artery • Second right posterolateral artery • Acute marginal artery • Inferior septal artery Left Coronary: • Left main coronary artery • Left anterior descending artery • First diagonal artery • Second diagonal artery • Ramus artery • Circumflex artery • First obtuse marginal artery • Second obtuse marginal artery • Third obtuse marginal artery • Left atrioventricular artery • First left posterolateral artery • Second left posterolateral artery • Left posterior descending artery • First septal artery			

		Non-MSP-Insured Total Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND					
	Note: Real-time ultrasound fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the diagnostic facility for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.				
	Heart:				
08638	Echocardiography - real-time	269.00	59.48	42.38	101.86
08662	Exercise echocardiography with pre and post-exercise echocardiogram of left ventricle with use of continuous loop and quad screen format analysis.....	654.00	132.87	101.59	234.46
	NOTE: Where the exercise stress test (00530, 00531, 00535, 01730, 01731, 01732, 33034, 33035 and 33036) and exercise echocardiogram (08662) are performed by the same physician, the stress test will be paid at 50 percent.				
	Doppler Studies - Heart:				
08679	Doppler echocardiography	121.00	28.46	18.27	46.73

CHEST SURGERY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
79010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	300.00		144.80
79012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	156.00		65.18
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
79007	Subsequent office visit	65.50		28.91
79008	Subsequent hospital visit	55.60		24.65
79009	Subsequent home visit	114.00		49.68
79005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	228.00		99.12
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
79210	**Telehealth Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	300.00		144.80
79212	**Telehealth repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	156.00		65.18
79207	Telehealth subsequent office visit	65.50		28.91
79208	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	55.60		24.65
LUNG SURGERY				
	Lobe:			
79015	Lobectomy	1968.00	8	1359.03
79020	Bronchoplasty (extra to lobectomy)	565.00	9	246.41
	Entire Lung:			
79025	Pneumonectomy	2141.00	9	1476.68

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Other Lung Operations:			
79030	Segmental resection of lung (operative report required)	1968.00	8	1359.03
79035	Thoracotomy, including wedge resection	1108.00	8	762.50
79036	– each additional wedge resection of lung when done thorascopically, to a maximum of two extra	219.00		77.99
79040	Drainage of lung abscess (operation only)	1142.00	8	509.62
	Thoracotomy (Miscellaneous):			
S07924	Decompression of traumatic pneumothorax (operation only)	88.10	4	38.20
79045	Exploratory thoracotomy with or without biopsy or removal of foreign body	1108.00	8	771.18
79050	Decortication of lung	1723.00	8	1188.93
79055	Pleurectomy	1108.00	8	762.50
79060	Intrathoracic tumour - without lung involvement	1471.00	8	1023.99

AIRWAY SURGERY

	Trachea:			
79065	Tracheal resection	2141.00	10	960.53
79070	– with laryngeal release (extra)	1062.00	10	474.12
79075	– with hilar release (extra)	1062.00	10	474.12
02420	Dilation of trachea - operation only	299.00	5	152.64
02421	– repeat within one month - operation only	537.00	5	152.43
02407	Tracheostomy	1067.00	5	390.00
	NOTE: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy puncture.			
	Bronchus:			
79080	Closure of bronchopleural fistula	2141.00	10	949.72
79085	Repair of ruptured bronchus	2141.00	9	960.53
07949	Laser therapy for intra-tracheal or intra-bronchial tumour - to include endoscopy	1057.00	7	454.93
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body	931.00	6	255.15
02422	– in a child under the age of 3 years	1385.00	6	380.57
	Micro-surgery with Use of CO_2 Laser for Removal of Tumour(s) of Larynx or Trachea:			
02430	– first procedure	1616.00	6	445.46
02435	– subsequent procedure, each	1601.00	6	445.46

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	NOTES: i) Maximum of 5 subsequent procedures in six (6) month period, otherwise support with written letter. ii) Microsurgery treatment with CO_2 laser other than removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea, bill under 02599 with operative report.			

MEDIASTINAL SURGERY

79095	Mediastinal cyst or tumour	1540.00	8	1060.72
79100	Thymectomy	1142.00	8	792.40

CHEST WALL SURGERY

79105	Rib resection for empyema	1108.00	6	495.99
79110	Closure of pleurostomy following long term management of empyema with rib section	1108.00	6	495.99
79115	Pectus excavatum and carinatum	1723.00	8	773.31
79120	Thoracoplasty	1723.00	6	773.31
79125	Cervical rib resection	805.00	5	359.33
79130	Trans-axillary resection of first rib	1259.00	5	865.45
79135	Chest wall tumour with rib resection	1471.00	6	1012.46

DIAPHRAGM SURGERY

V70601	Repair paraoesophageal hiatus hernia, transabdominal, with or without fundoplication NOTE: For anti-reflux procedures, fundoplications, etc., please see Oesophageal section (in General Surgery).	3087.00	6	1212.64
	Diaphragmatic or Other Hernia to Include Fundoplication, Vagotomy and Drainage Procedure where Indicated:			
V70602	– open	3087.00	6	1212.64
V70603	– laparoscopic	3087.00	6	1212.64
VC70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	3107.00	9	1522.60
	Repair Diaphragmatic Hernia or Laceration; Thoracic or Abdominal Approach:			
VC70605	– acute (traumatic)	3277.00	8	1215.00
VC70606	– chronic	3000.00	8	1215.00
V70607	Imbrication of diaphragm for eventration, transthoracic or transabdominal	2740.00	8	800.00
V07431	Repair diaphragmatic injury	3277.00	8	804.44

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

SURGICAL ASSISTANT

70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter “C”) - for up to one hour	1048.00		256.63
	NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.			
70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	119.00		32.23
	NOTES: i) After 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof). ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.			

ESOPHAGEAL SURGERY

	Esophagus - Incision:			
V70500	Esophagotomy - cervical approach with removal of foreign body	2186.00	5	536.76
V70501	– thoracic approach with removal of foreign body	2594.00	8	637.58
V70502	Cricopharyngeal myotomy - cervical approach	1909.00	4	469.34
	Esophagus - Excision:			
	Excision of lesion, oesophagus, with primary repair:			
VC70530	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
VC70531	– thoracic or abdominal approach - open	3164.00	8	777.59
VC70532	– thoracic or abdominal approach - laparoscopic or thoracoscopic	3164.00	8	777.59
	Total or Near Total Esophagectomy, without Thoracotomy (Transhiatal):			
	• **with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty:**			
V70533	– primary surgeon	5822.00	8	2030.14
70503	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00

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	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70534	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	2030.14
70504	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	Total or Near Total Esophagectomy;			
	• **with thoracotomy, with or without pyloroplasty (3-hole):**			
V70535	– primary surgeon	6650.00	8	2283.91
70505	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70536	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	2283.91
70506	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
V70538	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3 - with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic esophagogastrostomy NOTE: Includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required.	6650.00	8	1634.89
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70539	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	1864.78
70509	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
VC70540	Partial esophagectomy, thoraco-abdominal or abdominal approach - with esophagogastrostomy NOTES: i) Includes vagotomy. ii) Includes proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty and splenectomy, if required.	5822.00	8	1430.50
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
VC70541	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	1673.20
70511	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
VC70542	Total or partial esophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical esophagostomy (includes gastrostomy)	4368.00	6	1073.50
	Diverticulectomy of Hypopharynx or Esophagus, with or without Myotomy:			
V70545	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
V70544	– thoracic approach	2660.00	8	653.95

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Upper Gastrointestinal System – Endoscopy (Surgical)			
S33321	Removal of foreign material causing obstruction, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	4	101.91
S33322	Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.	521.00	3	116.68
S33323	Transendoscopic tube, stent or catheter – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	3	101.86
S33324	Thermal coagulation – heater probe and laser, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	191.00	3	42.60
S33325	Gastric polypectomy, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	721.00	5	161.47
S33326	Percutaneous endoscopically placed feeding tube – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	329.00	3	73.78
S33327	Endoscopic repositioning of the gastric feeding tube through the duodenum for enteric nutrition, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	63.40	3	14.25
S33328	Esophageal dilation, blind bouginage, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	258.00	3	57.25

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S33329	Esophageal dilation or dilation of pathological stricture, by any method, except blind bouginage, under direct vision or radiologic guidance, operation only..... NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	486.00	3	109.02
	Esophagus Repair:			
V71530	Cervical oesophagostomy	2162.00	5	531.36
V71531	Cervical approach - repair TE fistula ..... NOTE: 71530 and 71531 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	6	2000.00
	Esophagoplasty (Plastic Repair or Reconstruction); Thoracic Approach:			
VC71532	– without repair of tracheo-esophageal fistula	3660.00	8	2000.00
VC71533	– with repair of tracheo-esophageal fistula	4238.00	8	2250.00
V71534	Division of tracheo-esophageal fistula without oesophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach)..... NOTE: C71533 and 71534 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	8	804.44
	Esophagogastric Fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill Procedures); Antireflux:			
V71535	– laparoscopic.....	4198.00	6	920.65
V71536	– open.....	3000.00	6	736.52
V71537	Esophagogastric fundoplasty, with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure) - abdominal and/or thoracic approach	3224.00	8	791.86
V71538	– with gastroplasty - Collis	3224.00	8	1218.09
	Plastic Operation for Cardiospasm; Heller:			
VC71539	– thoracic approach - open	2740.00	8	672.58
VC71540	– laparoscopic or thorascopic (endoscopy to be billed separately).....	3833.00	6	840.72
VC71541	– with fundoplication - open	3829.00	6	940.05
VC71542	– with fundoplication - laparoscopic	5357.00	6	1175.07
	Gastrointestinal Reconstruction for Previous Esophagectomy; for Obstructing Esophageal Lesion or Fistula or for Previous Esophageal Exclusion:			
VC71543	– with stomach, with or without pyloroplasty	5822.00	6	1430.50
VC71544	– with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)	6808.00	6	1673.20
	Suture of Esophageal Wound or Injury:			
V71548	– cervical approach.....	1764.00	6	1268.85

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
VC71549	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3161.00	8	1522.60
	Closure of Esophagostomy or Fistula:			
VC71550	– cervical approach	2193.00	6	1268.85
VC71551	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3328.00	8	1522.60
02449	Rigid esophagoscopy for removal of foreign body	692.00	4	191.35
C02473	Laryngo-pharyngo-esophagectomy - primary excision only	5749.00	6	1900.00

MISCELLANEOUS SURGERY

70023	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for suspected malignancy - neck - operation only	541.00	3	203.62
V70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)	1638.00	5	505.35
V07630	Gastrostomy - open	1369.00	5	456.79
S32031	Closed drainage of chest (operation only)	428.00	4	136.94
79140	Anterior scalenotomy	443.00	3	200.02

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

THORACIC PROCEDURES:

Procedures Involving Visualization by Instrumentation:

S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscopy - procedural fee	288.00	4	117.42
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	531.00	4	207.08
S00719	Thoracoscopy	464.00	7	329.62
S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee	141.00	5	37.70
	NOTE: S00701 not payable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesia.			
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	330.00	4	195.57

Procedures Utilizing Radiological Equipment:

NOTE: The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection of contrast material.

S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) - procedural fee (extra)	288.00	4	66.73
S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy / gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	1043.00	2	275.79

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NEEDLE BIOPSY PROCEDURES

NOTE: These biopsies include only those done by needle. Biopsies involving the incision of skin or mucous membrane or involving total or partial removal of a lesion are regarded as surgical procedures, i.e. biopsy of breast, brain, larynx, skin, facial skin, lymph nodes, prostate, etc.

S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedural fee	174.00	2	48.94
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis - procedural fee	200.00	2	130.41
	Puncture Procedures for Obtaining Body Fluids (When performed for diagnostic purposes):			
S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	200.00	3	165.44
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	29.85	2	6.38
S00759	Paracentesis (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	96.40	2	84.00
	Miscellaneous:			
S00797	Esophageal, motility test	561.00		176.15
S00798	– professional fee	259.00		101.79
S00788	– technical fee	300.00		74.35
S00818	Esophageal pH study for reflux (extra) - professional fee	177.00		40.82
S00817	– technical fee	54.40		12.44

CRITICAL CARE

Complete understanding of the following paragraphs is essential to appropriate billing of the critical care fees. Members of the team billing the Critical Care Guide cannot be receiving other payments (e.g., fees, alternative or sessional payments) for the clinical care of the patient.

PREAMBLE

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE

These listings do not apply to non-ventilated stable patients admitted to a special care unit for routine post-op care, or for nursing care reasons, cardiac or other monitoring. The Critical Care Guide is intended to be used by physicians providing direct bedside care to critically ill and unstable patients who are in need of intensive treatment, such as ventilatory support, hemodynamic support including vasoactive medications, or prolonged resuscitation.

Day 1 billing is to be used only when more than 2 hours of bedside care is provided. (If 01411 - 01413 billed in isolation, a total of 2 hours care on the first day is required. If critical and ventilatory care is billed conjointly by the team, then each component must be a minimum of 1 hour of care). Day 1 is defined as starting at 0000 hours. If a patient is seen after 2200 hours, the physician may bill emergency care services, 00081/00082 or a major consultation fee with resuscitation services, 00081, or a major consultation fee with additional visits when appropriate. Day 2 billing would start at 0000 hours the next day. Standby time is not allowed.

It is recognized that a team of physicians often manages complicated problems in the Intensive Care Unit. The schedule is a team fee and individual members of the team who share a common call rotation may not bill separately. The original physician or physicians providing initial bedside care will be designated physician or physicians in charge (i.e. if it is a single physician then the comprehensive or critical care item may be billed when appropriate). If two physicians are involved, then the critical care item and ventilatory support item may be billed, if the other requirements are met. Critical care billing no longer applies when the services indicated in the listings are no longer required. If the patient has been discharged from the unit and is readmitted within 48 hours with the same or a similar problem, billing would continue from where it was stopped. After 48 hours, billing would usually start at Day 2 rates. If problem is totally different, Day 1 rates will apply regardless of time admitted both, within or after 48 hours (a note record is required).

Since these listings are intended to cover all required services for critically ill patients, no other physician except the Primary Care Physician (who may bill for daily or supportive care) may bill for the care of the patient on the same day, except for:

- Consultation fee to a specialist outside the team when requested (service not within the competence or specialty of a team member). Follow-up visits may be billed only if the physician is involved in the active care of the patient.
- TPN when ordered by a physician not part of the critical care team.

- Medical management of extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) should be billed as a miscellaneous fee, and will be paid in equity with the Critical Care daily fees (1411/21/31/41), starting at Day 1.
- The Critical Care team member who performs ECMO cannot concurrently bill the daily fees on the same patient. Another physician on the team may concurrently bill the appropriate Adult and Pediatric Critical Care daily fees on that patient.
- Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT, also referred to as dialysis) and MARS (Molecular Adsorbents Recirculating System) may be paid in addition to Critical Care daily fees to the same physician or to another member of the Critical Care Team. For the CCM Physician, these fees will be paid at 75% of fee item 33750, 33751, 33752 and 33758, and will follow the billing rules under these dialysis fees.
- Dialysis when supervised by a physician not part of the critical care team will be paid at 100%.
- In exceptional circumstances other physicians may be called in to perform specific procedures usually managed by the critical care team, i.e. anesthesiologist (not a member of the team) called to insert a difficult arterial line when no one else is capable of performing the procedure. That physician may bill the procedure fee but a consultation fee would not be applicable.

A note record is required explaining the need for services outside the critical care team.

Subsequent major surgical procedures rendered by a physician who is on the team billing under the critical care schedule are payable at 75% (operation only procedures payable at 100%) and should be billed accordingly.

Post-operative surgical care is included in the surgeon's fee. Critical care fees are not applicable for services rendered to routine, stable patients who are simply recovering from surgery. The following is applicable for members of the critical care team, in cases where the patient requires critical care following surgery:

a) Services rendered to unstable, critically ill non-elective post-surgical patients who meet normal Day 1 criteria should be billed at Day 1 rates.

b) Services rendered to high risk and unstable patients, (particularly after emergency surgery) who warrant ICU care but who do not meet the requirement of two hours of direct critical care management on their first day in ICU, should be billed using the appropriate consultation and procedural item(s). Subsequent day, Day 2 rates are applicable.

c) Where the patient requires critical care following uncomplicated elective surgery, the critical care fees may be billed by the critical care team utilizing Day 2 rates. The operating surgeon(s) may bill the critical care fee guide but the preceding major surgical procedure will be reduced to 75%.

d) The critically ill patient, who, following elective surgery, has an unusual and unexpected problem, can be billed as Day 1. A note record is required.

Critically ill patients are occasionally transferred from one hospital to another. Under such circumstances the original intensive care team may bill for the day of the patient's transfer, if appropriate. First day rates would apply to the receiving intensive care team if more than two hours of bedside care are provided. This does not apply to intra-hospital transfers. Please also provide in a "note record" the statement that "patient transferred from _____Hospital".

Physicians required to be in attendance during the transporting of a patient from a critical care area to an outside institution may claim the appropriate fee (e.g.: 00084).

These Critical Care listings only apply to physicians who are directly involved in the bedside care of patients as defined in the "Preamble to the Guide to Fees".

"C. 18. Guidelines for Payment for Services by Trainees, Residents and/or Fellows

When patient care is rendered in a clinical teaching unit or other setting for clinical teaching by a health care team, the supervising medical practitioner shall be identified to the patient at the earliest possible moment. No fees may be charged in the name of the supervising staff physician for services rendered by a trainee, resident or fellow prior to the identification taking place. Moreover, the supervising staff physician must be available in person, by telephone or videoconferencing in a timely manner appropriate to the acuity of the service being supervised.

For a medical practitioner who supervises two or more procedures or other services concurrently through the use of trainees, residents, fellows or other members of the team, the total billings must not exceed the amount that a medical practitioner could bill in the same time period in the absence of the other team members. For example:

a) If an anesthesiologist is supervising two rooms simultaneously, the anesthetic intensity/complexity units should only be billed for one of the two cases.

b) If a surgeon is operating in one room while his/her resident is operating in a second room, charges should only be made for the case the surgeon performs.

c) In psychotherapy where direct supervision by the staff physician may distort the psychotherapeutic milieu, the staff physician may claim for psychotherapy when a record of the psychotherapeutic interview is carefully reviewed with the resident and the procedure thus supervised. However, the time charged by the staff physician should not exceed the lesser of the time spent by the resident in the psychotherapeutic interview or the staff physician in the supervision of that interview.

d) For hospital visits and consultations rendered by the resident in the name of the staff physician, the staff physician should only charge for services on the days when actual supervision of that patient's care takes place through a physical visit to the patient by the staff physician and/or a chart review is conducted with detailed discussion with the other members of the health team within the next weekday workday.

e) The supervising physician may not bill for out-of-office hours premiums or continuing care surcharges unless he/she complies with the explanatory notes for out-of-office hours premiums in the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees and personally attends the patient.

In order to bill for a supervised service the physician must review in person, by telephone or videoconferencing the service being billed with the trainee, resident or fellow and have signed off within the next weekday workday on the ER record, hospital chart, office chart or some other auditable document."

Out-of-office hours premiums and emergency visit fees are not payable in addition to this schedule, as historically, these fees are included in the critical care fees.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
01400	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report (not for ICU patients)	628.00	297.06
	Note: Restricted to Critical Care Physicians		
01402	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee (not for ICU patients).....	317.00	152.26
	Note: Restricted to Critical Care physicians		
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>		
01408	Subsequent hospital visit (not for ICU patients)	347.00	154.40
	Note: Restricted to Critical Care Physicians		
01469	Direction of care/end of life assessment	628.00	247.51
	Notes:		
	i) Restricted to Critical Care physicians who have not treated the patient in the previous seven days.		
	ii) This fee includes an examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings necessary to write a report as well as any and all meetings with family and ICU team required to formulate and perform end-of-life and/or direction of care, e.g.: withdrawal of life sustaining measures and filling out forms for comfort care orders.		
	iii) Patient must be in ICU with life threatening illness.		
	iv) Not intended for use for advance-care planning.		
	v) Limited to one assessment per patient per ICU admission.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
01470	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report (not for ICU patients) ..... Note: Restricted to Critical Care physicians.	628.00	297.06
01472	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee (not for ICU patients)... Note: Restricted to Critical Care Physicians.	317.00	152.26

MISCELLANEOUS

P01450	Adult and Pediatric Critical Care 1st day modifier – extra . NOTES: i) Restricted to Critical Care physicians. ii) Payable only in addition to 01411, 01412 or 01413 by the same practitioner.	133.00	42.87
P01455	Adult and Pediatric Critical care modifier (2nd day onward) – extra ..... NOTES: i) Restricted to Critical Care physicians. ii) Payable only in addition to 01421, 01422, 01423, 01431, 01432, 01433, 01441, 01442 or 01443 by the same practitioner.	16.30	7.26

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE

1. CRITICAL CARE - Includes provision in an Intensive Care Area of all aspects of care of a critically ill patient excluding ventilatory support and includes initial consultation and assessment, family counselling, emergency resuscitation, intravenous lines, bronchoscopy, chest tubes, lumbar puncture, cut-downs, pressure infusion set and pharmacological agents, insertion of arterial C.V.P., Swan-Ganz or urinary catheters and nasogastric tubes, defibrillation, cardio version and usual resuscitative measures, securing and interpretation of laboratory tests, oximetry, transcutaneous blood gases and intracranial pressure monitoring interpretation and assessment when indicated (excluding insertion of ICP measuring device). There is an expectation of at least 1-hour of bedside care on Day 1. These fees are not chargeable for services rendered to stabilized patients in ICU's, for example, routine post-op monitoring, or patients admitted for ECG monitoring or observation alone.

   Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01411	1st day……..	848.00	340.05
01421	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	420.00	172.55
01431	8th day to 30th day	215.00	117.00
01441	31st day onward.....	177.00	135.47

2. VENTILATORY SUPPORT - Includes provision of ventilatory care, initial consultation and assessment of the patient, family counselling, cutdown, pressure infusion, insertion arterial & CVP, Swan- Ganz, tracheal toilet, endotracheal intubation, intravenous lines, artificial ventilation and all necessary measures for its supervision, obtaining and interpretation of blood gases, oximetry, end tidal $C0_2$, transcutaneous blood gas application and assessment and maximum inspiratory pressure monitoring and non-invasive metabolic measurements. There is an expectation of at least 1-hour of bedside care on Day 1. This is the fee to use when one physician is providing the ventilatory care and another physician, the critical care. This service may also be billed by a physician other than the operating surgeon or associate, for critical care required in addition to post-operative care by the surgeon.

   Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01412	1st day	737.00	294.96
01422	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	370.00	152.26
01432	8th day to 30th day	246.00	120.00
01442	31st day onward.....	227.00	110.89

3. COMPREHENSIVE CARE - These fees apply to intensive care physicians who provide complete care, both critical care and ventilatory support (as defined above), to Intensive Care patients. These fees include the initial consultation and assessment, subsequent examinations of the patient, family counselling, endotracheal intubation, tracheal toilet, artificial ventilation and all necessary measures for respiratory support, emergency resuscitation, insertion of intravenous lines, bronchoscopy, chest tubes, lumbar puncture, cutdowns, arterial and/or venous catheters, insertion of a Swan-Ganz catheter, pressure infusion sets and pharmacological agents, insertion of C.V.P. lines, defibrillation, cardioversion and usual resuscitative measures, insertion of urinary catheters and nasogastric tubes, securing and interpretation of blood gases, intracranial pressure monitoring interpretation and assessment when indicated (excluding insertion of ICP measuring device). There is an expectation of at least 2 hours of bedside care on Day 1. These fees are not chargeable for services rendered to stabilized patients in the ICU's or patients admitted for ECG monitoring and observations.

   Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01413	1st day	1386.00	507.54
01423	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	632.00	256.61
01433	8th day to 30th day	318.00	142.11
01443	31st day onward	273.00	147.80

If ventilatory support only is provided, claims should then be made under ventilatory support. Comprehensive care fees do not apply. Other physicians should then charge critical care fees, if applicable, or the appropriate consultation, visit or procedure fees.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE

These listings may be used for patients receiving neonatal intensive care and are intended for use by the Neonatologist or Pediatrician (or Team) in charge of the patient. These listings may be used by physicians providing direct bedside care to critically ill and unstable patients who are in need of intensive treatment such as ventilatory support, hemodynamic support including vasoactive medications or prolonged resuscitation. They are to be billed only on sick or pre-term infants requiring intensive care. They are also for infants who are more than 28 days old, who have neonatal problems, related to prematurity, etc. These listings do not apply to non-ventilated stable patients admitted to a special care unit for routine post-operative care. These fees are not for the infant who is stable and only requiring a period of observation. Neither are they for the infant who needs a short course of prophylactic antibiotics. It would be unusual to bill these fees on an infant whose period of care in the NICU lasted less than 48 hours. Consultation and visit fees would be appropriate.

These neonatal intensive care fees only apply to physicians who are directly involved in the bedside care of patients in the Critical Care Areas. "Preamble to the Guide to Fees" applies.

"C. 18. Guidelines for Payment for Services by Trainees, Residents and/or Fellows

When patient care is rendered in a clinical teaching unit or other setting for clinical teaching by a health care team, the supervising medical practitioner shall be identified to the patient at the earliest possible moment. No fees may be charged in the name of the supervising staff physician for services rendered by a trainee, resident or fellow prior to the identification taking place. Moreover, the supervising staff physician must be available in person, by telephone or videoconferencing in a timely manner appropriate to the acuity of the service being supervised.

For a medical practitioner who supervises two or more procedures or other services concurrently through the use of trainees, residents, fellows or other members of the team, the total billings must not exceed the amount that a medical practitioner could bill in the same time period in the absence of the other team members. For example:

a) If an anesthesiologist is supervising two rooms simultaneously, the anesthetic intensity/complexity units should only be billed for one of the two cases.

b) If a surgeon is operating in one room while his/her resident is operating in a second room, charges should only be made for the case the surgeon performs.

c) In psychotherapy where direct supervision by the staff physician may distort the psychotherapeutic milieu, the staff physician may claim for psychotherapy when a record of the psychotherapeutic interview is carefully reviewed with the resident and the procedure thus supervised. However, the time charged by the staff physician should not exceed the lesser of the time spent by the resident in the psychotherapeutic interview or the staff physician in the supervision of that interview.

d) For hospital visits and consultations rendered by the resident in the name of the staff physician, the staff physician should only charge for services on the days when actual supervision of that patient's care takes place through a physical visit to the patient by the staff physician and/or a chart review is conducted with detailed discussion with the other members of the health team within the next weekday workday.

e) The supervising physician may not bill for out-of-office hours premiums or continuing care surcharges unless he/she complies with the explanatory notes for out-of-office hours premiums in the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees and personally attends the patient.

In order to bill for a supervised service the physician must review in person, by telephone or videoconferencing the service being billed with the trainee, resident or fellow and have signed off within the next weekday workday on the ER record, hospital chart, office chart or some other auditable document."

Included in these daily composite fees are the initial consultation or assessment, subsequent visits and examinations as required in any given day. Also included are: family counseling, emergency resuscitation, insertion of arterial, venous, Swan-Ganz, CVP or urinary catheters, intravenous lines, interpretation of blood gases, insertion of nasogastric tubes, infusion of pharmaceutical agents including TPN, endotracheal intubation and artificial ventilation and all other necessary respiratory support. Exchange transfusion is not included in these fees and not all infants requiring an exchange transfusion are critically ill.

Out-of-office hours premiums may still apply for special calls back to the hospital and may be billed in conjunction with a no charge visit. If a patient is discharged from the unit for more than 48 hours and is re-admitted, second day rates again apply. If the patient is re-admitted within 48 hours of discharge, billing continues under fee code billed at discharge, unless acuity level changes. If a patient changes acuity level up or down then the appropriate second day rate applies. A note record is required indicating the change in acuity level. Fee item 00505 (Emergency Visit) may not be billed by the person claiming these fees.

Call-out charges are billable with the neonatal critical care fee items. Historically, these have not been included in the neonatal fees and may be billed separately.

Members of the team billing the Neonatal Guide cannot be receiving other payments (e.g.: fees, alternative or sessional payments) for the clinical care of the patient.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	LEVEL A - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring artificial ventilation and full intensive monitoring and parenteral alimentation if necessary. These fees include all procedures.		
01511	Day 1	2392.00	633.46
01521	Day 2 - 10	957.00	253.36
01531	Day 11 onward	638.00	168.95
	LEVEL B - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring full monitoring both invasive and non-invasive and requiring IV therapy or parenteral alimentation but without ventilator support.		
01512	Day 1	1755.00	464.58
01522	Day 2 - 10	638.00	168.95
01532	Day 11 onward	475.00	125.53
	LEVEL C - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring oxygen administration and/or non-invasive monitoring, and/or gavage feeding.		
01513	Day 1	1516.00	401.20
01523	Day 2 - 10	469.00	123.99
01533	Day 11 onward	370.00	99.47

DERMATOLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.
*These fees are subject to the general regulations covering surgical procedures.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
00210	**Consultation:** To include history, and dermatological examination, with review of any previous x-ray and laboratory findings and written report	283.00		75.91
00214	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee (laboratory test and biopsy, when necessary, extra)	213.00		50.56
P20310	Initial Teledermatology Assessment using store and forward technology: To include history and physical findings through one or more photos, with review of any previous X-ray and laboratory findings and written report to the referring physician. NOTES: i) Restricted to Dermatologists. ii) Referral is required. iii) Not payable within 6 months of a consultation, visit or initial Teledermatology assessment by the same practitioner. iv) Not paid with another service on the same day by the same practitioner.	416.74		75.91
P20314	Repeat Teledermatology Assessment using store and forward technology: To include history and physical findings through one or more photos, with review of any previous X-ray and laboratory findings and written report to the referring physician. NOTES: i) Restricted to Dermatologists. ii) Referral is required. iii) Payable within 6 months of a consultation, visit or initial Teledermatology assessment by the same practitioner. iv) Not paid with another service on the same day by the same practitioner.	223.16		40.65

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
00204	Directive care	259.00		30.75
00207	Subsequent office visit	138.00		30.75
00208	Subsequent hospital visit	259.00		30.75
00209	Subsequent home visit	414.00		63.28
00205	Emergency visit when specially called out of office (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	536.00		105.28
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
20210	**Telehealth Consultation:** To include history and dermatological examination, with review of any previous x-ray and laboratory findings and written report	283.00		75.91
20214	**Telehealth repeat or limited consultation**: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee (laboratory test and biopsy, when necessary, extra)	213.00		50.56
20207	Telehealth subsequent office visit	138.00		30.75
20208	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	259.00		30.75

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

00206	For primary systemic diseases with cutaneous manifestations, to include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	517.00		179.96

SPECIAL THERAPY

00217	Treatment of skin disorders and lesions other than ultraviolet, x-ray, Grenz ray (such as cryosurgery, electrosurgery, etc.) extra - operation only NOTES: i) Payable to specialists certified in Dermatology only. ii) The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the plan. Refer to Preamble, D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b. "Surgery for the Alteration of Appearance".	195.00		14.81
*00218	Curettage and electrosurgery of skin carcinoma proven histopathologically - operation only	251.00		61.38
*00219	– for each additional lesion – to a maximum of two additional lesions per day - operation only	188.00		30.69
00222	Psoralen ultra violet A treatment - whole body	110.00		20.33

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00223	– partial body	110.00		20.33
	NOTE: Both 00222 and 00223 include an office visit and have a maximum of 40 treatments per year.			
00224	Ultra violet B treatment, whole or partial body - includes office visit	82.90		20.33
00235	Pulsed laser surgery of the face and/or neck, treatment area less than 50 cm^2 - operation only	467.00	3	67.92
00236	Pulsed laser surgery of the face and/or neck, treatment area greater than or equal to 50 cm^2 or treatment of the eyelids with eye shield insertion - operation only	1011.00	3	101.87
00237	Additional surgical professional fee billable when either of the above two procedures are performed under general anesthesia	195.00		56.08

NOTES:

i) Only the following conditions qualify for payment under 00235, 00236 and 00237:
   a) Port wine stains involving the face and/or neck;
   b) Complicated superficial hemangiomas
      – lesions interfering with function (vision, breathing or feeding);
      – lesions which are ulcerated, bleeding or prone to infections where standard wound care has failed;
   c) Facial naevus of Ota; and
   d) Disfiguring facial pigmentary anomalies (e.g.: segmental or systematized).

ii) Only the following types of lasers qualify for payment under 00235, 00236 and 00237:
   a) Pulsed dye laser;
   b) Q-Switched Ruby laser; and
   c) Q-Switched YAG laser.

iii) Restricted to Dermatology and Plastic Surgery.

00019	Venesection for polycythemia or phlebotomy - procedural fee	84.90		31.55

SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND REPAIRS

Mohs' Technique

00225	Initial cut, including debulking	1104.00		346.71
00226	One or more additional cuts (extra)	774.00		300.32
00227	Special overhead and technical component (extra)	774.00		323.29

(see notes on next page)

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) 00225, 00226 and 00227 are billable only for complicated epithelial cancer and only by physicians specially qualified in this technique.
ii) 00226 and 00227 are billable only once whether or not excision of the lesion extends to subsequent day.
iii) 00227 is not billable if the surgery is performed in a hospital setting.
iv) Closure of the resulting defect by undermining and advancement flaps is included in the above fees. If more complicated closure is medically necessary, bill as an extra under appropriate listings for skin grafts.

SKIN GRAFTS

Additional procedures, other than skin grafts, are extra; e.g.: bone or tendon grafts, inlay grafts, etc.

NOTES:

1. The medical necessity for a single or multiple flap occurs when a defect cannot be closed by elevating or undermining the edges and suturing subcutaneous tissue and skin. An advancement flap does not qualify for these listings unless the repair involves at least one level of deep sutures and each edge of the lesion is undermined a distance equal to or greater than:
    a. 1 cm – nose, ear, eyelid, lip
    b. 1.5 cm – other face and neck
    c. 3 cm – rest of body

    These listings are only to be used where the dissection meets the criteria above, whether the advancement involves one or both sides of the wound. If the wound can be closed in a straight line, five cm or less in length, a tissue advancement flap should not ordinarily be required.

2. When fee items 20222, 20223 or 20225 are done under local anesthesia, an operative note, and/or diagram or clinical record that describes the procedure may be required by MSP to justify claims.

3. The medical record of the patient must explain the medical necessity for the use of these listings.

4. Fee item 20222 should rarely be used for an excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or scar up to five cm when excised under local anesthetic.

5. Fee items 20221 to 20228 are restricted to services provided by Dermatologists and/or MOHS surgeons.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Local Tissue Shifts:			
	Advancements, rotations, transpositions "Z" plasty, etc.			
20221	Single or multiple flaps under 2 cm in diameter used in repair of defect (except for special areas as in 20225) (operation only)	1061.00	2	203.96
20222	Single	1061.00	2	315.48
20223	Multiple	1857.00	2	569.41
20224	– with free skin graft to secondary defect	1727.00	2	647.63
20225	Eyebrow, eyelid, lip, ear, nose - single	1230.00	3	296.52
	NOTE: Repair of torn earlobe to be claimed under 06027.			
	FREE SKIN GRAFTS (INCLUDING MUCOSA)			
	Full-thickness grafts:			
20226	Eyelid, nose, lips, ear	1061.00	2	310.50
20227	Finger, more than one phalanx	1061.00	2	296.52
20228	Sole or palm	1061.00	2	296.52
	TUMOURS OF THE SKIN			
13600	Biopsy of skin or mucosa - operation only	119.00	2	51.92
13601	Biopsy of facial area - operation only	119.00	2	51.92
	NOTE: Punch or shave biopsies which do not require sutures are not to be charged under fee items 13600 or 13601.			
20231	Biopsy, not sutured	168.00		19.48
20232	Biopsy, not sutured, multiples same sitting, maximum of four (extra)	125.00		9.74
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Dermatologists. ii) Paid at 100% in addition to 00207, 00210 or 00214 only.			
13605	Opening superficial abscess, including furuncle - (operation only)	104.00	2	44.48
13620	Excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or small scar, under local anesthetic - up to 5cm - operation only	156.00	2	66.35
13621	– additional lesions removed at the same sitting (maximum 5 per sitting) - operation only	76.50		33.18
	NOTE: The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the Plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b. "Surgery for Alteration of Appearance".			
13622	Localized carcinoma of the skin, proven histopathologically - operation only	168.00	2	73.30
06146	Lip shave - vermilionectomy	1588.00	3	399.13

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES				
	Allergy, Patch and Photo Patch Tests:			
S00762	Scratch test, per antigen Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 16 antigens are used.	7.00		1.06
S00763	– children under 5 years of age, per antigen Note: Minor tray fee may be paid in addition if a minimum of 14 antigens are used.	7.45		2.32
S00764	Intracutaneous test, per test	9.95		2.15
S00765	Annual maximum (to include scratch or intracutaneous tests) for each physician per patient	159.00		34.40
S00767	Patch testing (extra) - annual maximum is 80 tests, per test	6.45		1.96
S00768	Photopatch test, per test	37.75		5.66
S00769	Photopatch test - annual maximum	378.00		56.69

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EMERGENCY MEDICINE

PREAMBLE

1. The following listings apply only to examinations rendered by the emergency physician designated by the medical staff who is on hospital Emergency Department duty and on-site. Other physicians (e.g.: on-call) who choose to attend their patients in the Emergency Department, but who are not the designated emergency physicians as defined above, shall not bill these listings, but shall refer to other sections of the Payment Schedule for billing the appropriate examinations. The physicians working in hospital Emergency Departments that are covered on a call-in basis as opposed to an on-site basis shall not bill these listings but shall refer to the Section of General Practice. Physicians working in diagnostic treatment centers or free-standing emergency clinics should also refer to the listings in the Section of General Practice. Call-in fees (e.g.: 00112) or call-out charges for patients seen in the Emergency Department are not applicable to emergency physicians while on duty and on-site in the hospital Emergency Department. These fees, in addition to continuing care non-operative surcharges, are only appropriate for the Emergency Physician providing on-call Trauma Team Leader Services.

2. Separate day, evening, night and weekend/statutory holiday listings are defined as follows:

Day fee items (01811, 01812, 01813):	0800 to 1800 hrs, weekdays
Evening fee items (01821, 01822, 01823):	1800 to 2300 hrs, weekdays
Night fee items (01831, 01832, 01833):	2300 to 0800 hrs
Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday fee items (01841, 01842, 01843):	0800 to 2300 hrs

Time Care Starts:

Care starts when you pick up the chart and begin reviewing the patient's past history within the hospital's computer system or the information provided by the patient or other health care providers and subsequently document this review OR when you begin your interaction with the patient. Start time must be accurately entered on the claims and documented in the patient's chart, as this determines the correct time listings to submit.

The billing period time is NOT determined by:

- When the majority of care is provided
- When the patient checks in at Triage or is registered

Example:

If you start to see a patient at 07:58 hrs, this is a night fee item patient, (fee items are 01831, 01832 or 01833). If you see a patient at 17:57 hrs, this is either a day fee item patient (fee items are 01811, 01812 or 01813) or a weekend/statutory holiday fee item patient (fee items are 01841, 01842 or 01843). Times between patients should be reasonable for levels billed. For example, it is reasonable that you may see a patient and begin care at 07:58 and bill a night fee item for this

care. It is not reasonable that you can initiate care on multiple patients in the two minutes preceding the change to a day (or lower) fee item.

3. Emergency Department visit listings are further categorized into three levels of complexity.

LEVEL I (01811, 01821, 01831, 01841)

Evaluation and treatment of a single and/or simple condition affecting a single body system, which requires:

- An abbreviated and/or focused documented history
- Review of relevant labs and/or X-rays
- Organization or guidance of any follow-up required

Examples of Level 1:

- INR check
- Single joint injuries – ankle, foot, knee, shoulder or non-displace uncomplicated fractures
- Balanoposthitis
- Radial head subluxation
- Simple uncomplicated adult UTI, acute otitis externa or media
- Simple sore throat with the absence of systemic and/or lower respiratory tract symptoms
- Corneal abrasion, conjunctivitis
- Localized rash in the absence of systemic symptoms

These patients often do not require observation and/or reassessment nor do they present with features that are potentially serious and/or indicative of systemic disease.

Examples NOT Level I: which would require a more thorough evaluation and warrant Level II:

- Concussion
- Low impact head trauma on blood thinners
- Open fracture
- Acute glaucoma, retinal detachment, central artery occlusion
- Mastoiditis
- Localized and/or generalized rash with fever and/or systemic symptoms

However, medical complexity, socioeconomic factors, mental illness, behavioural actions of these patients that led to increased time and effort by the physician should be clearly documented if a Level II is billed for a patient that otherwise would have been a Level I.

LEVEL II (01812, 01822, 01832, 01842)

Pertains to the evaluation of a new or existing medical condition that necessitates:

- An appropriate detailed history and pertinent physical exam including documentation of at least two systems
- Review of labs, ECG & imaging where required
- Initiation of appropriate therapy
- Organization or guidance of any follow-up required
- Includes observation and/or reassessment of patients within 2 hours, but does not preclude another physician billing another level fee or resuscitation code with appropriate documentation if the patient deteriorates or a change in treatment is required and the initial billing physician is no longer available.

LEVEL III (01813, 01823, 01833, 01843)

Pertains to evaluation of patients with serious and/or complex medical problem(s) where the emergency condition necessitates a detailed history and appropriate physical examination by the emergency room physician. These patients may require prolonged observation, continuous therapy and/or multiple reassessments. Documentation of the findings shall include:

- The chief complaint(s)
- History of past and present illness
- Relevant personal, family and social history
- Physical examination with special attention to local examination relevant to the present complaint
- Review and interpretation of relevant laboratory, imaging and ECG studies
- Initiation of therapy provided
- Includes observation and/or reassessment of patients within 3 hours, but does not preclude another physician billing another level fee or resuscitation code with appropriate documentation if the patient deteriorates or a change in treatment is required and the initial billing physician is no longer available
- Discussion with the patient and or family and/or family physician and/or specialist(s) including organization or guidance of any follow-up required

This level of care shall also pertain to the management of a life threatening illness/injury which requires immediate evaluation and emergent treatment by the emergency physician but does not meet the criteria of the Emergency Medicine Resuscitation fee and hence does not require constant care by the emergency physician.

4. If a patient that required Level I, II or III care, after their initial work-up and/or treatment deteriorates, to the point of requiring active resuscitation they are also eligible for the Emergency Medicine Resuscitation fee item in addition to the initial level fee items.

5. **Emergency Medical Consultations**

a) A specialist emergency medicine consultation (fee item 01810) only applies to Royal College Certified emergency physicians. Other full-time emergency physicians may bill a general practice out-of-office consultation (fee item 12210, 13210, 15210, 16210, 17210 or 18210) where indicated.

b) An emergency medicine consultation (whether billed as 01810, 12210, 13210, 15210, 16210, 17210 or 18210) applies only when a patient is referred by another physician or nurse practitioner (other than an emergency physician or nurse practitioner within the same institution's department) who has seen and examined the patient and, because of the complexity, obscurity or seriousness of the problem, the referring physician or nurse practitioner has requested a consultation. Exception: If the consulting physician is an emergency physician who is designated on-call Trauma Team Leader they may bill emergency medicine consultations if called in by the on-site emergency physician at the same institution.

c) An emergency medicine consultation shall include a detailed history and appropriate physical examination, review of previous medical records, discussion with family, friends or witnesses when appropriate, evaluation of appropriate laboratory, imaging and ECG findings and report of opinions and recommendations clearly documented and accessible to the referring physician.

d) A copy of the Emergency Department chart does not constitute a consultation report unless it is within the Electronic Medical Record and section c. above has been satisfied.

e) A consultation cannot be charged for the routine transfer of care to the emergency physician or for the provision of treatment for a stable medical condition.

f) A consultation does not apply in cases of self-referral by patients who present themselves to the Emergency Department or are brought by persons acting on their behalf.

g) If a consultation is charged in addition to the Emergency Resuscitation fee, the consultation fee can be paid, but shall constitute a half-hour of the time spent with patient.

h) No service charges (i.e. call-out charges, non-operative surcharges) may be billed in addition to the emergency medicine consultation fee, except for Trauma Team Leaders, with a note record.

6. Transfer of care:

   The transfer of care between emergency physicians at the change of shift shall not generate a new visit or consultation fee. However, in the event of a significant deterioration in a patient's status that medically requires both a new examination and/or modification of the treatment plan, then the appropriate visit fee item may be claimed. This does not preclude the second physician from billing a resuscitation code if the patient has declined to the point of requiring this type of care. The assessment and/or modification of the treatment plan must be documented in the medical record and the time of the intervention should be noted on the billing claims.

7. An appropriate level fee is billable in addition to a procedural fee whether the diagnostic code is the same or different. The greater fee is paid at 100% and the lesser fee(s) are paid at 50%.

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
01810	**Consultation:** Shall include a detailed history and physical examination, review of previous medical records, discussion with family, friends or witnesses, evaluation of appropriate laboratory, x-ray and ECG findings and report of opinions and recommendations in writing to the referring physician	372.00		130.28
	Level I:			
01811	Level I, Day	81.30		35.37
01821	Level I, Evening	102.00		42.28
01831	Level I, Night	157.00		64.67
01841	Level I, Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday	129.00		45.43
	Level II:			
01812	Level II, Day	131.00		76.00
01822	Level II, Evening	163.00		88.53
01832	Level II, Night	250.00		122.22
01842	Level II, Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday	270.00		95.23
	Level III:			
01813	Level III, Day	185.00		96.14
01823	Level III, Evening	229.00		110.25
01833	Level III, Night	371.00		163.63
01843	Level III, Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday	336.00		118.54

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Fractures: 01850 and 01851 can only be billed by the emergency physician working within the Emergency Department and requires documentation of the history including mechanism, focused physical exam and a discussion with the patient (or guardian) about temporary immobilization for comfort and arranging orthopaedic follow up as required. Cannot be billed in addition to a visit or Emergency Medicine Level I, II, or III fee items. Must be performed in the Emergency Department (location code E).			
01850	Clavicle	318.00	2	105.60
01851	Fibula - shaft or malleolus not requiring reduction	275.00		91.34
	Dislocations: Must be performed in the Emergency Department (location code E)			
01860	Temporo-mandibular joint, dislocation - closed reduction.	207.00	3	68.95
01861	Patella - closed reduction	199.00	2	66.05
01862	Toe - closed reduction	149.00	2	49.54
	Resuscitation:			
P01870	Emergency Medicine Resuscitation fee: Treatment of acute life-threatening emergency that requires constant bedside resuscitative care– per 5 minutes or part thereof	62.20		27.70

NOTES:

i) Applicable only to emergency physician designated by the medical staff who are on hospital Emergency Department duty and designated on-site. Not applicable to on call Emergency physicians. (see Emergency Medicine Preamble).

ii) Includes endotracheal intubation, cricothyrotomy, vascular access (including intraosseous), invasive monitoring, chest tube drainage, and pacemaker insertion and/or other procedures which are central to the resuscitation for acute life-threatening emergencies.

iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) If multiple patients are resuscitated, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods and services are to be claimed for each individual patient OR for concurrent services the whole time shall be claimed on only one patient on whom the majority of time was spent. No more than 12 units may be claimed within a 60 minute period. v) When a consultation is charged in addition to the resuscitation fee, for billing purposes, the consultation shall constitute a half hour of the time spent with the patient. Start and end times for the consultation must also be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. vi) Emergency Level fees and other procedure fees by the same practitioner on the same day are payable if not performed concurrently. Start and end times for these fees must also be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. vii) Out-of-office hours premiums are not applicable.			
P01871	Trauma Team Leader Resuscitation fee: Treatment of acute life-threatening emergency that requires constant bedside resuscitative care – per 5 minutes or part thereof NOTES: i) Applicable only to Trauma Team Leaders on contract with a Health Authority to provide on call Trauma Team Leader Services and where the contract does not include provision of this service. Not applicable for General Surgery Trauma Team Leaders. ii) Includes endotracheal intubation, cricothyrotomy, vascular access (including intraosseous), invasive monitoring, chest tube drainage, and pacemaker insertion and/or other procedures which are central to the resuscitation for acute life-threatening emergencies. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) If multiple patients are resuscitated, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods and services are to be claimed for each individual patient OR for concurrent services the whole time shall be claimed on only one patient on whom the majority of time was spent. No more than 12 units may be claimed within a 60 minute period. *(notes continued on next page)*	62.20		27.70

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

v) When a consultation is charged in addition to the resuscitation fee, for billing purposes, the consultation shall constitute a half hour of the time spent with the patient. Start and end times for the consultation must also be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

vi) Emergency Level fees and other procedure fees by the same practitioner on the same day are payable if not performed concurrently. Start and end times for these fees must also be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

vii) Out-of-office hours premiums are applicable if physician is specially called to render emergency or non-elective services and only when the physician must travel from one location to another to attend the patient(s). Claims must be submitted with a note record.

ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33210	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	638.00		214.21
33212	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	322.00		102.84
33214	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	322.00		70.05
33213	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	652.00		143.40
33215	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	331.00		71.65
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>			
33206	Directive care	117.00		59.69
33207	Subsequent office visit	123.00		62.34
33208	Subsequent hospital visit	90.70		36.76
33209	Subsequent home visit	181.00		65.60
33205	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	368.00		145.35
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
33270	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	638.00		214.21

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33272	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	322.00		102.84
33276	Telehealth directive care	117.00		59.69
33277	Telehealth subsequent office visit	123.00		62.34
33278	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	90.70		36.76
PG33260	Initial virtual assessment, with patient or representative/ family	300.00		120.95
	NOTES: i) Includes review of referral materials, acquisition of additional necessary data, communication with the patient (through telephone or email) as necessary, and delivery of comprehensive written individualized report & care plan to the referring physician within 14 days of referral being received. ii) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. iii) Not paid within 6 months of a 33210 (consultation), 33270 (Telehealth consult), or G33260 (virtual assessment), for the same diagnosis. iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner.			
PG33262	Repeat virtual assessment for same illness within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the services do not warrant an initial assessment fee ..	151.00		60.48
	NOTES: i) Includes review of referral materials, acquisition of additional necessary data, communication with the patient (through telephone or email) as necessary, and delivery of comprehensive written individualized report and care plan to the referring physician within 14 days of referral being received.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. iii) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner.			
33267	Subsequent virtual office visit, requiring a written individualized report to the GP.....	94.90		38.92
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. ii) Maximum 12 per calendar year, per patient.			
PG33250	Virtual communication with patient, or representative/family, for medically pertinent matters.....	25.40		10.25
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. ii) Payable for communication with patient or representative/family through telephone or email. iii) Maximum 12 per calendar year, per patient. iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner.			

MISCELLANEOUS

PGY33255	Insulin start	102.00		40.99
	NOTES: i) Paid with endocrinology consultations or visits (33210, G33260, 33206, 33207, 33208, 33209, G33262, 33267). ii) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. iii) Maximum one per day, per patient. iv) Not paid same day as GY33256. v) Also payable for the other injected non-insulin diabetes medications: liraglutide and exenatide.			
PGY33256	Insulin pump start	204.00		81.97
	NOTES: i) Paid with face to face endocrinology consultations or visits (33210, 33206, 33207, 33208, 33209, G33260, G33262 or 33267).			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. iii) Maximum one per patient, per day iv) Not paid same day as GY33255.			
PG33240	Premium for patients 75 years and over, billed in addition to 33210, G33212, G33270, G33272, G33260, or G33262 NOTES: i) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. ii) Maximum one premium, per patient, per day.	134.00		53.97
PG33241	Premium for patients 75 years and over, billed in addition to 33207, 33209, 33277, 33267, G33250, GY33255, or GY33256 NOTES: i) Restricted to Endocrinology and Metabolism specialists. ii) Maximum one premium, per patient, per day.	35.95		14.47

DIAGNOSTIC - MISCELLANEOUS

S00744	Thyroid biopsy - procedural fee	223.00	2	71.92

GASTROENTEROLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33310	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00		177.31
33312	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		101.14
33314	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	287.00		54.82
33313	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	581.00		105.06
33315	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	296.00		52.78
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
33306	Directive care	105.00		59.43
33307	Subsequent office visit	111.00		67.10
33308	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		40.95
33309	Subsequent home visit	162.00		49.22
33305	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00		111.65
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
33360	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	570.00		177.31
33362	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	287.00		101.14

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33366	Telehealth directive care	105.00		59.43
33367	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00		67.10
33368	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	80.90		40.95

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES INVOLVING VISUALIZATION BY INSTRUMENTATION

Upper Gastrointestinal System

S10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	400.00	3	89.73
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74
S10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy.....	128.00	3	29.06
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761, S10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.			
S10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma.....	196.00	3	43.58
	NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10763 at 100%. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.			
SY10750	Transnasal esophagogastroduodenoscopy (TGD), procedural fee	299.00		89.73
	NOTE: Restricted to Gastroenterology, General Internal Medicine and General Surgery specialists trained in this procedure.			

Lower Gastrointestinal System

SY00715	Sigmoidoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	145.00	2	37.98
SY00718	Sigmoidoscopy, flexible – with biopsy	335.00	2	77.34
10708	Video capsule endoscopy using M2A capsule – professional fee	727.00		256.63
	NOTE: Payable for gastrointestinal bleeding suspected to originate in the small intestine, and only after other investigations have ruled out other causes.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S33335	SBE or DBE (balloon assisted) enteroscopy ..... NOTES: i) Not paid with 10761, 33373 or 33374. ii) Examination of the terminal ileum using a SBE/DBE is not billable under this fee item. iii) Billable only by specialist who are credentialed to bill fee item 10708.	1210.00	3	302.25
	The following fees are only paid in addition to S33335:			
S33336	– with biopsy (single or multiple) – extra	115.00		28.71
S33337	– removal of polyp – extra	202.00		50.38
S33338	– each additional polyp (maximum of 10) – extra	48.40		12.09
S33339	– with fulguration or coagulation, by any means of one or more lesions – extra	162.00		40.30
	Upper Gastrointestinal System - Endoscopy (Surgical)			
S33321	Removal of foreign material causing obstruction, operation only ..... NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	4	101.91
S33322	Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762.	521.00	3	116.68
S33323	Transendoscopic tube, stent or catheter – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	454.00	3	101.86
S33324	Thermal coagulation – heater probe and laser, operation only ..... NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	191.00	3	42.60
S33325	Gastric Polypectomy, operation only ..... NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	721.00	5	161.47

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S33326	Percutaneous endoscopically placed feeding tube – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	329.00	3	73.78
S33327	Endoscopic repositioning of the gastric feeding tube through the duodenum for enteric nutrition, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	63.40	3	14.25
S33328	Esophageal dilation, blind bouginage, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	258.00	3	57.25
S33329	Esophageal dilation or dilation of pathological stricture, by any method, except blind bouginage, under direct vision or radiologic guidance, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	486.00	3	109.02

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection for contrast material.

10735	Rectal endoscopy utilizing ultrasound (radial/linear) Note: Includes mucosal biopsy.	429.00		153.99
10740	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial ultrasound	750.00		256.63
10741	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing linear ultrasound NOTES: i) P10740 and P10741 are payable only when done in publicly funded acute care facilities. ii) P10741 payable at 50% when done subsequent to P10740 (same patient/same day).	750.00		256.63
10742	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with biopsy using fine needle aspiration, to a maximum of 3 – per lesion NOTES: i) Payable with P10740 or P10741 only. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%. Second and third biopsies payable at 50%.	148.00		51.33

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10743	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with injection of one or more of any of the following – metastases, nodes, masses, or celiac plexus – extra. Note: Payable with P10740 or P10741 only.	429.00		153.99
10744	Upper GI endoscopy utilizing radial/linear ultrasound – with drainage of pseudocyst (including stent insertion if performed) – extra ..... Note: Payable with P10740 or P10741 only.	573.00		205.32

DIAGNOSTIC - MISCELLANEOUS

S00809	Retrograde pancreatography	937.00	3	216.54

MISCELLANEOUS

S33373	Colonoscopy with flexible colonoscope - biopsy	935.00		235.15
33374	– removal of polyp	1393.00		283.50
33394	Assistant fee for PEG procedure ..... NOTE: 33326, 33394 may be billed by any qualified physician.	433.00		112.47

GENERAL SURGERY

General Surgeons billing General Surgery fee items identified with a "V" prefix are exempt from the postoperative general preamble rule (Preamble D. 5. 1) and can bill fee items 71008 for post operative visits (in hospital) during post-op days 1 - 14.

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES (CONSULTATIONS OR VISITS)				
07010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report.	517.00		114.06
07012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	228.00		59.96
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
07007	Subsequent office visit	98.90		26.23
07008	Subsequent hospital visit	84.50		25.00
07009	Subsequent home visit	199.00		49.48
07005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums nor within 10 post-operative days from a surgical procedure) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	391.00		102.49
07006	Directive care in emergent surgical conditions, per visit NOTE: i) Limited to 2 services per calendar week, when medically required, by the patient's condition. ii) This item is payable when further resuscitation and assessment is medically required in preparation for surgery and for the management of conditions such as acute pancreatitis which do not invariably progress to surgical intervention.	115.00		29.34
71008	Post operative visit, in-hospital (1-14 days post-operatively)	88.90		25.63

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons whose most recent specialty is General Surgery. ii) Restricted to General Surgery fee items with a “V” prefix. iii) Do not bill this item for “operation only” procedures, bill 07008 (subsequent hospital visit) or other appropriate fee item. iv) For visits outside the 1-14 days time frame bill 07008 or other appropriate item. v) Not billable on the day of the procedure. vi) Paid once per day per patient.			
71015	Pre-Operative Assessment.....	420.00		114.06
	NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.			
71010	Complex consultation for management of malignancy ..	558.00		141.56
71017	Special office visit for new diagnosis or recurrent malignancy	213.00		60.64
	NOTES: i) Payable only to the General Surgeon who is the most responsible physician in treatment of the malignancy. i) Applicable to new malignancy or recurrence of malignancy in remission. ii) For histologically confirmed malignancy only. iii) Not to be billed for non-melanoma skin carcinoma. iv) Only payable when seen by the same practitioner, in consultation, within 365 days prior.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
70070	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and written report.	517.00		114.06
70072	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	228.00		59.96
70077	Telehealth subsequent office visit	98.90		26.23
70078	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	84.50		25.00
70076	Telehealth directive care in emergent surgical conditions – per visit	115.00		29.34
	NOTES: i) Limited to 2 services per calendar week, when medically required, by the patient's condition. ii) Use only where further resuscitation and assessment is medically required in preparation for surgery and for the management of conditions such as acute pancreatitis which do not invariably progress to surgical intervention.			
70080	Telehealth Complex consultation for management of malignancy	523.00		141.56
70087	Telehealth Special office visit for new diagnosis or recurrent malignancy	198.00		60.64
	NOTES: i) Payable only to the General Surgeon who is the most responsible physician in treatment of the malignancy. ii) Applicable to new malignancy or recurrence of malignancy in remission. iii) For histologically confirmed malignancy only. iv) Not to be billed for non-melanoma skin carcinoma. v) Only payable when seen by the same practitioner, in consultation, within 365 days prior.			

EMERGENCY CARE

1. 00081 is to be used for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of a critically ill patient who requires constant bedside care by the physician.

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2. A critically ill patient may be defined as a patient with an immediately life threatening illness/injury associated with any of the following conditions (which are given as examples):
    a) Cardiac Arrest;
    b) Multiple Trauma;
    c) Acute Respiratory Failure;
    d) Coma;
    e) Shock;
    f) Cardiac Arrhythmia with Hemodynamic compromise;
    g) Hypothermia; and
    h) Other immediate life threatening situations.
3. 00081 includes the following procedural items where required: defibrillation, cardioversion, peripheral intravenous lines, arterial blood gases, neogastric tubes with or without lavage and urinary catheters, intubation (as part of a cardiac arrest).
4. 00081 includes the time required for the use and monitoring by the physicians of pharmacologic agents such as inotropic or thrombolytic drugs.
5. All other procedural fee items not specifically listed in #3 above are not included in 00081. Below are listed some of the procedures that are not included and which, therefore, may be billed in addition when rendered:
   (NOTE: The time required for these procedures should be noted with the claim and deducted from the 00081 time).
    a) Endotracheal Intubation as a separate entity, i.e. not part of a cardiac arrest or followed by an anesthetic;
    b) Cricothyroidotomy;
    c) Venous Cutdown;
    d) Arterial Catheter;
    e) Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage;
    f) Chest Tube Insertion; and
    g) Pacemaker Insertion.
6. 00081 is not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results, or simple monitoring of the patient.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	7. When a consultation fee is charged in addition to 00081, for billing purposes the consultation fee shall constitute the first half hour of the time spent with the patient.			
	8. When surgery is performed by the same doctor after prolonged emergency care, the surgical fee may be charged in addition to the appropriate emergency care fee.			
	9. When a second or third physician becomes involved in the emergency care of an acutely ill patient requiring continuous bedside care, item 00081 is applicable just as it is to the attending physician who is first on the scene.			
00081	Emergency care, per half hour or major portion thereof.	314.00		105.79
00082	Monitoring of critically ill patients (when modification of the care and active intervention is not necessary), per half hour or major portion thereof.....	156.00		63.47

TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT

Trauma – General Services:

These fees are intended for the Trauma Team Leader (TTL) within the facility (or facilities) that a trauma patient may arrive at, requiring treatment.

Trauma Team Leader Assessment and Support fees (10087, 10088, and 10089) will be paid for services to patients demonstrating any one of the following criteria:

Trauma team Activation Criteria:

i) Shock – confirmed Blood Pressure ≤ 90 at any time in adults.
ii) Airway Compromise including intubations.
iii) Transfer patients from other Emergency Departments receiving blood to maintain vital signs.
iv) Unresponsiveness – Glasgow Coma Score ≤ 8 with a mechanism suggestive of injury.
v) Gunshot or other penetrating wounds to head, neck, chest, abdomen or proximal extremity (at or above knee or elbow).
vi) Autolaunched Trauma Patient.
vii) Pediatric Trauma Patient under 16 years of age.
viii) Special consideration will be given for patients with significant co-morbidities, pregnant patients, and patients < 5 years of age and > 65 years of age.

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Trauma Team Consults:

i) Spinal cord injury (confirmed or suspected).
ii) Vascular compromise of an extremity with a traumatic mechanism.
iii) Amputation proximal to the wrist or the ankle.
iv) Crush to the chest or pelvis.
v) Two or more proximal long bone fractures (i.e. humerus, femur)
vi) Burns
vii) - Partial thickness (2º) burn ≥ 10% and full thickness (3º) burn
- Electrical or lightning burn
- Chemical burn or Inhalation injury
- Burn injury in patients with significant co-morbidities
- Burn injury with concomitant trauma
viii) Obvious significant injury and – Falls > 20 feet.
ix) Obvious significant injury and – Pedestrian hit (thrown or run over).
x) Obvious significant injury and – Motorcycle crash with separation of the rider and bike.
xi) Obvious significant injury and – Motor vehicle crash with either
- Ejection
- Rollover
- Speed > 70 kph
- A death at the scene
xii) Patients with possible head injury and GCS less than 13.

All Trauma Assessment and Support fees include:

- Consultation and assessment
- subsequent examinations of the patient
- family counselling
- teleconference with higher level trauma facilities
- ongoing and active daily surgical management of trauma patients including but not limited to:
  - performing tertiary and quaternary survey physical exams
  - assessment and management of active and passive body core warming

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- care of traumatic wounds or burns (including suturing) not requiring a general anesthetic
- obtaining appropriate surgical consultations and transfer to higher level facilities when needed
- coordinating with the transplant organ retrieval team, family counselling (related to organ donation) and obtaining consent for organ procurement

- usual resuscitative procedures such as endotracheal intubation, tracheal toilet and artificial ventilation
- extraordinary resuscitative procedures such as resuscitative thoracotomy or emergency surgical airway
- all necessary measures for respiratory support
- insertion of intravenous lines, peripheral and central
- bronchoscopy
- chest tubes
- lumbar puncture
- cut-downs
- arterial and/or venous catheters and insertion of SWAN-GANZ catheter
- pressure infusion sets and pharmacological agents
- insertion of CVP lines
- defibrillation
- cardio-version and usual resuscitative measures
- insertion of urinary catheters and nasal gastric tubes
- securing and interpretation of laboratory tests
- oximetry
- transcutaneous blood gases
- intra-cranial pressure (ICP) monitoring, interpretation and assessment when indicated
- suturing of wounds not requiring a general anesthetic
- ensuring adequate DVT prophylaxis
- reduction of fractures and dislocations (including casting) not requiring a general anesthetic
- clearance of C-spines or appropriate referral

10087	Trauma Team Leader – Initial Assessment, Secondary Survey and Support	1375.00		301.88

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons ii) Indicated for those patients experiencing any of the Trauma Team Activation Criteria. iii) Minimum of 2 hours of bedside care required on Day 1 (excluding stand by time). iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. v) Payable in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees at 100%. vi) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner on the same date of service. vii) Paid to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			
10088	Trauma Team Leader – Tertiary Assessment (after 24 hrs. and before 72 hrs.)	475.00		104.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Not paid on same date of service as 10087 or 10089. iii) Not paid unless 10087 has been previously claimed (on same PHN). iv) Not paid in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees by the same practitioner. v) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner on the same date of service. vi) Payable to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			
10089	Trauma Team Leader Subsequent Hospital Visit (Days 3-15 inclusive)	361.00		78.72
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons ii) Not paid on same date of service as 10087 or 10088. iii) Not paid unless 10087 has been previously claimed (on same PHN). iv) Not paid in addition to the adult and pediatric critical care fees by the same practitioner. v) Not paid with any consult, visit or emergency care fees, by the same practitioner, on the same date of service. vi) Payable to only one physician for one patient, per facility, per day.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

SURGICAL FEE MODIFIERS

NOTES:

i) Out-of-Office Hours operative surcharges (01210, 01211 and 01212) are not to be paid on the modifier

ii) Surgical fee modifiers are excluded from the calculation for total operative fee(s) for which surgical assist fees are based.

07001	Surgical Surcharge (Age 75+).....	288.00		85.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only to General Surgeons.

ii) Fee Item P07001 will be paid only once when multiple procedures are performed under the same anesthetic.

iii) Payable when the following General Surgery Fee Items are performed for patients who are age 75 or older: 07027, 07061, 07072, 07075, 07076, 07082, 07108, 07109, 07110, 07111, 07112, 07143, 07147, 07150, 07360, 07363, 07366, 07368, 07402, 07403, 07404, 07405, 07406, 07407, 07408, 07409, 07410, 07411, 07412, 07413, 07431, 07432, 07433, 07434, 07435, 07436, 07437, 07438, 07440, 07441, 07442, 07443, 07444, 07445, 07446, 07447, 07448, 07449, 07452, 07455, 07460, 07470, 07471, 07472, 07473, 07474, 07475, 07479, 07481, 07482, 07497, 07498, 07516, 07522, 07528, 07536, 07560, 07561, 07562, 07565, 07567, 07569, 07570, 07578, 07580, 07588, 07589, 07597, 07600, 07601, 07603, 07610, 07623, 07624, 07626, 07627, 07628, 07630, 07632, 07634, 07635, 07636, 07640, 07641, 07643, 07645, 07646, 07647, 07648, 07649, 07650, 07651, 07654, 07658, 07660, 07662, 07663, 07665, 07666, 07672, 07675, 07676, 07677, 07678, 07679, 07683, 07685, 07687, 07689, 07698, 07699, 07703, 07705, 07706, 07707, 07711, 07714, 07725, 07732, 07733, 07740, 07741, 07743, 07744, 07745, 07749, 07756, 07758, 07769, 07771, 07776, 07782, 07789, 07790, 07796, 33321, 33322, 33323, 33324,

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P07003 Body Mass Index Surgical Surcharge payable at 25% of listed fee for surgery performed.....

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- The patient has a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 35 for major surgery on the peritoneal cavity, pelvis, retroperitoneum or 40 for major surgery on the neck.
- The surgery is rendered under general anesthesia using either an open technique for the neck, or an open or laparoscopic technique for the peritoneal cavity, pelvis or retroperitoneum.
- The principal surgical technique is neither aspiration, core or fine needle biopsy, dilation, endoscopy, cautery, ablation nor catheterization.

NOTES:

i) Payable only to General Surgeons.

ii) Patient's BMI must be provided in the claim note record and documented in the patient's chart and/or operative report.

iii) Maximum of one surcharge per operation unless two general surgeons perform two synchronous surgeries that are both eligible for the surcharge.

iv) When multiple procedures are performed during the same operation, the surcharge applies to all eligible procedures based on the prorated value according to the surgical preamble for multiple procedures.

v) The surcharge does not apply to surgical fee modifier 07001 (Surgical Surcharge Age 75+) but may be paid in addition.

vi) Payable when the following General Surgery fee items are performed for patients with a BMI greater than 35: 07134, 07360, 07363, 07366, 07368, 07402, 07403, 07404, 07405, 07406, 07407, 07408, 07409, 07410, 07411, 07412, 07413, 07431, 07432, 07433, 07434, 07435, 07436, 07437, 07438, 07440, 07441, 07442, 07443, 07444, 07445, 07446, 07447, 07448, 07449, 07450, 07451, 07452, 07455, 07474,

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	72715, 72720, 72721, 72723, 72725, 72726, 72727, 72728, 72729, 72730, 72731, 72732, 72733, 72734, 72735, 72736, 72737, 72740, 72741, 72745, 72751, 72755, 72760, 72762, 72763, 72765, 72767, 72769, 72770, 72775, 72788, 72789, 72794, 72795, 72796, 72797, and 72798			
	vii) Payable when the following General Surgery Fee items are performed for patients with a BMI greater than 40: 07361, 07740, 07741, 07743, 07744, 07745, 07771, 07796, 70023, 70500, 70502, 70530, 70545, 70740, 70742, 70743, 70745, 70747, 71530, 71548, 71550, 71706, 71707, 71746, and 71748			

SURGICAL ASSISTANT OR SECOND OPERATOR

	Total Operative Fee(s) for Procedures:			
00195	Less than $317.00 inclusive	339.00		134.22
00196	$317.01 - $529.00 inclusive	477.00		189.24
00197	Over $529.00	624.00		260.35
00198	Time, after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	71.30		28.52
	NOTES:			
	i) In those rare situations where an assistant is required for minor surgery a detailed explanation of need must accompany the account to the Plan.			
	ii) Where an assistant at surgery assists at two operations in different areas performed by the same or different surgeon(s) under one anesthetic, he may charge a separate assistant fee for each operation, except for bilateral procedures, procedures within the same body cavity or procedures on the same limb.			
70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour	1048.00		256.63
	NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	119.00		32.23
	NOTES: i) After 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof). ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.			
70021	Certified General Surgeon Assist (extra) Time after 1 hour of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof.....	62.80		15.36
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) Paid only in addition to fee item 70020 iii) Maximum payable is 8 units per surgery. iv) Any additional assistants, if required, are paid under fee items 00197 and 00198 only. v) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

SECOND SURGEON

Total or near total esophagectomy, without thoracotomy (Transhiatal):

- with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty

70503	– secondary surgeon.....	1927.00		650.00

- with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)

70504	– secondary surgeon.....	1927.00		650.00

Total or near total esophagectomy,

- with thoracotomy, with or without pyloroplasty (3 - hole)

70505	– secondary surgeon.....	1927.00		650.00

- with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)

70506	– secondary surgeon.....	1927.00		650.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic esophagogastrostomy: (includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required) • with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)			
70509	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	Partial esophagectomy, thoracoabdominal or abdominal approach, with esophagogastrostomy: • (includes vagotomy, proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty and splenectomy, if required) • with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)			
70511	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
07702	Fee for second surgeon participating in total correction of cloacal anomalies	1798.00		507.54
	NOTE: When 07700 and 07702 are claimed, assistants' fees are not applicable to either surgeon for assisting the other.			
07593	Fee for second surgeon participating in Pena posterior sagittal anoproctoplasty	1385.00		339.13
	NOTE: When 07571 and 07593 are claimed, assistants' fees are not applicable to either surgeon for assisting the other.			
	Second operator:			
77025	Synchronous combined bypass graft - extremities	848.00		300.19
77030	– trunk	848.00		300.19
	NOTE: Items 77025 and 77030 provide operative report by second operator when requested from payment agency.			

SUPERFICIAL/MISCELLANEOUS

13605	Opening superficial abscess, including furuncle - (operation only)	104.00	2	44.48
07041	Aspiration: abdomen or chest (operation only)	192.00	2	76.01
	Abscess:			
07059	– deep (complex, subfascial, and/or multi-locular) with local or regional anesthesia - operation only	232.00	2	81.46
07027	– under general anesthesia - operation only	520.00	2	203.59

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
07061	– deep post-operative wound infection, under GA - operation only	331.00	2	203.37
07045	Anterior closed space abscess (operation only)	160.00	2	101.44
06028	Web space abscess (operation only)	284.00	2	71.53
06029	– under general anesthetic - operation only	1013.00	2	290.00
	Pilonidal cyst or sinus:			
70084	– incision and drainage, abscess - operation only	232.00	2	101.36
07685	– excision or marsupialization (operation only)	1124.00	2	277.43
	Wounds - Simple:			
13610	Minor laceration or foreign body - not requiring anesthesia (operation only)	82.60	2	35.62
13611	Minor laceration or foreign body - requiring anesthesia (operation only)	156.00	2	66.35
06063	Removal of foreign body - requiring general anesthesia (operation only)	608.00	2	250.72
13620	Excision of tumour of skin or subcutaneous tissue or small scar, under local anesthetic - up to 5 cm - operation only	156.00		66.35
13621	– additional lesions removed at the same sitting (maximum per sitting - five), each - operation only	76.50		33.18
	NOTES: i) The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b. "Surgery for Alteration of Appearance". ii) Fee items 13620 and 13621 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.			
13601	Biopsy of facial area, sutured - operation only NOTE: Punch or shave biopsies which do not require sutures are not to be charged under fee items 13600 or 13601.	119.00		51.92
13622	Localized carcinoma of skin, proven histopathologically	168.00		73.30
V70116	Removal of tumour (including intraoral) or scar revision – 2 to 5 cm (operation only) NOTE: For tumours or scars under 2 cm, bill under fee item 13620.	522.00	2	127.72
V70117	Removal of tumour (including intraoral) - 5.1 cm to 10 cm	1069.00	2	261.90
V70118	Removal of tumour (including intraoral) – greater than 10 cm NOTE: 70116, 70117 and 70118 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.	1848.00	2	452.56

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V70125	Radical resection of malignant skin or soft tissue tumour measuring 5-10 cm	1069.00	2	261.90
V70126	Radical resection of malignant skin or soft tissue tumour measuring 10 cm or greater	1848.00	2	452.56
70127	Closure or radical resection requiring a free split thickness skin graft greater than 65 cm^2 (extra)	414.00		101.15

NOTES:
i) Restricted to General Surgeons.
ii) Must be performed in an Operating Room (location code E, G, I or P).
iii) 70127 only paid in addition to 70125 or 70126.

Local tissue shifts: Advancements, rotations, transpositions, "Z" plasty, etc.

NOTES:
i) Advancement flaps are defined as adjacent tissue transfers based on undermining and layered closure. The medical necessity for a flap or graft occurs when direct closure alone would not suffice due to unacceptable wound tension or local distortion. The distances required to be undermined are measured from each edge, not the combined distance:
   a) 1 cm – nose, ear, eyelid, lip or eyebrow
   b) 1.5 cm – other face and neck
   c) 3 cm – rest of body
ii) Direct closure means approximation of wound/skin edges with less undermining that defined by an advancement flap.
iii) A Limberg flap for pilonidal sinus repair is considered a single flap.
iv) 70119, 70120, 70121, 70122, 70123, 70124 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics Otolaryngology or Dermatology.

V70119	Single flap under 2 cm in diameter used in repair of a defect (except for special areas as in V70124) (operation only)	646.00	2	158.38
V70120	Single flap for lesion greater than 2 cm	1325.00	2	324.74
V70121	Single flap for lesion greater than 2 cm with free skin graft to secondary defect	1667.00	2	408.56
V70122	Multiple flap for lesion greater than 2 cm	2335.00	2	571.97
V70123	Multiple flap for lesion greater than 2 cm with free skin graft to secondary defect	2655.00	2	650.54

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V70124	Eyebrow, eyelid, lip, ear, nose – single NOTE: Repair of torn earlobe to be claimed under 06027.	1205.00	3	295.14
	Foreign Body:			
	Excision of skin and subcutaneous tissue of hidradenitis suppurativa:			
07072	– axillary - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07075	– inguinal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07076	– perianal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07082	– perineal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
06166	Excision of axillary sweat glands for hyperhidrosis - unilateral NOTES: i) Direct closure included when open procedure used. ii) Aggressive removal of apocrine sweat glands by any means.	1293.00	4	325.14
	Tenotomy:			
07073	– congenital torticollis - operation only	544.00	3	304.16
V07074	– resection (Section of transverse carpal ligament - bill under S06258)	1052.00	3	257.99
	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for suspected malignancy:			
70023	– neck - operation only	541.00	3	203.62
V70024	– axilla	965.00	2	237.34
70025	– groin - operation only	331.00	2	203.37
13630	Paronychia (operation only)	82.40		35.53
13631	Removal of nail - simple (operation only)	82.40		35.53
13632	– with destruction of nail bed - operation only	165.00		71.89
13633	Wedge excision of one nail - operation only	147.00		63.44
V07053	Excision of nail bed, complete, with shortening of phalanx	563.00	2	137.99
07025	Temporal artery biopsy - operation only	322.00	2	140.69
07028	Biopsy of sural nerve - operation only	299.00	2	177.27
V07055	Ganglia, of the wrist	561.00	2	202.23

WOUNDS

13612	Extensive lacerations over 5 cm (maximum charge 35 cm) - (operation only), per cm NOTE: Not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics or Otolaryngology.	30.55		13.32

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Wounds - avulsed and complicated:			
06075	Lips and eyelids	1349.00	3	339.41
06076	Nose and ear	1696.00	3	426.36
06077	Complicated lacerations of the scalp, cheek and neck ..	1324.00	3	333.13
	NOTES: The following conditions are necessary for 06075, 06076 or 06077 to apply: i) A layered closure* is required and at least one of: iii) Injuries involving necrotic tissue requiring debridement such that simple suture closure is precluded; or iv) injuries involving tissue loss such that simple suture is precluded; or v) Wounds requiring tissue shifts for closure aside from minor undermining or advancement flaps; or vi) Skived, ragged or stellate wounds where excision of tissue margins is necessary to obtain 90 degree closure; or vii) Contaminated wounds that require excision of foreign material, or viii) Lacerations requiring layered closure and key alignment sutures involving critical margins of the eyelid, nose, lip, oral commissure or ear; or ix) Lacerations into the subcutaneous tissue requiring alignment and repair of cartilage and layered closure. x) A note record indicating how the service meets the above criteria must accompany claims billed under these fee items. * A layered closure is required when the defect would require too much tension for an acceptable primary closure. It involves at least two layers of deep dissolving sutures to close off dead space and take tension off the wound. A deep cartilage closure is also considered a layered closure.			
V70150	Complicated lacerations of tongue, floor of mouth	1100.00	3	270.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
DEBRIDEMENT OF SOFT TISSUES FOR NECROTIZING INFECTION OR SEVERE TRAUMA				
V70155	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue restricted to genitalia and perineum for necrotizing infection (Fournier's Gangrene) (stand alone procedure)	1754.00	5	411.80
V70158	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; up to the first 5% of body surface area	990.00	3	235.72
70159	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	497.00		117.87
V70162	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1110.00	4	261.93
70163	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	559.00	3	130.96
V70165	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1228.00	4	288.10
70166	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	431.00		144.06
70168	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissues for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area - operation only …… Notes: i) Payable when rendered at the bedside but only when performed by a medical practitioner. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Applicable with or without anesthesia.	331.00		78.57
70169	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissue for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area - operation only ……	386.00	4	125.72

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Payable only when performed by a medical practitioner in the operating room under general anesthesia or conscious sedation. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Debridement not payable in addition.			

VASCULAR ACCESS

00319	Insertion of central catheter for total parenteral nutrition - operation only	224.00	2	56.54
	Broviac type catheter:			
07139	– insertion of	561.00	2	162.55
V07140	– insertion of - less than 3 months of age or less than 3 kg	1096.00	4	269.03
07141	– removal of - operation only	157.00	2	126.79
	Totally implantable venous access port with subcutaneous reservoir (port-a-cath type device):			
07142	– insertion of	1027.00	2	255.98
V07143	– revision (removal and reinsertion)	1200.00	2	350.00
00526	Insertion of intravenous infusion line in children under 5 years - extra to consultation	216.00		56.94
07145	Intra osseous - access - operation only	164.00	2	101.29
V07134	Peritoneal venous shunt for ascites	1592.00	6	390.37
V07146	Insertion of inferior vena cava filter, percutaneous placement or cutdown (e.g.: Kimray Greenfield filter)	1492.00	2	367.84
V07147	Insertion of a peritoneal catheter under general anesthetic NOTE: Includes fee items 77380, 07600 and 04001 (laparoscopy).	1268.00	4	305.89
S00801	Intra-arterial cannulation (with multiple aspirations) - procedural fee	96.40		22.10

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	Lips:			
06140	Wedge resection of lip - vermilion - operation only	446.00	3	200.57
06141	– to sulcus	936.00	3	250.72

MOUTH

	Excision:			
07790	Excision, lesion of floor of mouth - benign - operation only	497.00	3	152.81
02457	Tongue tie, under general anesthesia - operation only.	299.00	3	82.94

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02458	Tongue - local excision, under general anesthesia	601.00	3	165.83
V07789	Excision of lesion of tongue with closure anterior 2/3 with local tongue flap	1295.00	3	319.30
02275	Glossectomy subtotal with either division of mandible or transcervical resection	3835.00	6	1056.22
02279	Resection base of tongue and/or tonsil and soft palate	6992.00	6	1926.37
02478	Glossectomy - partial for carcinoma	1343.00	6	369.96
C02480	Resection mandible, floor of mouth suprahyoid dissection and tracheostomy - malignancy	4787.00	7	1320.23

PHARYNX AND TONSILS

S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee	141.00	5	37.70
	NOTE: S00701 is not billable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesia.			
	Incision of peritonsillar abscess:			
02447	– under local anesthesia - operation only	188.00	4	95.00
02444	– under general anesthesia - operation only	466.00	6	128.81
02403	Tonsillectomy - under local anesthesia	937.00	4	257.70
02445	Tonsillectomy - adult or child over the age of 14 years	692.00	4	250.73
02446	– child age 14 years and under (to include neonate)	652.00	4	224.46
02413	Operative control of post-tonsillectomy or post-adenoidectomy hemorrhage requiring local or general anesthetic	601.00	6	263.45
02399	Cryotherapy of tonsils and oral lesions - operation only	418.00	3	114.81
02442	Adenoidectomy - adult or child over 14 years - operation only	466.00	4	128.81
02443	– child 14 years and under (neonate included)	574.00	4	158.22
	NOTE: Office visits extra to 02442 and 02443, apart from usual one pre-operative and one post-operative visit.			
02449	Rigid esophagoscopy for removal of foreign body	692.00	4	191.35
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body	931.00	6	255.15
02422	– in a child under the age of 3 years	1385.00	6	380.57

SALIVARY GLANDS AND DUCTS

02452	Sialolithotomy, simple - in duct - operation only	229.00	3	63.76
02453	Sialolithotomy, complicated - in gland	692.00	3	191.35
07526	Dilation of salivary duct - operation only	601.00	3	152.38
02456	Salivary fistula, plastic to Stenson's duct	1527.00	4	420.98
07515	Drainage of abscess - parotid, submaxillary or sublingual (see abscess - deep) - operation only	331.00	3	202.59

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Excision:			
S00844	Biopsy of salivary gland - fine needle or core needle	220.00	3	54.02
07516	Excision or marsupialization of sublingual salivary cyst (ranula) - operation only	497.00	3	203.56
02455	Submandibular gland, excision	1157.00	4	318.91
07522	Local excision of parotid tumour, without nerve dissection - operation only	544.00	3	203.62
02471	Parotidectomy, subtotal with complete facial nerve dissection	3059.00	4	842.01
02472	Total parotidectomy with nerve dissection for malignancy or deep lobe tumour	3518.00	4	969.55

NECK DISSECTION

02281	Conservative radical neck dissection NOTE: Includes radical neck dissection with full dissection and sparing of entire accessory nerve and generally sternomastoid muscle and internal jugular vein.	4556.00	6	1255.22
02470	Radical neck dissection	3835.00	6	1056.28
02477	Contralateral suprahyoid dissection	1757.00	5	484.78
C02282	Composite resection of tongue, mandible, radical neck dissection and tracheostomy	6992.00	7	1926.37

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	Miscellaneous:			
02459	Cystic hygroma, excision	1993.00	4	548.56
V07500	Resection of mandible	1638.00	5	402.23
V07749	Partial maxillectomy for malignancy - fenestration	2216.00	5	811.46
CV07725	Maxillectomy	3323.00	5	1014.37
CV07726	– with exteneration of orbit and skin graft	4281.00	5	1051.77
V07796	Excision, neurogenic neoplasm - neck	2216.00	5	1115.70
V70545	Diverticulectomy of hypopharynx or esophagus, with or without myotomy - cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
02407	Tracheostomy NOTE: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy puncture.	1067.00	5	390.00
02476	Pharyngoesophageal anastomosis - re-establishment in neck by neck surgeon	2316.00	5	637.88

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
BREAST				
	Incision:			
70041	Fine needle aspiration of solid or cystic lesion - operation only	177.00	2	46.33
70042	– each additional cyst or lesion (maximum of 3) - operation only	44.95	2	11.60
70043	Mastotomy with exploration or drainage of abscess - deep (operation only)	331.00	2	81.45
V70044	– under general anesthesia	652.00	2	203.73
	Excision:			
	Biopsy of breast:			
70469	– needle core - operation only	232.00	2	57.48
70470	– incisional - operation only	469.00	2	152.26
70471	– excisional - operation only	500.00	2	203.56
	Stereotactic or ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy:			
70472	– 1 to 5 core samples - operation only	331.00	2	87.38
70473	– 6 or more core samples - operation only	469.00	2	123.36
V07470	Nipple exploration, with excision of lactiferous duct(s) or papilloma of lactiferous duct (microdochectomy)	687.00	2	277.88
V07497	Biopsy or segmental resection of non-palpable breast lesion following radiological fine wire localization	900.00	2	232.60
70477	– each additional lesion identified by a radiologic marker	449.00	2	110.42
	Mastectomy:			
V70478	– for gynecomastia	912.00	3	305.89
V07471	– simple for benign disease (female only)	1388.00	3	340.96
V07498	– skin sparing, when performed for reconstruction - unilateral (female only)	2307.00	3	650.00
V07473	– partial for malignancy	965.00	3	329.57
V07472	– total for malignancy	1927.00	3	474.13
V70479	– radical	3164.00	4	777.59
	NOTE: Includes pectoral muscles and complete axillary node dissection.			
V07475	Partial axillary dissection	965.00	3	237.35
V07474	Complete axillary dissection (level 2)	1927.00	3	507.42
79135	Chest wall tumour with rib resection	1471.00	6	1012.46
V07479	Sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLN)	1790.00	3	474.13

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Payable only for the staging of malignant breast disease and malignant melanoma. ii) Subsequent surgery (07474 or 07475) performed under same anesthetic is payable at 50% of the applicable fee for the lesser item. iii) Payable only to BCCA validated physicians. iv) SLN component of the combined procedure not payable to surgeons during the training phase			
	Oncoplastic breast surgery: Lumpectomy for malignancy with immediate reconstruction of the defect using mammoplasty techniques. Excision of the tumour with planned margins to achieve locoregional control.			
PV07481	Oncoplastic breast conserving surgery – Level 1.....	1786.00	4	450.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons with appropriate training and/or mentoring. ii) Includes mobilization of breast parenchyma, creation of skin flaps, and layered closure and mammoplasty.			
PCV07482	Oncoplastic breast conserving surgery – Level 2.....	2182.00	4	550.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons with appropriate post-graduate or post-fellowship training. ii) Includes mobilization of breast parenchyma, creation of skin flaps, rotational flap closure, and nipple areolar complex repositioning.			

ESOPHAGUS

	Incision:			
	Esophagotomy:			
V70500	– cervical approach with removal of foreign body.....	2186.00	5	536.76
V70501	– thoracic approach with removal of foreign body	2594.00	8	637.58
V70502	Cricopharyngeal myotomy - cervical approach	1909.00	4	469.34
	Excision:			
	Excision of lesion, esophagus with primary repair:			
CV70530	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
CV70531	– thoracic or abdominal approach - open	3164.00	8	777.59
CV70532	– thoracic or abdominal approach - laparoscopic or thoracoscopic	3164.00	8	777.59

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Total or near total esophagectomy, without thoracotomy (transhiatal):			
	• with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty:			
V70533	– primary surgeon	5822.00	8	2030.14
70503	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):			
V70534	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	2030.14
70504	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	Total or near total esophagectomy; with thoracotomy; with or without pyloroplasty (3 hole):			
V70535	– primary surgeon	6650.00	8	2283.91
70505	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
	With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):			
V70536	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	2283.91
70506	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
V70538	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3 - with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic esophagogastrostomy	6650.00	8	1634.89
	NOTE: Includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required.			
	• **with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):**			
V70539	– primary surgeon	7586.00	8	1864.78
70509	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
CV70540	Partial esophagectomy, thoracoabdominal or abdominal approach, with esophagogastrostomy	5822.00	8	1430.50
	NOTES: i) Includes vagotomy. ii) Includes proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty and splenectomy, if required.			
	With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):			
V70541	– primary surgeon	6808.00	8	1673.20
70511	– secondary surgeon	1927.00		650.00
CV70542	Total or partial esophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical esophagostomy (includes gastrostomy)	4368.00	6	1073.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Diverticulectomy of hypopharynx or esophagus, with or without myotomy:			
V70545	– cervical approach	2186.00	6	536.76
V70544	– thoracic approach	2660.00	8	653.95
	Endoscopy:			
S10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	400.00	3	89.73
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74
S10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy	128.00	3	29.06
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761, S10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.			
S10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma	196.00	3	43.58
	NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10763 at 100%. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.			
	Upper Gastrointestinal System – Endoscopy (Surgical)			
S33322	Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions - operation only	521.00	3	116.68
S33323	Transendoscopic tube, stent or catheter – operation only	454.00	3	101.86
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.			
S33324	Thermal coagulation – heater probe and laser, operation only	191.00	3	42.60
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S33325	Gastric Polypectomy, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	721.00	5	161.47
S33326	Percutaneous endoscopically placed feeding tube – operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	329.00	3	73.78
S33327	Endoscopic repositioning of the gastric feeding tube through the duodenum for enteric nutrition, operation only NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761 or S10762. ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	63.40	3	14.25
S33328	Esophageal dilation, blind bouginage, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	258.00	3	57.25
S33329	Esophageal dilation or dilation of pathological stricture, by any method, except blind bouginage, under direct vision or radiologic guidance, operation only NOTE: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.	486.00	3	109.02
	Esophagus - Repair:			
V71530	Cervical esophagostomy	2162.00	5	531.36
V71531	Repair tracheo-esophageal fistula - cervical approach NOTE: 71530 and 71531 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	6	2000.00
	Esophagoplasty (Plastic Repair or Reconstruction) Thoracic Approach			
CV71532	– without repair of tracheoesophageal fistula	3660.00	8	2000.00
CV71533	– with repair of tracheoesophageal fistula	4238.00	8	2250.00
V71534	Division of tracheoesophageal fistula without esophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach) NOTE: C71533 and 71534 include gastrostomy.	3277.00	8	804.44
	Esophagogastric Fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill Procedures), Antireflux:			
CV71535	– laparoscopic	4198.00	6	920.65
V71536	– open	3000.00	6	736.52
CV71537	Esophagogastric fundoplasty, with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure), abdominal and/or thoracic approach	3224.00	8	791.86
V71538	– with gastroplasty - Collis	3224.00	8	1218.09

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Plastic Operation for Cardiospasm, Heller:			
CV71539	– thoracic approach - open	2740.00	8	672.58
CV71540	– laparoscopic or thorascopic (endoscopy to be billed separately)	3833.00	6	840.72
CV71541	– with fundoplication - open	3829.00	6	940.05
CV71542	– with fundoplication - laparoscopic	5357.00	6	1175.07
	Gastrointestinal Reconstruction for Previous Esophagectomy, for Obstructing Esophageal Lesion or Fistula or for Previous Esophageal Exclusion:			
CV71543	– with stomach, with or without pyloroplasty	5822.00	6	1430.50
CV71544	– with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)	6808.00	6	1673.20
CV07536	Ligation, direct, esophageal varices	3000.00	7	736.52
CV71546	Transection of esophagus with repair, for esophageal varices	3378.00	6	830.20
CV71547	Ligation or stapling at gastroesophageal junction for pre-existing esophageal perforation	2740.00	6	1200.00
	Suture of Esophageal Wound or Injury:			
V71548	– cervical approach	1764.00	6	1268.85
CV71549	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3161.00	8	1522.60
	Closure of Esophagostomy or Fistula:			
CV71550	– cervical approach	2193.00	6	1268.85
CV71551	– transthoracic or transabdominal approach	3328.00	8	1522.60
07528	Placement of gastroesophageal venous compression balloon (e.g.: Minnesota or Blakemore) operation only NOTES: i) Paid at 100% with 00081. ii) Paid in addition to S10761 or S10762. iii) Paid only once per endoscopy.	271.00	5	202.10

DIAPHRAGM – REPAIR

V70601	Repair para-esophageal hiatus hernia, transabdominal, with or without fundoplication	3087.00	6	1212.64
	For anti-reflux procedures, fundoplications, etc., please see Esophageal section.			
	Diaphragmatic or other hernia to include fundoplication, vagotomy and drainage procedure where indicated			
V70602	– open	3087.00	6	1212.64

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV70603	– laparoscopic	3087.00	6	1212.64
CV70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	3107.00	9	1522.60
	Repair Diaphragmatic Hernia or Laceration; Thoracic or Abdominal Approach:			
CV70605	– acute traumatic	3277.00	8	1215.00
CV70606	– chronic	3000.00	8	1215.00
V70607	Imbrication of diaphragm for eventration, transthoracic or transabdominal	2740.00	8	800.00

STOMACH

	Incision:			
	Gastrotomy:			
V70620	– with exploration or foreign body removal	1638.00	5	505.35
V70621	– with suture repair of bleeding ulcer (including duodenal)	2747.00	6	674.39
CV70622	– with suture repair of pre-existing esophagogastric laceration (e.g.: Mallory-Weiss)	2862.00	6	702.47
V70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)	1638.00	5	505.35
	Excision:			
	Limited or wedge excision:			
V70625	– ulcer or benign tumour of stomach - open	2330.00	6	572.21
CV72725	– ulcer or benign tumour of stomach – laparoscopic	3260.00	6	715.27
V70626	– malignant tumour of stomach - open	2660.00	6	653.95
CV72726	– malignant tumour of stomach – laparoscopic	3728.00	6	817.44
	Gastrectomy, total			
CV70627	– - with esophagoenterostomy - open	4639.00	6	1700.00
CV72727	– with esophagoenterostomy – laparoscopic	6496.00	6	2000.00
CV70628	– with Roux-en-Y reconstruction - open	4823.00	6	1700.00
CV72728	– with Roux-en-Y reconstruction – laparoscopic	6753.00	6	2000.00
CV70629	– with formation of intestinal pouch, any type - open	4973.00	6	1700.00
CV72729	– with formation of intestinal pouch, any type – laparoscopic	6965.00	6	2000.00
	Gastrectomy, partial, distal:			
V70630	– with gastroduodenostomy (Billroth I) - open	3994.00	6	1100.00
CV72730	– with gastroduodenostomy (Billroth I) – laparoscopic	5588.00	6	1226.17
V70631	– with gastrojejunostomy (Billroth II) - open	3994.00	6	1100.00
CV72731	– with gastrojejunostomy (Billroth II) – laparoscopic	5588.00	6	1226.17
V70632	– with Roux-en-Y reconstruction - open	4156.00	6	1200.00
CV72732	– with Roux-en-Y reconstruction – laparoscopic	5822.00	6	1277.23
V70633	– with formation of intestinal pouch - open	4493.00	6	1300.00
CV72733	– with formation of intestinal pouch – laparoscopic	6289.00	6	1379.45
70634	Vagotomy (extra)	263.00		63.86

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V70635	Proximal gastrectomy, thoracic or abdominal approach including esophagogastrostomy, with vagotomy and includes pyloroplasty or pyloromyotomy, with or without splenectomy - open	4891.00	6	1202.67
CV72735	Proximal gastrectomy, thoracic or abdominal approach including esophagogastrostomy, with vagotomy and includes pyloroplasty or pyloromyotomy, with or without splenectomy –laparoscopic	6853.00	6	1503.32
CV07624	Emergency gastrectomy for continued hemorrhage (with operative report)	4088.00	7	1200.00
V07628	Gastrojejunostomy or pyloroplasty with vagotomy, with or without gastrostomy	2591.00	5	636.64
CV07578	Highly selective vagotomy	2591.00	5	636.64
	Stomach - Introduction:			
V07630	Gastrostomy - open	1369.00	5	456.79
33394	Assistant fee for PEG procedure NOTE: S33326, 33394 may be billed by any qualified physician.	433.00		112.47
70637	Change of gastrostomy tube - operation only	124.00	2	45.46
	Stomach - Other Procedures:			
V07626	Pyloroplasty	1638.00	5	402.23
V07627	Gastrojejunostomy - open	1764.00	5	558.30
CV72737	Gastrojejunostomy – laparoscopic	2476.00	5	634.10
	Patch or suture of perforated duodenal or gastric ulcer, wound or injury:			
V07632	– open	1861.00	6	750.00
V70641	– laparoscopic	1861.00	6	750.00
V70642	Gastric restrictive procedure, without gastric bypass, for morbid obesity (includes vertical banded and other gastroplasties)	3871.00	7	1015.07
CV72739	Laparoscopic Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy	5035.00	7	1105.07
V70643	Gastric restrictive procedure, with bypass, for morbid obesity, gastroenterostomy - open	4156.00	7	1600.00
CV72743	Gastric restrictive procedure, with bypass, for morbid obesity, gastroenterostomy – laparoscopic	4818.00	7	1415.75
V70644	– with small bowel reconstruction to limit absorption - ileojejunal bypass	4569.00	7	929.80
V70645	Revision or reversal of gastric restrictive procedure for morbid obesity with takedown gastroenterostomy and reconstitution of small bowel integrity - open	3433.00	7	1617.25

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV72775	Revision or reversal of gastric restrictive procedure for morbid obesity with takedown gastroenterostomy and reconstitution of small bowel integrity – laparoscopic	4803.00	7	1700.00
CV07623	Revision gastrectomy after previous gastrectomy, with or without vagotomy - open	4088.00	7	1217.37
CV72723	Revision gastrectomy after previous gastrectomy, with or without vagotomy – laparoscopic	5723.00	7	1521.68
V70646	Closure of gastrostomy, surgical	1638.00	4	402.23
CV07633	Closure of gastrojejunocolic fistula	4639.00	5	1140.06
CV70649	Closure of gastrocolic fistula - operation only	3198.00	5	786.78

INTESTINES

V70650	Lysis of intra-abdominal adhesions - first 30 minutes (extra)	668.00	7	152.95
70651	– each additional 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (extra)	227.00		76.47

NOTES:
i) Restricted to General Surgeons only.
ii) Payable for open procedures only.
iii) Not payable with fee item 07650.
iv) Not payable to same general surgeon doing the surgical assist.
v) Start and stop times for Lysis must be provided in patient chart and claim time field.

V70660	Lysis of intra-abdominal adhesions, laparoscopic – first 30 minutes (extra)	668.00	7	152.95
70661	- each additional 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (extra)	227.00		76.47

NOTES:
i) Restricted to General Surgeons only.
ii) Not payable with fee item V07650, V70650, or S04001.
iii) Not payable to same general surgeon doing the surgical assist.
iv) Start and stop times for laparoscopic lysis must be provided in patient chart and claim time field.
v) If conversion to open procedure is necessary, bill open procedure plus 50% of laparoscopy fee, S04001.

Incision:

V07650	Intestinal obstruction; resection of bands, enterolysis - open	2048.00	5	550.00

NOTE: Not payable with fee items 70650, 70651, 70660, 70661.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV72650	Intestinal obstruction; resection of bands, enterolysis – laparoscopic NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Not payable with fee items 70650, 70651, 70660, 70661.	2697.00	5	627.62
V70648	Tube or needle catheter jejunostomy for enteral alimentation, intraoperative any method	1096.00	4	507.00
V07634	Enterotomy or colotomy (single); for exploration, biopsy, or foreign body removal	2220.00	5	487.38
V07635	Multiple colotomy, with operative sigmoidoscopy	2920.00	5	639.86
V07654	Intestinal obstruction - plication or insertion of intraluminal tube	2318.00	5	570.04
V07651	Reduction of volvulus, intussusception, internal hernia, by laparotomy	2404.00	5	526.23
V71650	Correction of malrotation by lysis of duodenal bands and/or reduction of midgut volvulus (e.g.: Ladd procedure) - open	1909.00	5	505.61
V71651	Correction of malrotation by lysis of duodenal bands and/or reduction of midgut volvulus (e.g.: Ladd procedure) – laparoscopic NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) If conversion to open procedure is required, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% plus fee item 04001 at 50%.	2590.00	5	586.02
	Intestines - Excision:			
	Resection of small intestine:			
V07636	– with anastomosis - open	2454.00	5	632.10
CV72736	– with anastomosis – laparoscopic	3438.00	5	754.18
CV72620	– with enterostomy; without anastomosis (does not include separate enterostomies or resections) - open	3308.00	5	813.78
CV72720	– with enterostomy; without anastomosis (does not include separate enterostomies or resections) – laparoscopic	4636.00	5	1017.22
V07643	Enteroenterostomy	2220.00	5	606.44
V07570	Colo-colostomy or entero-colostomy - open NOTE: 07570 applies to unprepared, non-resectable bowel obstructions. In all other instances, 07643 is applicable instead.	3664.00	6	802.82

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV72770	Colo-colostomy or entero-colostomy – laparoscopic	4574.00	6	1003.53
	NOTE: CV72770 applies to unprepared, non-resectable bowel obstructions. In all other instances, 07643 is applicable instead.			
72621	Mobilization (take-down) of splenic flexure performed in conjunction with partial colectomy (extra) (not applicable to right or left hemicolectomy) - operation only - open	389.00	6	95.79
C72721	Mobilization (take-down) of splenic flexure performed in conjunction with partial colectomy – laparoscopic - extra (not applicable to right or left hemicolectomy) – (operation only).....	516.00	6	119.74
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) If conversion to open procedure is required, bill under the appropriate open procedures at 100%.			
	Limited resection of colon:			
V72622	– open	3598.00	6	859.52
CV72623	– laparoscopic	1212.00	6	984.85
	Hemicolectomy; right (see also 72640):			
V72624	– open	3779.00	6	884.86
CV72625	– laparoscopic	4712.00	6	1033.43
	Hemicolectomy; left:			
V72626	– open	4000.00	6	960.62
CV72631	– laparoscopic	5000.00	6	1096.80
	Sigmoid resection:			
V72632	– open	4164.00	6	1011.14
CV72633	– laparoscopic	5205.00	6	1141.81
V72634	– with end colostomy and closure of distal segment or mucous fistula (Hartmann type procedure) - open	3949.00	6	960.56
CV72734	– with end colostomy and closure of distal segment or mucous fistula (Hartmann type procedure) – laparoscopic	4919.00	6	1078.87
CV72635	Anterior resection of rectosigmoid for carcinoma (low pelvic anastomosis; coloproctostomy) - with or without protective stoma - open	4814.00	6	1515.90
CV72755	Anterior resection of rectosigmoid for carcinoma (low pelvic anastomosis; coloproctostomy) - with or without protective stoma – laparoscopic	6006.00	6	1617.81
	Proctectomy, abdominal and transanal approach; coloanal anastomosis (with or without protective colostomy):			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V72636	– synchronous - abdominal portion	5141.00	7	1125.66
CV07662	Abdomino-perineal resection (single surgeon) - open	6157.00	7	1718.82
CV72762	Abdomino-perineal resection (single surgeon) – laparoscopic	7683.00	7	1820.21
V07663	– synchronous - abdominal portion - open	5141.00	7	1314.61
CV72763	– synchronous - abdominal portion – laparoscopic	6414.00	7	1407.07
V07664	Proctectomy, in combination with any abdominal resection - synchronous - perineal portion	1727.00	7	505.57
CV07569	Colectomy and hemiproctectomy - open	4971.00	6	1088.40
CV72769	Colectomy and hemiproctectomy – laparoscopic	6202.00	6	1360.51
CV07640	Colectomy - total, abdominal (without proctectomy) - open NOTE: Includes ileostomy or ileoproctostomy.	5145.00	6	1314.24
CV72760	Colectomy - total, abdominal (without proctectomy) – laparoscopic NOTE: Includes ileostomy or ileoproctostomy.	6422.00	6	1409.05
V07567	Proctectomy with rectal mucosectomy, ileoanal anastomosis, creation of ileal reservoir (S or J) with or without loop ileostomy - open	7070.00	6	1750.00
CV72767	Proctectomy with rectal mucosectomy, ileoanal anastomosis, creation of ileal reservoir (S or J) with or without loop ileostomy – laparoscopic	8826.00	6	1936.03
V07566	Rectal mucosectomy and ileaoanal anastomosis	3411.00	6	837.43
CV07641	Total proctocolectomy with perineal excision of rectum and ileostomy (single surgeon) - open	7515.00	7	1645.83
CV72741	Total proctocolectomy with perineal excision of rectum and ileostomy (single surgeon) – laparoscopic	9378.00	7	2057.30
V07589	– synchronous - abdominal portion - open	6012.00	7	1317.10
CV72789	– synchronous - abdominal portion – laparoscopic	7504.00	7	1646.40
V07565	Takedown of pelvic pouch, to include ileostomy - open	3779.00	5	1218.09
CV72765	Takedown of pelvic pouch, to include ileostomy – laparoscopic	4712.00	5	1520.89
V72640	Partial right colectomy (caecum) with removal of terminal ileum and ileocolostomy - open	3602.00	6	884.71
CV72740	Partial right colectomy (caecum) with removal of terminal ileum and ileocolostomy – laparoscopic	4493.00	6	985.67
72641	Caecostomy, tube for decompression (extra) - open	1384.00	5	404.20
72601	Caecostomy, tube for decompression – laparoscopic (extra) NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) If conversion to open procedure is required, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% plus fee item 04001 at 50%.	1622.00	5	377.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Revision of ileostomy or colostomy:			
V07648	– simple incision of scar, etc.	1023.00	4	450.00
V07649	– radical; reconstruction with bowel resection	1918.00	5	505.42
V72644	– with repair of paracolostomy hernia requiring laparotomy	2580.00	5	657.12
V72645	Continent ileostomy (Koch procedure) - open	4088.00	6	1004.22
CV72745	Continent ileostomy (Koch procedure) – laparoscopic	5723.00	6	1255.27
V07645	Colostomy or ileostomy – loop - open	1870.00	5	505.38
CV72715	Colostomy or ileostomy – loop – laparoscopic	2333.00	5	511.75
V07588	– end - open	2153.00	5	505.63
CV72788	– end – laparoscopic	2689.00	5	589.60
72646	– multiple biopsies (e.g.: for Hirschsprung disease) - extra - operation only	544.00	5	134.49
	Intestinal stricturoplasty (enterotomy and enterorrhaphy) with or without dilation, for intestinal obstruction:			
V72647	– single	2078.00	5	606.54
V72648	– multiple (two or more)	2862.00	5	909.55
	Closure of loop enterostomy, large or small intestine:			
V07646	– without resection	1727.00	4	509.22
V07647	– with resection and anastomosis	2580.00	5	631.93
	Reconstruction Hartman procedure with or without protective colostomy:			
V72651	– open	3779.00	5	1010.79
CV72652	– laparoscopic	4712.00	5	1033.43
	Closure of fistula; enterovesical, colovesical or colovaginal:			
V72653	– without intestinal and/or bladder resection - open	3602.00	5	909.89
72654	– with bowel resection (extra to 72653) - open	1545.00	5	404.35
	NOTE: For bladder resection, see Urology Guide.			
PCV72683	– without intestinal and/or bladder resection – laparoscopic	3943.00	5	981.74
P72684	– with bowel resection (extra to 72683) – laparoscopic	1693.00	5	421.25
	NOTE: Fee items 72653, 72654, 72683, 72684 includes fee items 08207, 08255 or 04401 if performed by the same surgeon.			
V07455	Emergency resection obstructed colon, with lavage and anastomosis	4583.00	6	1011.50
V07658	Exteriorization of large bowel lesion (carcinoma, perforation, etc.)	2752.00	5	602.52

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MECKEL'S DIVERTICULUM AND THE MESENTERY				
	Excision:			
V07655	Excision of Meckel's diverticulum (diverticulectomy) or omphalomesenteric duct	1496.00	4	505.22
	Suture and Repairs:			
V07447	Repair of mesenteric injury	2330.00	6	572.71
APPENDIX				
	Incision:			
V72660	Incision and drainage of appendiceal abscess, transabdominal NOTE: Not payable in addition to appendectomy listings.	1764.00	4	434.19
	Appendix - Excision:			
V72656	Appendectomy - open	1251.00	4	480.30
V72658	– laparoscopic (if conversion to open procedure is necessary bill open procedure plus 50% of laparoscopy fee)	1251.00	4	480.30
V72657	Appendectomy - perforated with abscess or generalized peritonitis - open	1835.00	5	505.30
V72659	– laparoscopic (if conversion to open procedure is necessary bill open procedure plus 50% of laparoscopy fee)	1835.00	5	505.30
RECTUM				
	Incision:			
V07660	Transrectal drainage of pelvic abscess	1023.00	2	303.15
	Excision:			
07665	Biopsy of anorectal wall, anal approach (e.g.: congenital megacolon) - operation only	686.00	2	150.98
CV07662	Abdomino-perineal resection (single surgeon)	6157.00	7	1718.82
PCV72762	Abdomino-perineal resection (single surgeon) – laparoscopic	7683.00	7	1820.21
V07663	– synchronous - abdominal portion - open	5141.00	7	1314.61
PCV72763	– synchronous - abdominal portion – laparoscopic	6414.00	7	1407.07
V07664	Proctectomy, in combination with any abdominal resection - synchronous - perineal portion	1727.00	7	505.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Proctectomy, complete (for congenital megacolon), abdominal and perineal approach; with pull through procedure and anastomosis (e.g.: Swenson, Duhamel, or Soave type operation):			
V72662	– synchronous - abdominal	5897.00	7	1314.90
CV72664	– with subtotal or total colectomy, with multiple biopsies	7515.00	7	1645.83
V72665	Proctectomy, partial, without anastomosis, perineal approach	2286.00	5	558.30
V72666	Altemeier transperineal excision of rectal procidentia with anastomosis	3092.00	3	677.27
	NOTES: i) Includes levator muscle imbrication (70671). ii) Sphincteroplasty (70666) is paid in addition if performed through a separate incision. iii) Colostomy paid in addition, if required.			
72667	Division of stricture of rectum (includes endoscopy) (operation only)	819.00	2	252.59
V07580	Excision of rectal tumour by posterior parasacral, transacral or transcoccygeal approach (Kraske)	2948.00	5	800.00
	Excision of rectal tumour, transanal approach to include operative sigmoidoscopy:			
72669	– 0 to 2.5 cm - operation only	709.00	2	253.59
72670	– 2.6 to 5 cm (operation only)	951.00	2	304.52
72671	– greater than 5 cm (operation only)	1959.00	2	455.09
72672	Electrodesiccation or fulguration of malignant tumour of rectum, transanal (includes endoscopy) - operation only	709.00	2	252.68
CV72673	Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgical Resection of rectal tumour	4080.00	6	917.67
	NOTES: i) Paid only if a sealed and insufflating operating proctoscope is employed with visualization via an endoscopic camera (not under direct vision). ii) Not paid with 70683, 72669, 72670 and 72671. iii) Resection of one additional lesion is payable at 50% only if complete removal, repositioning and reinsertion of the insufflating operating proctoscope is required.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) If procedure is converted to open, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% and 04001 at 50%.			
	v) Fee items SY00715, SY10714, SY00716 and SY00718 are included if done at the same time.			
	vi) Restricted to General Surgery.			
	Repair:			
V07672	Complete rectal prolapse - transabdominal rectopexy - open	3131.00	5	698.70
	NOTE: Paid as a stand-alone procedure with the exception when performed in conjunction with sigmoid resection (72632, 72633) payment will be at 25%.			
PCV72572	Complete rectal prolapse - transabdominal recopexy – laparoscopic	3516.00	5	873.38
	NOTE: Paid as a stand-alone procedure with the exception when performed in conjunction with sigmoid resection (72632, 72633) payment will be at 25%.			
	Rectum - Endoscopy:			
	NOTES:			
	i) **Proctosigmoidoscopy** is the examination of the rectum and sigmoid colon.			
	ii) **Sigmoidoscopy** is the examination of the entire rectum, sigmoid colon and may include examination of a portion of the descending colon.			
	iii) **Colonoscopy** is the examination of the entire colon, from the rectum to the cecum, and may include the examination of the terminal ileum.			
SY10714	Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid; diagnostic	141.00	2	35.40
SY00715	Sigmoidoscopy (with biopsy) - procedural fee	145.00	2	37.98
S07460	– with decompression of volvulus - operation only	996.00	2	228.83
SY00716	Sigmoidoscopy; flexible - diagnostic	263.00	2	76.09
SY00718	– with biopsy	335.00	2	77.34
S07461	– with removal of foreign body - operation only	491.00	2	107.53
S07462	– with control of bleeding, any method - operation only	655.00	2	177.51
S07463	– with decompression of volvulus, any method - operation only	550.00	2	228.83
S07464	– with removal of polyp(s) (operation only)	1148.00	2	251.02
S07465	– with ablation of tumour(s), polyp(s) or other lesion(s) not amenable to removal by hot biopsy forceps, bipolar cautery or snare technique (operation only)	776.00	2	169.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S10730	Colonoscopy, flexible, via colostomy - single or multiple	978.00	4	240.14
S10731	Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure; diagnostic with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing	978.00	2	231.61
S10732	– with removal of foreign body	1108.00	2	272.07
S10733	– with control of bleeding, any method	1241.00	2	303.99

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Repair:

V70665	Anoplasty; plastic procedure for stricture - adult	1638.00	2	451.50
V70666	Sphincteroplasty; for incontinence or prolapse (posterior anal repair) – adult	1638.00	2	451.50
V07690	Anoplasty for imperforate anus	2752.00	4	602.52
70668	Graft (Thiersch operation) for rectal incontinence or prolapse - operation only	541.00	2	203.93
V70670	Sphincteroplasty; anal, for incontinence - Gracillis muscle implant	2546.00	3	702.52
V70671	Levator muscle imbrication; Park posterior - anal repair	1638.00	2	451.50
V70672	Implantation of artificial sphincter	3660.00	4	1009.32
	NOTE: 70670, 70671 & 70672 are not payable together.			
V07452	Repair extra-peritoneal rectum, with or without colostomy	4398.00	7	962.78
	Destruction of anal lesion, any method including fulguration anal condylomata:			
70674	– simple; less than 10% perianal skin involvement - operation only	272.00	2	75.41
70680	– complicated; greater than 10% of perianal skin involvement (with operative report) - operation only	544.00	2	252.69
S70683	EUA with or without sigmoidoscopy, with or without biopsy - operation only	520.00	2	152.95
CV72673	Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgical Resection of rectal tumour	4080.00	6	917.67

NOTES:

i) Paid only if a sealed and insufflating operating proctoscope is employed with visualization via an endoscopic camera (not under direct vision).

ii) Not paid with 70683, 72669, 72670 and 72671.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) Resection of one additional lesion is payable at 50% only if complete removal, repositioning and reinsertion of the insufflating operating proctoscope is required. iv) If procedure is converted to open, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% and 04001 at 50%. v) Fee items SY00715, SY10714, SY00716 and SY00718 are included if done at the same time. vi) Restricted to General Surgery.			
07689	Anal dilation - under general anesthesia - operation only	475.00	2	152.67
04401	Fistula, recto-vaginal repair	1584.00	3	536.63
	Incision:			
70675	Removal of anal seton, other marker - operation only	105.00	2	28.67
V70676	Incision and drainage of ischiorectalor intramural abscess, with fistulectomy or fistulotomy, submuscular, with or without placement of seton	1414.00	2	389.95
07691	Anus imperforate, simple incision - operation only	203.00	2	303.06
07679	Incision and drainage of ischiorectal, intramural, intramuscular or submucosal abscess - under anesthesia - operation only	614.00	2	203.01
07678	Incision and drainage, perianal abscess - superficial - operation only	420.00	2	91.43
	Excision:			
07687	Anal fissure, excision under local anesthetic - operation only	420.00	2	115.00
V71681	Sphincterotomy with or without fissurectomy	570.00	2	303.07
SV71682	Botox injection for anal fissure.	487.00	2	252.34
	NOTES: i) Payment restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Tray fee is not paid when the procedure is performed in hospital or publicly-funded facilities (D&T Centres, psychiatric facilities). iii) Paid to a maximum of four injections per patient per year.			
	Papillectomy or excision of anal tag or polyp:			
71684	– single (extra) - operation only	246.00	2	67.87
71686	– multiple (extra) - operation only	449.00	2	123.30
71689	Hemorrhoid(s); (e.g.: band ligation) - to include proctoscopy - operation only	369.00	2	80.58
71690	Hemorrhoid(s); - infrared photocoagulation to include proctoscopy - operation only	369.00	2	80.58

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P71691	Hemorrhoid(s) add on fee NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Paid only when service performed in an office (location code A or T), not payable in a public facility. iii) Paid only with fee item 71689 or 71690.	121.00		16.82
V07683	Hemorrhoidectomy, with or without sigmoidoscopy	1224.00	2	268.05
07675	Fistula-in-ano (fistulectomy or fistulotomy) - subcutaneous or submucous - operation only	686.00	2	250.00
V07676	– submuscular	1542.00	2	337.72
V07677	– multiple or horseshoe, with or without placement of seton	2062.00	2	451.50
V07666	Fistula-in-ano; second stage; division of sphincter after placement of seton	719.00	2	250.00
V71700	Closure of congenital or acquired anal fistula with rectal advancement flap	2948.00	2	645.16

LIVER

Incision:

Hepatotomy for drainage of abscess or cyst; laparoscopic or open:

V07402	– single	1764.00	6	434.19
V07403	– multiple, including marsupialization	2660.00	6	653.95
CV71380	Open or Laparoscopic operative liver tumour non-resectional ablation by any means. NOTES: i) Payment restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Includes all diagnostic imaging required to complete the procedure. iii) Paid to a maximum of three lesions, 100% for the first and 50% for the second and 25% for the third lesion. iv) Repeats within 30 days are paid at 50%. v) Not paid with Fee Item P10908.	2902.00	7	713.74

Liver - Excision:

CV07404	Non-anatomic, subsegmental excision of liver mass	2186.00	7	1000.00
CV72794	Laparoscopic non-anatomic sub-segmental excision of liver mass	2983.00	7	1141.96

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If laparoscopic procedure is converted to open, bill under open procedure (07404) at 100% and 04001 at 50%. iii) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
	Hepatectomy; segmental resection: Liver resections for metastasis, billed in conjunction with colorectal resections or sarcoma resections, will be paid at 100% of the listed fees, for each item, when done as a team by two general surgeons. Only payable when ICD9 code is 153, 154, 158 or 171. The following lists of procedures are eligible for payment as team fees: Liver resections: 07405, 72795, 07406, 72796, 07407, 72797, 07408, 72798, 07409, 07410, 07411. Colorectal resections: 72622, 72623, 72624, 72625, 72626, 72631, 72632, 72633, 72634, 72734, 72635, 72755, 72636, 07664, 07662, 72762, 07663, 72763, 07569, 72769, 07640, 72760, 07641, 72646, 72740, 07662, 07580. Sarcoma resections: 71290, 71291.			
CV07405	– one or more, same side - open	4110.00	8	1200.00
CV72795	Laparoscopic hepatectomy, segmental resection – one or more, same side	5614.00	8	1261.93
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If laparoscopic procedure is converted to open, bill under open procedure (07405) at 100% and 04001 at 50%. iii) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
CV07406	– two or more segments, bilateral lobes - open	4823.00	8	1600.00
	NOTES: i) Surgeon must operate on right and left lobes. ii) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
CV72796	– two or more segments, bilateral lobes - laparoscopic	6590.00	8	1800.00

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If conversion to open is necessary, bill under open procedure (07406) at 100% plus 50% of the laparoscopy fee (04001). iii) Surgeon must operate on right and left lobes. iv) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
CV07407	– total left lobectomy - open	5323.00	8	2000.00
CV72797	– total left lobectomy - laparoscopic	7271.00	8	2500.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If laparoscopic procedure is converted to open, bill under open procedure (07407) at 100% and 04001 at 50%. iii) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
CV07408	– total right lobectomy - open	5323.00	8	2000.00
CV72798	– total right lobectomy- laparoscopic	7271.00	8	2500.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If laparoscopic procedure is converted to open, bill under open procedure (07408) at 100% and 04001 at 50%. iii) Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
CV07409	– extended left lobectomy (includes caudate lobe and at least one portion of right lobe)	5822.00	8	2200.00
CV07410	– caudate lobectomy (isolated procedure)	5986.00	8	2100.00
CV07411	– extended right lobectomy; 5 or more segments (includes caudate)	6671.00	8	2300.00
	NOTE: Cholecystectomy is not paid in addition.			
	Liver - Repair (Trauma):			
	Hepatorrhaphy; suture of liver wound or injury:			
V07412	– simple	2239.00	8	609.04
V07413	– with packing	2631.00	8	644.63
CV07440	Resectional debridement of liver	4110.00	8	1268.85
CV07441	Hepatic artery ligation to include resectional debridement where indicated	3863.00	8	1015.07
CV07442	Hepatic lobectomy for trauma to include resectional debridement where indicated	5246.00	9	2500.00

BILIARY TRACT

	Incision: **Choledochotomy or choledochostomy and exploration, drainage or removal of calculus:**			
V70694	– open	2158.00	5	850.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V70695	– laparoscopic	2158.00	5	900.00
V70696	– with transduodenal sphincteroplasty	3765.00	5	950.00
V07769	Duodenotomy and sphincteroplasty	2688.00	5	1014.02
	Cholecystostomy:			
V07698	- open	1721.00	5	505.43
V70698	– laparoscopic	1721.00	5	455.06
71698	– percutaneous (operation only)	672.00	2	164.85
	Biliary Tract - Endoscopy:			
07780	Biliary endoscopy; intraoperative, choledochoscopy (extra)	538.00		202.77
07781	Biliary endoscopy, percutaneous via T-tube or other tract; diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen by brushing and/or washing to include biopsy - operation only	331.00	2	202.59
07782	– with removal of stone - operation only	538.00	2	228.06
07783	– with dilation of duct stricture with or without stent - operation only	538.00	2	228.06
	Endoscopic Retrograde Cholanglopancreatography (ERCP); to include biopsies or brushings:			
V07517	– with papillotomy or sphincterotomy	1815.00	3	447.05
V07518	– with stone extraction	2158.00	3	530.07
V07519	– with biliary stenting	1764.00	3	434.25
V07554	– with balloon dilatation of biliary stricture	1764.00	3	434.25
V07556	– with stone extraction requiring lithotripsy	2259.00		555.62
07560	Insertion of naso-biliary drainage tube (operation only)	421.00	3	103.49
07562	Replacement of duodenal biliary stent - operation only	701.00	3	172.45
	Biliary Tract - Excision:			
	Cholecystectomy:			
V07707	– laparoscopic	2158.00	5	536.09
V07699	– open	2158.00	5	606.62
V70700	– open cholecystectomy immediately preceded by attempted laparoscopic cholecystectomy	2645.00	5	707.84
V70701	– with exploration of CBD (laparoscopic)	3236.00	5	1212.66
V70702	– with exploration of CBD (open)	3236.00	5	1212.66
V70703	– with choledochoduodenostomy (includes CBD exploration)	4156.00	5	1313.82
V70704	– with choledochojejunostomy (includes CBD exploration)	4261.00	5	1313.92
V70705	– with transduodenal sphincterotomy or sphincteroplasty (includes CBD exploration)	4156.00	5	1313.82

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV70710	Exploration for congenital atresia of bile ducts without repair.	1797.00	5	1522.60
	NOTE: Includes liver biopsy and/or cholangiography, if required.			
CV70711	Portoenterostomy (Kasai procedure)	6450.00	6	1584.89
	Excision of bile duct tumour or stricture:			
CV70712	– lower (below bifurcation), any repair	4302.00	6	1900.00
CV70713	– upper (at or above bifurcation) - one anastomosis	6450.00	6	2200.00
CV70714	– upper (at or above bifurcation) - multiple anastomoses	6967.00	6	2500.00
	Excision of choledochal cyst (to include cholecystectomy):			
CV70715	– below bifurcation	4054.00	5	1414.54
CV70716	– above bifurcation requiring one ductoplasty	5986.00	5	1471.37
CV70717	– above bifurcation - multiple anastomoses	6484.00	5	1594.00
CV70718	Portal lymphadenectomy	3379.00	4	764.73
	NOTES: i) Paid as stand-alone procedure or in conjunction with liver resection, bile duct resection, or pancreatectomy for cancer of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder and bile ducts. ii) Paid only with skeletonization of the hepatic artery and portal vein from the superior duodenum to the liver hilum. iii) Restricted to General Surgery.			
	Biliary Tract - Repair:			
	Cholecystoenterostomy:			
V07706	– direct (loop)	2661.00	6	1015.07
V70720	– with gastroenterostomy	3543.00	5	1218.09
V70721	– Roux-en-Y	3161.00	5	1116.58
V70722	– Roux-en-Y with gastroenterostomy	4061.00	5	1319.59
CV07703	Choledochoduodenostomy	3378.00	6	1116.58
V07705	Choledochojejunostomy (anastomosis of extra-hepatic biliary ducts and GI tract)	3744.00	6	1218.09
V70725	– with gastrojejunostomy	4415.00	6	1700.00
V70726	– Roux-en-Y	4054.00	6	1700.00
V70727	– Roux-en-Y with gastrojejunostomy	4936.00	6	1700.00
CV70728	Anastomosis of intra-hepatic ducts and GI tract (Longmyer); Roux-en-Y	4986.00	6	1769.19
07561	Placement of choledochal stent (operation only)	701.00	5	172.45
CV70730	U-tube hepatico enterostomy	2685.00	5	1769.19

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV70731	Primary repair of extra-hepatic biliary duct for injury (including intraoperative), any method	4156.00	5	1421.10
V07776	Repair of cholecystenteric fistula	3122.00	5	1000.00

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

Thyroid - Incision:

70740	Incision and drainage of thyroglossal cyst, infected - operation only	520.00	3	203.93
S00744	Thyroid biopsy - procedural fee	223.00	2	71.92

Thyroid - Excision:

V07740	Biopsy of thyroid - open	782.00	4	354.83

Total thyroid lobectomy:

V70742	– unilateral with or without isthmusectomy	2393.00	4	587.84
V70743	– unilateral with contralateral subtotal lobectomy including isthmus	2966.00	4	728.04

Thyroidectomy:

V07743	– total or complete	3373.00	4	1014.42
V07741	– subtotal unilateral (local excision of thyroid lesion)	1369.00	4	407.53
V70745	– subtotal bilateral	2875.00	4	706.81
V70747	– removal of all remaining thyroid tissue following previous removal of portion of thyroid (completion thyroidectomy)	2827.00	4	694.84
C70748	Sternal split for substernal thyroid (extra)	668.00		163.48
V07771	Picking operation; metastatic neck nodes for thyroid carcinoma (with operative report)	1660.00	5	1100.00

Endocrine System - Parathyroid:
Parathyroidectomy or exploration of parathyroids:

V07745	– removal of single adenoma	2738.00	4	900.00
V07744	– subtotal parathyroidectomy	2993.00	4	1014.37
V71746	– re-exploration	3624.00	4	1217.10
CV71747	– with mediastinal exploration and sternal split	3898.00	6	1217.17
	NOTE: Re-exploration is not payable in addition to C71747.			
71748	Parathyroid autotransplantation, extra to thyroidectomy and parathyroidectomy procedures - operation only	331.00		101.96

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Endocrine System - Adrenal:			
VC71703	Adrenalectomy for Pheochromocytoma - open	4007.00	8	1019.18
	NOTES: i) Only to be billed if procedure takes longer than three hours. If surgery takes less than three hours, bill item C71704. ii) Pathology report to be submitted when billing to confirm Pheochromocytoma. iii) Start and end times must be included in patients chart and on claim form.			
CV72703	Adrenalectomy for Pheochromocytoma - laparoscopic	6016.00	8	1273.97
	NOTES: i) Only to be billed if procedure takes longer than three hours. If surgery takes less than three hours, bill item 72704. ii) Pathology report to be submitted when billing to confirm Pheochromocytoma. iii) Start and end times must be included in patients chart and on claim form.			
	Adrenalectomy; any approach:			
CV71704	– Unilateral - open.....	3277.00	8	804.44
CV72704	– Unilateral – laparoscopic.....	4583.00	8	1005.57
CV71705	– Bilateral - open.....	4493.00	8	1600.00
CV72705	– Bilateral - laparoscopic.....	6289.00	8	1800.00
	Endocrine System - Carotid Body			
	Excision of carotid body tumour:			
CV71706	– without excision of carotid artery.....	3323.00	6	1014.37
CV71707	– with excision of carotid artery.....	4075.00	8	1217.37
	Endocrine System – Pancreas - Incision			
V71708	Placement of drains, peripancreatic for acute pancreatitis.....	1764.00	2	1000.00
V71709	Resectional debridement of pancreas and peripancreatic tissue for acute necrotizing pancreatitis; to include gastrostomy, jejunostomy and cholecystostomy any approach	2860.00	8	1300.00
PCV71725	Resection of duodenum	5904.00	8	1469.94

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Requires appropriate training or experience in proximal pancreatic surgery. ii) Requires complete mobilization of the entire duodenum, including taking down the ligament of Treitz and separating the duodenum from the superior mesenteric vessels. iii) For limited resection of the duodenum requiring only Kocherisation bill fee item 07636. iv) Includes lymph node biopsies (00745).			
	Endocrine System - Pancreas - Excision			
71710	Open biopsy of pancreas, any method (fine needle, core, wedge) intraoperative (extra) - operation only	331.00	6	100.00
S00826	Biopsy of pancreas - percutaneous	331.00	2	101.44
CV71712	Limited excision of pancreatic lesion (e.g.: cyst or adenoma)	2860.00	6	1000.00
	Pancreatectomy, distal subtotal:			
CV71713	– with splenectomy and without pancreaticojejunostomy - open	3328.00	7	1300.00
CV72713	– with splenectomy and without pancreaticojejunostomy – laparoscopic.....	4456.00	7	1520.85
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) Start and end times must be included in patients chart and on claim submission. iii) If conversion to open procedure is necessary, bill open procedure plus 50% of laparoscopy fee, 04001.			
CV71714	– with splenic preservation – open	4156.00	7	1600.00
CV72714	– with splenic preservation – laparoscopic	5570.00	7	1277.23
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) Start and end times must be included in patients chart and on claim submission. iii) If conversion to open procedure is necessary, bill open procedure plus 50% of laparoscopy fee, 04001.			
CV71715	– with pancreaticojejunostomy and with splenectomy	4156.00	7	1500.00
CV71716	– with splenic preservation and pancreatico-jejunostomy	4366.00	7	1700.00
CV71717	Pancreatectomy, distal, near total with preservation of duodenum.....	4467.00	7	2400.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV71718	Excision ampulla of vater	4322.00	6	1062.67
CV71719	Pancreatectomy, proximal subtotal with total duodenectomy, partial gastrectomy, choledochojejunostomy and gastroenterostomy, with or without pancreaticojejunostomy (Whipple procedure)	5721.00	8	3045.21
CV71720	– pyloric sparing (Whipple procedure)	5721.00	8	3045.21
CV71721	Regional pancreatectomy to include above Whipple procedures with portal vein reconstruction, with portosystemic shunt and with celiac lymphadenectomy	6498.00	9	3449.82
CV71722	Total pancreatectomy with Whipple procedure	5976.00	8	2500.00
CV07714	Pancreaticojejunostomy; side-to-side anastomosis (Peustow type procedure) NOTE: Includes removal of calculi.	3822.00	6	1400.00
	Endocrine System - Pancreas - Repair: **External drainage, pseudocyst of pancreas:**			
V07756	– open	1764.00	5	1000.00
V07758	– laparoscopic	1764.00	5	1000.00
CV07711	Internal drainage or anastomosis of pancreatic pseudocyst to gastrointestinal tract - cyst-gastrostomy open (endoscopy payable separately)	2454.00	5	964.32
CV72711	Internal drainage or anastomosis of pancreatic pseudocyst of GI tract-laparoscopic NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgery. ii) If conversion to open procedure is necessary, bill open procedure (07711) at 100% plus 50% of laparoscopy fee, 04001.	4622.00	5	1114.48
CV07732	– transduodenal	3000.00	5	1015.07
CV07733	– Roux-en-Y	3122.00	5	1015.07

HERNIA - REPAIR

V71600	Repair inguinal or femoral hernia; under 6 months age, with or without hydrocelectomy	1557.00	2	406.03
V71601	– bilateral	2078.00	2	707.68
V71602	– incarcerated or strangulated	1763.00	3	507.54
V71603	Repair inguinal or femoral hernia; age 6 months to 12 years, with or without hydrocelectomy	1295.00	2	379.23
V71604	– bilateral	1815.00	2	606.64
V71605	– incarcerated or strangulated	1557.00	3	433.34

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Repair inguinal or femoral hernia; greater than age 12:			
V71606	– reducible - open	1727.00	2	364.12
V71607	– reducible - laparoscopic	1727.00	4	404.42
V71608	– incarcerated or strangulated	1769.00	3	411.85
	Repair recurrent inguinal or femoral hernia; any age:			
V71609	– reducible - open	1912.00	2	455.15
V71610	– reducible - laparoscopic	1912.00	4	505.52
V71611	– incarcerated or strangulated	2212.00	3	514.78
	Bilateral primary inguinal or femoral hernias greater than age 12, not incarcerated or recurrent:			
V71612	– open	2293.00	2	606.63
V71613	– laparoscopic	2293.00	4	667.08
	Repair initial incisional hernia : NOTE: Lysis of adhesions not payable in addition.			
V71614	– reducible	1911.00	2	596.65
V71615	– incarcerated or strangulated	2209.00	3	596.65
V71616	– using prosthetic mesh	2048.00	3	596.65
V71623	Laparoscopic initial ventral or incisional hernia repair, reducible or strangulated, with mesh, with or without enterolysis.	2395.00	5	697.44
	Repair recurrent incisional hernia:			
V71617	– reducible	2387.00	2	608.86
V71618	– incarcerated or strangulated	2761.00	3	609.16
V71624	Laparoscopic recurrent ventral or incisional hernia repair, reducible or strangulated, with mesh, with or without enterolysis. NOTE: Lysis of adhesions not payable in addition.	3087.00	6	761.21
CV71625	Myofascial abdominal wall advancement flaps (component separation procedure) for massive initial or recurrent incisional hernia repair. NOTES: i) For complex and recurrent abdominal wall hernias, with or without mesh. ii) To include removal of previous mesh, if required. iii) If Lysis of adhesions (70650 and 70651) is performed and takes longer than 30 minutes to complete, it is payable in addition after 30 minutes of time.	3829.00	7	866.70

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Repair umbilical hernia:			
V71619	– reducible	1068.00	2	343.80
V71620	– incarcerated or strangulated	1348.00	3	343.80
V71621	Repair of hernia with resection of bowel; all performed through same incision	2589.00	5	758.16
V71622	Repair of hernia with resection of bowel requiring a separate incision	3122.00	5	809.05
07596	Hernia, incisional; repair following laparotomy (with operative report) (extra) - operation only	331.00	2	125.00
V07610	Epigastric	831.00	4	343.80
CV70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	3107.00	9	1522.60

PEDIATRIC PROCEDURES

	Broviac type catheter:			
07139	– insertion of	561.00	2	162.55
V07140	– insertion of - less than 3 months of age or less than 3 kg.	1096.00	4	269.03
07141	– removal of - operation only	157.00	2	126.79
V07571	Pena posterior sagittal anal proctoplasty; primary surgeon	4682.00	6	1150.14
07593	Fee for second surgeon participating in Pena posterior sagittal anal proctoplasty	1385.00		339.13
	NOTE: When 07571 and 07593 are claimed, assistants' fees are not applicable to either surgeon for assisting the other.			
V07700	Total correction cloacal anomalies; primary surgeon	9817.00	6	2150.54
07702	Fee for second surgeon participating in total correction cloacal anomalies	1798.00		507.54
	NOTE: When 07700 and 07702 are claimed, assistants' fees are not applicable to either surgeon for assisting the other.			
V07690	Anoplasty; for imperforate anus	2752.00	4	602.52
V07466	Anal stricture; plastic repair, child	2058.00	2	450.49
	Proctectomy; complete (for congenital megacolon) abdominal and perineal approach with pull through procedure and anastomosis (e.g.: Swenson, Duhamel or Soave type operation):			
V72662	– synchronous - abdominal portion	5897.00	7	1314.90
CV07697	Excision of sacroccygeal teratoma	4814.00	6	1522.60

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Intestinal stricturoplasty (enterotomy and enterorrhaphy) with or without dilation for intestinal obstruction:			
V72647	– single	2078.00	5	606.54
V72648	– multiple (two or more)	2862.00	5	909.55
	Omphalocele or gastroschesis:			
V07615	– permanent repair	2492.00	7	613.07
V07614	– temporary repair	1638.00	7	402.23
CV70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	3107.00	9	1522.60
V07651	Reduction of volvulus, intussusception; internal hernia by laparotomy	2404.00	5	526.23
CV72751	Reduction of volvulus, intussusception, internal hernia – laparoscopic NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) If conversion to open procedure is required, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% plus fee item 04001 at 50%.	2825.00	5	657.80
V70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)	1638.00	5	505.35
V07552	Aortopexy for tracheomalacia	2598.00	9	1015.07
V07653	Atresia; small bowel	3000.00	6	1522.60
V07655	Excision of Meckel's diverticulum (diverticulectomy) or omphalo-mesenteric duct	1496.00	4	505.22
CV07692	Repair major anorectal anomalies with concurrent urogenital malformations via sacral approach	4126.00	7	1522.60
V71531	Repair tracheoesophageal fistula-cervical approach NOTE: To include gastrostomy.	3277.00	6	2000.00
V07630	Gastrostomy - open	1369.00	5	456.79
33394	Assistant fee for PEG procedure NOTE: S33326, 33394 may be billed by any qualified physician.	433.00		112.47
CV71532	Esophagoplasty (plastic repair or reconstruction); thoracic approach - without repair of tracheoesophageal fistula	3660.00	8	2000.00
CV71533	– with repair of tracheoesophageal fistula NOTE: Includes gastrostomy.	4238.00	8	2250.00
V71534	Division of tracheoesophageal fistula without esophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach) NOTE: Includes gastrostomy.	3277.00	8	804.44
	Esophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill) antireflux procedures:			
CV71535	– laparoscopic	4198.00	6	920.65
V71536	– open	3000.00	6	736.52

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V71650	Correction of malrotation by lysis of duodenal bands and/or reduction of midgut volvulus (e.g.: Ladd procedure)	1909.00	5	505.61
V71651	Correction of malrotation by lysis of duodenal bands and/or reduction of midgut volvulus (e.g.: Ladd procedure) – laparoscopic	2590.00	5	586.02
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons. ii) If conversion to open procedure is required, bill under the appropriate open procedure at 100% plus fee item 04001 at 50%.			

TRAUMA

	NOTE: Trauma fee items are to be charged in cases of blunt and/or penetrating abdominal injury. They do not apply to incidental intraoperative injury to abdominal structures.			
SV07150	Insertion of Thoracostomy Tube	523.00	4	203.01
	NOTES: i) Restricted to General Surgeons and Respirologists. ii) Must be a French 20 or greater thoracostomy tube. iii) Payable once for each chest cavity per day, if performed bilaterally billable at 150%. iv) Not payable with 10087, 10088, 10089, 01088, 32031, 00081 and critical care fees.			
S32031	Closed drainage of chest (operation only)	428.00	4	136.94
07430	Diagnostic peritoneal lavage (catheter) - operation only	419.00	3	102.83
V07432	Laparotomy in the trauma patient	1851.00	5	454.41
V07431	Repair diaphragmatic injury	3277.00	8	804.44
	Hepatorrhaphy; suture of liver wound or injury:			
V07412	– simple	2239.00	8	609.04
V07413	– with packing	2631.00	8	644.63
V07440	– resectional debridement of liver	4110.00	8	1268.85
V07441	Hepatic artery ligation, to include resectional debridement where indicated	3863.00	8	1015.07
V07442	Hepatic lobectomy for trauma, to include resectional debridement where indicated	5246.00	9	2500.00
V07434	Laparotomy and splenic repair, any method	3038.00	7	758.60
V07433	Laparotomy to include removal of injured spleen	2631.00	7	850.00
V07435	Repair of lacerations to stomach	2330.00	7	750.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V07436	Exploration and mobilization of duodenum and pancreas	2631.00	7	644.63
V07437	Repair of laceration to duodenum	3490.00	7	857.71
V07438	Resection and debridement of duodenal injury; to include duodenal diverticulisation where indicated	4368.00	7	1522.60
V07445	Repair of lacerations to small bowel	2330.00	7	572.71
V07446	Resection of injured small bowel	2631.00	7	644.63
V07450	Exteriorization of colonic injury	2752.00	7	602.52
V07448	Repair of colonic injury with or without colostomy	4398.00	7	962.78
V07449	Resection of colonic injury	4398.00	7	962.78
V07452	Repair of extra-peritoneal rectum with or without colostomy	4398.00	7	962.78
V07447	Repair of mesenteric injury	07447b mc	6	572.71
V07443	Resection of distal pancreas for trauma	3490.00	8	1268.85
V07444	Pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple procedure) for trauma	6992.00	9	3045.21
77350	Supra renal aortic crossclamp – extra to abdominal vascular or major trauma cases (operation only) NOTE: Operative report required.			

VASCULAR

VENOUS

Chronic or Varicose Veins:

NOTE: Treatment of varicose vein pathology is a benefit under MSP only if the patient is symptomatic with varicose veins of at least 3 mm and has one or more of the following:

i) Pain, aching, cramping, burning, itching and/or swelling during activity or after prolonged standing severe enough to impair mobility.
ii) Recurrent episodes of superficial phlebitis.
iii) Non-healing skin ulceration.
iv) Bleeding from a varicosity.
v) Stasis dermatitis.
vi) Refractory dependent edema.

77045	Varicose veins, injection, each visit NOTE: Treatment for cosmetic purposes is not a benefit under MSP.	37.80		13.46

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
77046	Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy – initial	431.00		171.95
77047	Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy –repeat	431.00		171.95
	NOTES: i) 77046 and 77047 may each be charged only once per patient per leg per lifetime. ii) One additional repeat per leg may be billed under fee item 77060 in the same 12 month period. iii) Services in subsequent 12 month periods should be billed in accordance with the notes following fee item 77050 and 77060.			
	Compression sclerotherapy:			
77050	– initial	227.00	2	80.82
77060	– repeat	108.00	2	37.87
	NOTES: i) 77050 may be charged only once per 12 month period for each leg, and 77060 only twice in the same period. ii) If in the same 12 month period following fee item 77046 and 77047, only one additional repeat is payable per leg under fee item 77060.			
77065	High ligation, long saphenous	405.00	2	223.03
V07108	Stripping long saphenous	1046.00	2	263.88
V07109	Stripping short saphenous	602.00	2	228.30
	Multiple ligations and stripping tributaries:			
07110	– 3 to 5 incisions - operation only	449.00	2	278.91
V07111	– 6 or more incisions	784.00	2	304.28
V07112	Ligation of 2 or more perforators	811.00	2	278.91
77070	Complete fasciotomy with or without multiple ligations	899.00	2	319.25
	NOTE: For decompression fasciotomy, see 77360.			
77075	Re-exploration, groin and/or popliteal fossa	848.00	2	300.19
V07116	Multiple ligations, strippings and perforators; re-exploration of groin and/or popliteal fossa (to include complete fasciotomy)	2123.00	3	523.41
77077	Excision of ulcer and grafting - add full fee to venous procedures - operation only	339.00	3	120.28
77079	Venous crossover graft for iliac obstruction	1713.00	7	609.87
	Acute Venous:			
77082	Ligation of femoral vein	420.00	2	148.84

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
77084	Ligation or fenestration of inferior vena cava (requires laparotomy)	1393.00	5	495.27
77086	Thrombectomy for acute ilio-femoral thrombophlebitis	1748.00	5	620.60
	Portosystemic Shunting:			
C77090	Spleno-renal shunt	2657.00	8	945.05
C77092	Porto-caval shunt	2657.00	8	945.05
	Mesocaval graft:			
C77094	– Synthetic	2657.00	8	945.05
C77096	– autogenous	2827.00	8	1006.21

ARTERIAL SYSTEM

NOTE: Repeat Vascular Surgery:

i) Same procedure within 24 hours - 75% of listed fee.

ii) Same procedure after 24 hours - see repeat surgery items 77043 & 77112 and applicable notes.

	Thrombectomy, Embolectomy:			
C77115	Thrombectomy with or without angioplasty	1566.00	5	556.73
C77120	Embolectomy - trunk or extremities (subclassified by location and incision)	1748.00	5	620.60
C77125	– one side	1257.00	5	446.10
	Removal of Synthetic Graft:			
77100	– without replacement (payable at 100% of current fee listed for the initial insertion).			
77102	– with replacement at the same site (payable at 50% of current fee listed for the initial insertion), extra to the replacement graft.			
77104	– with replacement at a different site (payable at 75% of current fee listed for the initial insertion), extra to the replacement graft.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) 77100, 77102, & 77104 are payable only where more than 21 days have elapsed since insertion and where more than 50% of the graft is removed. ii) 77043 is not payable in addition to 77100 or 77102, 77104, or to the replacement graft where removal also is claimed. iii) Initial graft procedure fee item should be submitted with claim as a note record. iv) Anesthetic procedural fee should be claimed in equity with that listed for the initial insertion (for 77100), and in equity with that listed for the replacement graft (for 77102, 77104).			
	Neck or Thoracic:			
	Bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thrombo-endarterectomy:			
C77130	– carotid arteries	1848.00	8	981.24
C77135	– inominate	2192.00	5	779.13
C77140	– subclavian	2089.00	5	846.50
C77145	Ligation of carotid artery	720.00	5	255.38
	Groin Dissection:			
C77180	Resection of abdominal aneurysm with associated femoral dissection - one or both sides (extra fee to be added to procedure) - operation only NOTE: Peripheral aneurysm - charge associated bypass graft procedure.	350.00	9	124.11
C77110	Re-exploration of groin for bleeding or hematoma - operation only	355.00	4	125.47
77112	Re-dissection of groin (after 21 days) - extra NOTE: Not payable with fee items 77100, 77102, 77104 or 77043.	372.00	4	132.47
77043	Re-dissection of artery/vein at site of previous anastomosis, arteriotomy or venotomy (after 21 days) - extra. Payable at 25% of listed fee for open surgery performed. NOTES: i) Payable once per side only. ii) For re-dissection of groin with revision of graft, item 77043 does not apply - see fee item 77112. iii) Not payable with fee items 77100, 77102, 77104, or 77112.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Aortoiliac:			
	Bypass graft (synthetic or autologous vein) and/or thromboendarterectomy including extension onto femoral artery by either retroperitoneal or trans peritoneal approach			
	Note: Harvest of autologous vein (77280, 77285, 77290 or 77295) paid at 100%.			
C77150	– aorta and/or iliac (unilateral)	2089.00	9	892.24
C77155	– aorta and/or iliac (bilateral)	2436.00	9	1400.80
C77160	– aorto-femoral and/or ilio-femoral (unilateral)	2436.00	9	866.39
C77165	– aorta-femoral and/or ilio-femoral (bilateral)	2790.00	9	1400.80
	Aneurysm:			
	NOTE: Peripheral aneurysm - charge associated bypass graft procedure.			
77170	Arteriovenous aneurysm	1393.00	9	495.27
C77175	Abdominal aneurysm, with grafting	2790.00	9	1397.15
C77185	Ruptured aneurysm, with grafting	3302.00	10	1598.26
	Mesenteric:			
C77190	Superior mesenteric bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	2262.00	7	892.23
C77195	Superior mesenteric bypass graft (autogenous vein)	2262.00	7	892.23
	Renal:			
C77200	Renal bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	2433.00	7	892.23
C77205	Renal bypass graft (autogenous vein)	2433.00	7	892.23
	Axillo - Femoral:			
	Axillo-femoral bypass graft and/or thromboendarterectomy:			
C77210	– unilateral	2089.00	7	979.23
C77215	– bilateral	2436.00	7	1269.39
	Femoral Crossover:			
C77230	Femoro-femoral crossover bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	1748.00	5	930.69
C77235	Femoro-femoral crossover bypass graft (autogenous vein)	1953.00	5	930.69
	Infrainguinal:			
C77240	Femoral bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy (common or superficial endarterectomy)	1393.00	5	858.35
C77245	– popliteal (endarterectomy)	1909.00	5	679.59
C77250	– popliteal (synthetic)	1746.00	5	620.53
C77255	– anterior, posterior tibial or peroneal	2089.00	5	742.29

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Bypass graft (Autogenous Vein):			
C77260	– femoral	2017.00	5	859.23
C77265	– popliteal	2017.00	5	1072.16
C77270	– anterior, posterior tibial or peroneal	2368.00	5	1115.63
77275	– in situ vein graft (extra)	619.00	7	257.02
77280	– non-ipsilateral long saphenous graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77285	– short saphenous graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77290	– superficial femoral vein graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77295	– arm vein graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77300	– A-V fistula with bypass graft in limb salvage (extra)	522.00	7	185.56
	Profunda thromboendarterectomy:			
77310	Profunda thromboendarterectomy without patch repair	1553.00	5	553.02
77315	Profunda thromboendarterectomy with patch repair (synthetic or autologous)	2113.00	5	750.88
	Trauma:			
	Repair of injury of major vessel in extremity:			
C77330	– suture	1643.00	6	583.75
C77335	– graft	2113.00	6	750.88
	Repair of injury of major vessel in trunk:			
C77340	– suture	2465.00	9	876.21
C77345	– graft	3289.00	9	1168.71
77350	Supra-renal aortic cross-clamp - extra to abdominal vascular or major trauma cases - operation only NOTE: Operative report required.	322.00		114.21
	Fasciotomy:			
77360	Decompression fasciotomy - subcutaneous NOTE: 77360 includes secondary closure.	692.00	3	334.57
	Miscellaneous:			
77370	Release of popliteal entrapment syndrome NOTE: Not to be paid if full femoral popliteal bypass is performed.	812.00	3	334.57
00722	Arteriography, operative - procedural fee	308.00		75.51
	Second Operator:			
77025	Synchronous combined bypass graft – extremities	848.00		300.19
77030	– trunk NOTE: Items 77025 and 77030, provide operative report by second operator when requested by MSP.	848.00		300.19

RENAL ACCESS

77380	Insertion permanent peritoneal catheter (procedural fee only)	536.00	3	190.68

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
77385	Removal by dissection of chronic peritoneal catheter (operation only) NOTE: For removal of Tenckhoff type chronic peritoneal catheter not requiring surgical dissection, use visit fees.	372.00	3	132.26
77395	Creation of internal arterio-venous fistula	1045.00	4	414.93
77396	Revision of AV fistula NOTES: i) Restricted to Vascular and General Surgeons. ii) Not paid with renal access fees (77380, 77385, 77395, 77400, 77402, 77403, 77405). iii) Not paid with the following vein graft fees (77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77300). iv) 77043 not paid with this fee.	1260.00	5	505.58
77400	Synthetic AV graft for hemodialysis NOTE: Not paid with 77295, 77395, 77396 and 77402.	1288.00	4	707.49
77402	Creation of brachiobasilic arteriovenous fistula with vein transposition NOTE: Not paid with 77260, 77265, 77270, 77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77330, 77395 and 77400.	1885.00	5	707.74
77403	Arm revascularization with distal revascularization and interval ligation (DRIL) NOTE: Not paid with C77260, 77265, 77270, 77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77300, 77395, and 77396.	1763.00	5	707.73
77405	Thrombectomy of arterio-venous fistula	984.00	3	349.01

SYMPATHECTOMY

77420	Lumbar sympathectomy - unilateral	1045.00	4	371.15
77422	Cervical sympathectomy - unilateral	1287.00	5	501.87
77424	Preganglionic sympathectomy; upper dorsal region - unilateral	1287.00	7	458.38
77426	Lumbo-dorsal sympathectomy and splanchnic neurectomy - unilateral	1287.00	7	458.38
	Lumbar sympathectomy with abdominal procedure:			
77428	– unilateral (extra)	350.00		124.12
77430	– bilateral (extra)	697.00		248.26

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

V07360	Splenectomy	2631.00	6	808.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CV07368	Laparoscopic splenectomy NOTES: i) Fee items 07360 or 07434 not payable in addition. ii) If laparoscopic procedure is converted to open, bill under 07360 at 100% and 04001 at 50%.	3277.00	6	809.21
V07361	TB glands - radical removal	1096.00	4	269.03
V07363	Radical femoral, inguinal and/or iliac dissection	2186.00	5	536.76
CV07365	Isolated limb perfusion to include groin dissection and laparotomy	3822.00	5	938.97
CV07366	Laparotomy and staging of lymphoma (to include splenectomy)	3174.00	6	909.86

LYMPHOEDEMA – LEG

Lymphoedema of limbs - excision and grafting:

06127	– entire leg	2782.00	3	700.04
06128	– entire lower extremity	4161.00	3	1046.58

ABDOMINAL SURGERY

Miscellaneous:

V07603	Resuture abdominal wound evisceration	1096.00	5	406.03
07451	Thoracic extension of abdominal incision (extra)	1161.00	8	285.69
V07600	Exploratory laparotomy (to include biopsy)	1410.00	5	405.81
V07597	Post-operative hemorrhage; intra-abdominal management	1545.00	6	379.58
V07601	Intra-abdominal abscess excluding intrahepatic (stand-alone procedure) NOTE: Not paid for post operative hemorrhage (by any approach) which should be billed as fee item 07597.	1764.00	5	434.19
V72600	Temporary or delayed abdominal closure for complex abdominal sepsis or abdominal compartment syndrome – with Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC) system Bogota bag or other temporary abdominal closure system (with or without abdominal exploration and washout)	1487.00	5	376.25

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable only in the operating room or ICU under general anesthesia. ii) Repeat services billed at 100%. iii) If required over 10 times in a single hospital stay, provide explanation in a note record. iv) Not billable in addition to 07600 or 07601.			
S04001	Laparoscopy (operation only)	615.00	4	210.56
	Removal of indwelling Enteral tubes with or without exploration of tube insertion site:			
S71280	– not requiring anesthesia (operation only)	132.00		30.65
S71281	– requiring local or regional anesthesia (operation only)	259.00		63.06
S71282	– requiring general anesthesia (operation only)	435.00	2	203.93
S71283	– replacement of tube - extra	132.00		30.65
	NOTES: i) Tray fee is not paid when the procedure is performed in hospital or publicly-funded facilities (D&T Centres, psychiatric facilities). ii) Not paid with Fee Items 07517, 07518, 07519, 07562, 07781, 07782, 07783, 70637 and 33326. iii) Restricted to General Surgeons. iv) Paid at 50% with endoscopy.			
CV71290	Resection of retroperitoneal or intra-abdominal soft tissue tumour measuring 10 cm or greater - first 60 minutes.	2062.00	8	662.77
C71291	Resection of retroperitoneal or intra-abdominal soft tissue tumour measuring 10 cm or greater - each additional 15 minutes or greater portion thereof.	224.00		76.47
	NOTES: i) Payment restricted to General Surgeons. ii) Not paid with fee items 51051, 51052, 04029 or 04628. iii) Start and end times are required in the claim and the patient's chart for the resection of the tumour and cannot be billed for time performing concurrent procedures.			
CV71292	Peritonectomy, with or without intraperitoneal chemotherapy – each hour (up to 8 hours).....	2832.00	7	662.77
CV71293	Peritonectomy, with or without intraperitoneal chemotherapy – each additional 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (maximum of 16 units per patient).....	218.00	7	75.60

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payment restricted to General Surgeons. ii) This is an all-inclusive fee, for the day of surgery, under the same anesthetic. iii) Start and end times are required in the claim and the patient's chart.			

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES OR ENDOSCOPY

07764	Cholangiography; operative (extra)	268.00		80.86
07710	Pancreatogram with or without sphincterotomy done in conjunction with any of the biliary or pancreatic surgical procedures (extra)	272.00		67.19
S00869	Manometry, adult - anal	259.00	2	101.37
S00797	Esophageal, motility test	561.00		176.15
S00788	– technical fee	300.00		74.35
S00798	– professional fee	259.00		101.79
	Esophageal pH study for reflux (extra):			
S00817	– technical fee	54.40		12.44
S00818	– professional fee	177.00		40.82
S00826	Biopsy of pancreas - percutaneous	331.00	2	101.44
S00809	Retrograde pancreatography	937.00	3	216.54
S10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	400.00	3	89.73
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74
S10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy	128.00	3	29.06
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to S10761, S10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs. ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.			
S10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma	196.00	3	43.58
	NOTES: i) Paid only once per endoscopy. ii) Paid only in addition to S10763 at 100%. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.			
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	330.00	4	195.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
SY00716	Sigmoidoscopy; flexible; diagnostic - procedural fee	263.00	2	76.09
SY00718	Sigmoidoscopy; flexible; diagnostic - with biopsy.....	335.00	2	77.34
33373	Colonoscopy with flexible colonoscope, biopsy	935.00	2	235.15
33374	– removal of polyp	1393.00	2	283.50
S00780	Schirmer's test (included in fee item 02015)	57.80		13.15
SY00789	Peritoneal lavage	281.00	2	85.74

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33410	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00		184.76
33412	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		105.13
33401	Comprehensive geriatric consultation - limited to patients aged 65 years and over: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care	899.00		291.50

NOTES:

i) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assessment and management of medical condition(s)/syndrome(s) in patients 65 yrs. and over.
- Assessment of failure to thrive and frailty.
- Mobility decline and falls.
- Polypharmacy, review of medication tolerability/response and compliance issues.
- Incontinence.
- Co-management with geriatric psychiatry, particularly where there is significant medical instability.
- Elder abuse/neglect, caregiver stress.
- Assessment/monitoring of functional status including issues of competency and “living at risk”.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Minimum time requirement for service 65 minutes clinical assessment time. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
33402	Geriatric reassessment - subsequent to comprehensive consultation - limited to patients aged 65 years and over	215.00		101.57
	NOTES: i) See 33401 note i) for billing criteria. ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 20 minutes. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) Payable once per hospital admission unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments. v) Payable up to twice per month per patient only when service rendered in out-patient setting unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments.			
P33403	Comprehensive cognitive consultation – for dementia or cognitive problems: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care.....	655.00		291.50
	NOTES: i) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. The focus here is the cognitive impairment and how it is affecting the patient's ability to function. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to the following: • Assessment of dementia, using some form of formal cognitive measurement, as well as integrating reports from family/homemakers/Home Health. • Behavioural/affective issues in dementia management.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	• Management of common psychiatric syndrome in the elderly, including depression, anxiety, insomnia, psychosis, bipolar disorder. • Substance abuse disorders. • Assessment/monitoring of functional status including issues of competency and "living at risk". • Issues identified in 33401 may enter into the picture. ii) Minimum time requirement for services is 65 minutes clinical assessment time. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
P33404	Geriatric reassessment subsequent to comprehensive consultation - for dementia or cognitive problems..... NOTES: i) See 33403 note i) for billing criteria. ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 20 minutes. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) payable once per hospital admission unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments. v) payable up to twice per month per patient only when service rendered in out-patient setting unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments.	228.00		101.57
P33440	Complex consultation – for 2 or more conditions: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care ..... NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine Specialists. ii) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to, the following: • Septicemia • Other HIV infection	449.00		200.00

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- DM including complications
- Disorders of Lipid Metabolism
- Thyroid disorders
- Purpura, thrombocytopenia and hemorrhagic conditions
- Anemia, unspecified
- Senile dementia, presenile dementia
- Acute confusional state
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Diseases of the aortic and mitral valve
- Essential hypertension
- Coronary atherosclerosis
- Neoplasm of uncertain behaviour of other and unspecified sites. “Not for minor or superficial skin malignancies”
- Cardiac dysarrhythmias
- Cerebral atherosclerosis
- Asthma allergic bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Other bacterial pneumonia
- Non infective enteritis and colitis
- GI hemorrhage
- Chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis of the liver
- CRF
- ARF
- Disorders of fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance
- Syncope
- Venous thrombosis and embolism
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

P33442	Complex repeat or limited complex consultation – for 2 conditions: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.....	270.00		120.00

NOTES:

i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists.

ii) See 33440 note ii) for billing criteria.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33414	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	287.00		53.21
33413	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	581.00		99.46
33415	- second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof	296.00		49.68
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
33406	Directive care	105.00		48.20
P33446	Comprehensive or complex directive care NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	163.00		72.00
33407	Subsequent office visit	111.00		55.00
P33447	Comprehensive or complex subsequent office visit NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	158.00		70.00
33408	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		34.50
P33448	Comprehensive or complex subsequent hospital visit NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	96.50		43.00
33409	Subsequent home visit	162.00		140.00
33405	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00		122.15

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
33470	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	570.00		184.76
33472	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	287.00		105.13
33421	Telehealth Comprehensive geriatric consultation - limited to patients aged **65** years and over: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care.	899.00		291.50

NOTES:

i) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to the following:
   - Assessment and management of medical condition(s)/syndrome(s) in patients 65 yrs. and over.
   - Assessment of failure to thrive and frailty.
   - Mobility decline and falls.
   - Polypharmacy, review of medication tolerability/response and compliance issues.
   - Incontinence.
   - Co-management with geriatric psychiatry, particularly where there is significant medical instability.
   - Elder abuse/neglect, caregiver stress.
   - Assessment/monitoring of functional status including issues of competency and “living at risk”.

ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 75 minutes, with 65 minutes clinical assessment time and 10 minutes report preparation time.

iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33422	Telehealth Geriatric reassessment - subsequent to comprehensive consultation - limited to patients aged 65 years and over.	215.00		101.57

NOTES:

i) See 33421 note i) for billing criteria.

ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 20 minutes.

iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

iv) Payable once per hospital admission unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments.

v) Payable up to twice per month per patient only when service rendered in out-patient setting unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments.

P33473	Telehealth Comprehensive cognitive consultation – for dementia or cognitive problems: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care	655.00		291.50

NOTES:

i) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. The focus here is the cognitive impairment and how it is affecting the patient’s ability to function. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assessment of dementia, using some form of formal cognitive measurement, as well as integrating reports from family/homemakers/Home Health.
- Behavioural/affective issues in dementia management.
- Management of common psychiatric syndrome in the elderly, including depression, anxiety, insomnia, psychosis, bipolar disorder.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	• Substance abuse disorders. • Assessment/monitoring of functional status including issues of competency and “living at risk”. • Issues identified in 33401 may enter into the picture. ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 65 minutes clinical assessment time. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient’s chart.			
P33474	Telehealth Geriatric reassessment subsequent to comprehensive consultation - for dementia or cognitive problems	228.00		101.57
	NOTES: i) See 33473 note i) for billing criteria. ii) Minimum time requirement for services is 20 minutes. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient’s chart. iv) Payable once per hospital admission unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments. v) Payable up to twice per month per patient only when service rendered in out-patient setting unless note record provided to indicate medical necessity for additional reassessments.			
P33423	Telehealth Complex consultation – for 2 or more conditions: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report which reflects the necessary components and complexity of care	449.00		200.00
	NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine Specialists. ii) Applicable only when written report includes at least two aspects of complexity. Common clinical syndromes include, but are not limited to, the following:			

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

- Septicemia
- Other HIV infection
- DM including complications
- Disorders of Lipid Metabolism
- Thyroid disorders
- Purpura, thrombocytopenia and hemorrhagic conditions
- Anemia, unspecified
- Senile dementia, presenile dementia
- Acute confusional state
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Diseases of the aortic and mitral valve
- Essential hypertension
- Coronary atherosclerosis
- Neoplasm of uncertain behaviour of other and unspecified sites. “Not for minor or superficial skin malignancies.”
- Cardiac dysarrhythmias
- Cerebral atherosclerosis
- Asthma allergic bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Other bacterial pneumonia
- Non infective enteritis and colitis
- GI hemorrhage
- Chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis of the liver
- CRF
- ARF
- Disorders of fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance
- Syncope
- Venous thrombosis and embolism
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P33424	Telehealth Complex repeat or limited consultation – for 2 condition: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine Specialists. ii) See 33423 note ii) for billing criteria.	270.00		120.00
33476	Telehealth directive care	105.00		48.20
P33426	Telehealth Comprehensive or complex directive care NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	163.00		72.00
33477	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00		55.00
P33427	Telehealth Comprehensive or complex subsequent office visit NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	158.00		70.00
33478	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	80.90		34.50
P33428	Telehealth Comprehensive or complex subsequent hospital visit NOTES: i) Payable only for Geriatric Medicine specialists. ii) Payable only following comprehensive (33401, 33421), comprehensive cognitive (33403, 33473), complex (33440, 33423) or complex repeat or limited (33442, 33424) consultations.	96.50		43.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MISCELLANEOUS				
G33445	Geriatric Care Conference (planning for patient), - per 15 minutes, or greater portion thereof.	120.00		48.68
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Geriatric Medicine. ii) Requires interdisciplinary team meeting of at least one allied health professional, and may or may not include family members and/or representatives. iii) Billable after any comprehensive or complex consult (33401, 33403, 33421, 33423, 33440, 33473) or follow up (33402, 33404, 33422, 33424, 33442, 33474) by a Geriatrician in the last 6 months. iv) Maximum six paid per patient, per sitting. v) Maximum thirty-two paid per patient, per calendar year. vi) The results of the conference, as well as the names and roles of those who participated in the meeting must be documented in patient's chart, and result communicated to the FP/GP, Specialist and/or appropriate Health care practitioner involved in the care of the patient. vii) Claim must state start and end times of this service. viii) Not payable to physicians for services provided within time periods when working under salary, service contract, or sessional arrangements. ix) Visit paid in addition, if medically required and does not take place concurrently with the conference. Medically required visits performed consecutive to this fee will be paid.			
G33450	Family Conference (planning for patient) - per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof.	109.00		43.55
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Geriatric Medicine. ii) One or more family members/representatives must be present.			

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iii) Billable after any comprehensive or complex consult (33401, 33403, 33421, 33423, 33440, 33473) or follow up (33402, 33404, 33422, 33424, 33442, 33474) by a Geriatrician in the last 6 months.
iv) Maximum of four per patient, per sitting.
v) Annual maximum of eight per patient.
vi) The results of the conference, as well as the names and roles of those who participated in the meeting must be documented in the patient's chart, and result communicated to FP/GP.
vii) Claim must state start and end times of this service.
viii) Not payable to physicians for services provided within time periods when working under salary, service contract, or sessional arrangements.
ix) Visit paid in addition, if medically required and does not take place concurrently with the conference. Medically required visits performed consecutive to this fee will be paid.

HEMATOLOGY / MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33510	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	570.00		173.27
33512	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		82.60
33520	**Complex Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report for complex patient.....	986.00		229.42

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Hematology and Oncology.

ii) Paid to a maximum of one per patient within six months of the last visit.

iii) Not paid in addition to 33510, 33512, 33506, 33507, 33508, 33522 or 33527.

iv) Payable only for patients who are being directly managed for one of the following hematologic diseases:

- Multiple myeloma, **excludes** monoclonal paraproteinemia/monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance
- Acute leukemia **excludes** chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Hereditary hemolytic anemia
- Acquired hemolytic anemia
- Aplastic anemia and red cell aplasia

Or one of the following diseases <u>with qualifying features:</u>

- Myelodysplastic syndrome or Myelofibrosis requiring chemotherapy, transfusion or growth factor therapy

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	• Coagulation defects requiring factor concentrate, transfusion or other hemostatic therapy • Thrombocytopenia requiring immunosuppressive, transfusion or growth factor therapy • Venous thromboembolism (VTE) / Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis that is: ○ unprovoked, ○ in a patient with cancer, ○ in a pregnant patient ○ in a patient with a contraindication to anticoagulation			
33522	**Repeat or Limited Consultation, Complex Patient:** Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	381.00		112.16
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Hematology and Oncology. ii) Not paid in addition to 33510, 33512, 33506, 33507, 33508, 33520, or 33527. iii) Payable for complex patients (see notes for Complex Consultation – 33520).			
33514	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only)	287.00		78.88
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
33513	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	581.00		113.76
33515	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof	296.00		56.84
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>			
33506	Directive care	105.00		77.12
33507	Subsequent office visit	111.00		55.58
33527	Subsequent Office Visit, Complex Patient	216.00		90.75

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Hematology and Oncology. ii) Not paid in addition to 33510, 33512, 33506, 33507, 33508, 33520 or 33522. iii) Payable for complex patients (see notes for Complex Consultation 33520). iv) Payment not contingent on whether or not a complex consultation was billed in the preceding 6 months.			
33508	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		55.68
33509	Subsequent home visit	162.00		52.04
33505	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00		145.13

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with The Patient

33570	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00		173.27
33572	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		82.60
33577	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00		55.58

EXAMINATION BY CERTIFIED HEMATOLOGIST AND ONCOLOGIST

33538	Plasmapheresis	533.00		187.29

PUNCTURE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING BODY FLUIDS (When performed for diagnostic purposes)

S00753	Marrow aspiration - procedural fee	145.00	2	43.77

CHEMOTHERAPY

a) Where a patient has been administered high intensity cancer chemotherapy, the fees for limited cancer chemotherapy are not payable within the interim of 28 days.

b) Hospital visits are not payable on the same day.

c) Visit fees are payable on subsequent days, when rendered.

d) A consultation, when rendered, is payable in addition to fee item 33581, high intensity cancer chemotherapy, in situations where it is important that chemotherapy be administered immediately (e.g.: for out of town patients). A letter of explanation is required when both services are performed on the same day.

e) The administering of chemotherapy via intrathecal and intrabladder methods is payable under the chemotherapy listings. Other methods of administration, such as oral and rectal, are not payable under these listings.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33581	High intensity cancer chemotherapy: To include admission history and physical examination, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line, and administration of a parenteral chemotherapeutic program which must be given on an in-patient basis..... NOTE: This service is not payable more frequently than once every 28 days. The following treatments fall into this category: i) Chemotherapy for acute leukemia; ii) Chemotherapy utilizing cisplatinum given in a dose exceeding 50 mg/m2 per treatment; iii) Chemotherapy utilizing isophosphamide in combination with bladder protector Mesna; iv) Chemotherapy using DTIC in a dose exceeding 100 mg/m2; v) Chemotherapy utilizing methotrexate in a dose exceeding 1 g/m2 (and combined with the folic acid rescue regimen); and vi) Chemotherapy using continuous infusion technique exceeding a period of 8 hours per session (except for the infusional 5-FU treatment protocol).	587.00		203.27
33582	Major cancer chemotherapy: To include history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line, and administration of multiple parenteral chemotherapeutic agents ..... NOTE: This service is not payable more than once every seven (7) days.	368.00		119.21

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33583	Limited cancer chemotherapy: To include history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line and administration of a single parenteral chemotherapeutic agent ..... NOTE: This item is not payable more than once every seven days. Neither is it to be billed for routine IV push administration of 5-fluorouracil as a single agent.	187.00		68.11
S00748	Bone biopsy under local/regional anesthetic.....	143.00		63.72

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33610	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	612.00		202.86
33612	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	261.00		107.67
33614	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only)	171.00		55.95
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
33613	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	350.00		114.64
33615	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof	174.00		57.28
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
33620	Infectious Disease Extended Consultation for complex infectious diseases issues (antibiotic resistant organisms, outbreak management/infection control, tropical disease management), when requested by another Infectious Diseases Specialist, Internist, Internal Medicine Sub-Specialist, Pediatricians and Anesthesiologists. Includes history, physical examination, review of x-rays and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	1025.00		335.29

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Minimum time requirement for service is 75 minutes (actual time spent with patient). Please submit start and stop times in the claim submission and log time in patient's chart. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iii) If an Infectious Diseases specialist receives a referral by a physician other than the specialty types noted above and the conditions defined within the consultation service are met, a claim may be submitted under 33620 with correspondence/note record outlining medical necessity. Each case will be reviewed independently.			
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
33606	Directive care	147.00		61.36
33607	Subsequent office visit	153.00		56.80
33608	Subsequent hospital visit	90.10		40.57
33609	Subsequent home visit	162.00		52.41
33605	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	355.00		116.16
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link				
33630	Telehealth Consultation: Shall include a detailed history and physical examination, review of previous medical records, discussion with family, friends or witnesses, evaluation of appropriate laboratory, X-ray and ECG findings and report of opinions and recommendations in writing to the referring physician NOTE: Restricted to FRCP Infectious Disease Physicians.	612.00		202.86
33632	Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	261.00		107.67
33636	Telehealth directive care	147.00		61.36
33637	Telehealth subsequent office visit	153.00		56.80
33638	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	90.10		40.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PUNCTURE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING BODY FLUIDS				
(When performed for diagnostic purposes)				
SY00750	Lumbar puncture - procedural fee	209.00	2	54.99
S00753	Marrow aspiration - procedural fee	145.00	2	43.77
SY00757	Joint aspiration - procedural fee (not in addition to 00014 or 00015) - other joints	42.45	2	11.99
S00759	Paracentesis (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	96.40	2	84.00
S00760	Paracentesis (abdominal) - procedural fee	69.70	2	25.79
S00764	Intracutaneous test - per test	9.95		9.95
NEEDLE BIOPSY PROCEDURES				
	These biopsies include only those done by needle. Biopsies involving the incision of skin or mucous membrane or involving total or partial removal of a lesion are regarded as surgical procedures, i.e. biopsy of breast, brain, larynx, skin, facial skin, lymph nodes, prostate, etc.			
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis-procedural fee	200.00	2	130.41
ELBOW, PROXIMAL RADIUS AND ULNA				
	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11302	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath.	90.10	2	23.23
HAND AND WRIST				
	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11402	Aspiration - bursa, synovial sheath, etc.	90.10	2	23.23
PELVIS, HIP AND FEMUR				
	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11501	Aspiration hip joint	90.10	2	23.23
S11502	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath.	44.90	2	11.63
FEMUR, KNEE JOINT, TIBIA AND FIBULA				
	Incision: Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11602	Aspiration - bursa, tendon sheath or other peri-articular structures	90.10	2	23.23
MISCELLANEOUS				
13600	Biopsy of skin or mucosa - operation only NOTE: Punch or shave biopsies not to be charged under fee items 13600 or 13601.	119.00	2	51.92

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MISCELLANEOUS VISITS				
33645	Infectious Disease Care Management of HIV/AIDS – in or out of office visit – per half hour or major portion thereof.....	252.00		102.36
	NOTES: i) Payable to Infectious Diseases specialists only. ii) When performed in conjunction with visit, counselling or consultations, only the larger fee is paid. iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 042, 043 and 044. iv) Start and end times must be included on claim, and in patient's chart. v) Services that are less than 15 minutes should be billed under the appropriate visit fee item.			
TELEPHONE ADVICE				
G33655	Home Parenteral Antibiotic Management Fee, for active antibiotic treatment only.....	45.30		18.78
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Infectious Diseases specialists. ii) This fee may be billed for advice by telephone, fax, e-mail, or in written form. iii) This fee may be billed to a maximum of one per patient, per physician, per day. iv) This fee may be billed up to 4 services per calendar week per physician per patient. v) This fee may not be billed in addition to visits, out-of-office premiums, or other services provided on the same day, by the same physician, for the same patient. vi) A note record must be included for payment past 42 days.			

GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
	There are now referred cases fee items for both Internal Medicine and General Internal Medicine. Where there is no specific fee item listed under General Internal Medicine, use applicable Internal Medicine fee.			
INTERNAL MEDICINE				
00310	Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	628.00		167.60
00312	Repeat or Limited Consultation: Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	317.00		80.97
00314	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only)	317.00		55.12
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients			
00313	- first full hour	637.00		112.89
00315	- second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof ..	326.00		56.40
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>			
00306	Directive care	115.00		71.85
00307	Subsequent office visit	122.00		53.48
00308	Subsequent hospital visit	89.20		28.93
00309	Subsequent home visit	177.00		51.64
00305	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums)	362.00		114.44
	NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient:			
32270	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report...	628.00		167.60
32272	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	317.00		80.97
32276	Telehealth directive care	115.00		71.85
32277	Telehealth subsequent office visit.....	122.00		50.08
32278	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	89.20		28.93

GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

Note: Payable only for General Internal Medicine specialists who have completed 3 years of core Internal Medicine training plus at least 1 year of General Internal Medicine training.

P32210	Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	465.00		204.09
P32212	Repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	207.00		90.68
00311	Complex Consultation – 3 medical conditions	1101.00		269.30

NOTES:

i) Payable only for General Internal Medicine specialists who have completed 3 years of core Internal Medicine training plus at least 1 year of General Internal Medicine training.

ii) For hospital in-patients, paid once per patient per hospital admission.

iii) Written consultation report includes advice or recommendations for treatment regarding 3 or more of the conditions listed in note iv) below.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iv) Payable for patients that have 3 or more of the following listed chronic diseases. Exceptions to this rule could be made if the patient has two diagnoses from this list and one alternative diagnosis not on the list can be submitted with correspondence/note record, outlining the medical necessity. Each case will be reviewed on an independent consideration basis.
(Diagnostic codes in brackets):
Septicemia (038)
Other HIV infection (044)
DM including complications (250)
Disorders of Lipid Metabolism (272)
Thyroid disorders (246)
Purpura, thrombocytopenia and hemorrhagic conditions (287)
Anemia, unspecified (285.9)
Senile dementia, presenile dementia (290)
Acute confusional state (293)
Congestive Heart Failure (428)
Diseases of the aortic and mitral valve (396)
Essential hypertension (401)
Coronary atherosclerosis (414)
Neoplasm of uncertain behaviour of other and unspecified sites. “Not for minor or superficial skin malignancies.” (238)
Cardiac dysarrhythmias (427)
Cerebral atherosclerosis (437)
Asthma allergic bronchitis (493)
Emphysema (492)
Other bacterial pneumonia (482)
Non infective enteritis and colitis (557,1)
GI hemorrhage (578)
Chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis of the liver (571)
CRF (585)
ARF (584)
Disorders of fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance (276)
Syncope (780.2)
Venous thrombosis and embolism (453)
Pulmonary fibrosis (515)
Rheumatoid Arthritis (714)
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (710)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Continuing care by consultant:			
P32206	Directive care	195.00		85.64
P32208	Subsequent hospital visit	115.00		50.38
PG32307	Subsequent follow-up office visit, complex patient – 3 medical conditions NOTES: i) Payable only for General Internal Medicine specialists who have completed 3 years of core Internal Medicine training plus at least 1 year of General Internal Medicine training. ii) Payable only if 00311 paid within the previous 6 months. iii) Payable for patients that have 3 or more of the conditions listed in note iv) under fee item 00311. The condition must be noted at the time of each visit and documented in the patient's chart.	306.00		90.00
PG32308	Subsequent hospital visit, complex patient – 3 medical conditions NOTES: i) Payable only for General Internal Medicine specialists who have completed 3 years of core Internal Medicine training plus at least 1 year of General Internal Medicine training. ii) Payable only if 00311 paid within previous 6 months. iii) Payable for patients that have 3 or more of the conditions listed in note iv) under fee item 00311. The condition must be noted at the time of each visit and documented in the patient's chart. iv) Payable only for an admitted patient. v) Payable for ongoing inpatient follow-up care, for each day hospitalized during the first ten days of hospitalization, thereafter bill 00308. vi) The total of all daily billing under this fee item that are accepted for payment by MSP will be calculated for each practitioner for each calendar day. Daily totals will be paid as follows: - 1-15 visits paid at 100% - 16 or more visits paid at 50%.	212.00		53.00
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient:			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P32370	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report ..	465.00		204.09
P32372	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	207.00		90.68
32271	Telehealth Complex Consultation	1101.00		269.30

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Payable only for General Internal Medicine specialists who have completed 3 years of core Internal Medicine training plus at least 1 year of General Internal Medicine training.

ii) Limited to one per patient in a 6 month period.

iii) Written consultation report includes advice or recommendations for treatment regarding 3 or more of the conditions listed in note iv), below.

iv) Payable for patients that have 3 or more of the following listed chronic diseases. Exceptions to this rule could be made if the patient has two diagnoses from this list and one alternative diagnosis not on the list can be submitted with correspondence/note record, outlining the medical necessity. Each case will be reviewed on an independent consideration basis.
(Diagnostic codes in brackets):
Septicemia (038)
Other HIV infection (044)
DM including complications (250)
Disorders of Lipid Metabolism (272)
Thyroid disorders (246)
Purpura, thrombocytopenia and hemorrhagic conditions (287)
Anemia, unspecified (285.9)
Senile dementia, presenile dementia (290)
Acute confusional state (293)
Congestive Heart Failure (428)
Diseases of the aortic and mitral valve (396)
Essential hypertension (401)
Coronary atherosclerosis (414)
Neoplasm of uncertain behaviour of other and unspecified sites. “Not for minor or superficial skin malignancies.” (238)
Cardiac dysarrhythmias (427)
Cerebral atherosclerosis (437)
Asthma allergic bronchitis (493)
Emphysema (492)
Other bacterial pneumonia (482)
Non infective enteritis and colitis (557.1)
GI Hemorrhage (578)
Chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis of the liver (571)

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	CRF (585) ARF (584) Disorders of fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance (276) Syncope (780.2) Venous thrombosis and embolism (453) Pulmonary fibrosis (515) Rheumatoid Arthritis (714) Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (710)			
P32376	Telehealth directive care	195.00		85.64
P32378	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	115.00		50.38

EXAMINATIONS BY CERTIFIED INTERNIST

00322	Internists' part in cardioangiogram, per hour or fraction thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	218.00		46.54
33037	Replacement transfusion - hepatic failure to include two weeks care after transfusion NOTE: Consultation and necessary hospital visits prior to initial transfusion, extra.	1287.00		287.85
00343	Cardiac screening (maximum 3 per month within manufacturer's guarantee and one per week beyond manufacturer's guarantee)	26.10		4.65
00344	– professional fee	15.00		2.33
00345	– technical fee	15.00		2.33
33032	Pacemaker standby and/or placement of the endocardial catheter - operation only	368.00		80.66
33033	Generator placement and venous cut-down	1191.00	4	80.66

MISCELLANEOUS

00319	Insertion of central catheter for total parenteral nutrition - operation only	224.00	2	56.54
S32031	Closed drainage of chest (operation only)	428.00	4	136.94

ADULT CRITICAL CARE

NOTE: Please refer to the Critical Care section of the Fee Guide for Preamble rules and billing guidelines applicable to appropriate billing of the critical care fees.

1. CRITICAL CARE - Includes provision in an Intensive Care area of all aspects of care of a critically ill patient excluding ventilatory support and includes initial consultation and assessment; family counseling; emergency resuscitation; intravenous lines; bronchoscopy; chest tubes; lumbar puncture; cutdowns; pressure infusion set and pharmacological agents;

insertion of arterial CVP; Swan-Ganz or urinary catheters and nasogastric tubes; defibrillation; cardio version and usual resuscitative measures; securing and interpretation of laboratory tests; oximetry; transcutaenous blood gases; and intracranial pressure monitoring, interpretation and assessment when indicated (excluding insertion of ICP measuring device). There is an expectation of at least 1 hour of bedside care on Day 1. These fees are not chargeable for services rendered to stabilized patients in ICU's, for example, routine post-operative monitoring, or patients admitted for ECG monitoring or observation alone.

Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01411	1st day	848.00	340.05
01421	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	420.00	172.55
01431	8th day to 30th day	215.00	117.00
01441	31st day onward	177.00	135.47

2. VENTILATORY SUPPORT - Includes provision of ventilatory care; initial consultation and assessment of the patient; family counseling; cutdown; pressure infusion; insertion arterial & CVP; Swan-Ganz; tracheal toilet; endotracheal intubation; intravenous lines; artificial ventilation and all necessary measures for its supervision; obtaining and interpretation of blood gases; oximetry; end tidal $C0_{2;}$ transcutaneous blood gas application and assessment; and maximum inspiratory pressure monitoring and non-invasive metabolic measurements. There is an expectation of at least 1 hour of bedside care on Day 1. This is the fee to use when one physician is providing the ventilatory care and another physician, the critical care. This service may also be billed by a physician other than the operating surgeon or associate, for critical care required in addition to post-operative care by the surgeon.

   Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01412	1st day	737.00	294.96
01422	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	370.00	152.26
01432	8th day to 30th day	246.00	120.00
01442	31st day onward	227.00	110.89

3. COMPREHENSIVE CARE - These fees apply to intensive care physicians who provide complete care, both critical care and ventilatory support (as defined above), to Intensive Care patients. These fees include the initial consultation and assessment; subsequent examinations of the patient; family counseling; endotracheal intubation; tracheal toilet; artificial ventilation and all necessary measures for respiratory support; emergency resuscitation; insertion of intravenous lines; bronchoscopy; chest tubes; lumbar puncture;

cutdowns; arterial and/or venous catheters; insertion of a Swan-Ganz catheter; pressure infusion sets and pharmacological agents; insertion of CVP lines; defibrillation; cardio version and usual resuscitative measures; insertion of urinary catheters and nasogastric tubes' securing and interpretation of blood gases; intracranial pressure monitoring interpretation and assessment when indicated (excluding insertion of ICP measuring device). There is an expectation of at least 2 hours of bedside care on Day 1. These fees are not chargeable for services rendered to stabilized patients in the ICU's or patients admitted for ECG monitoring and observations.

Physician-in-charge is the physician(s) daily providing the above.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01413	1st day	1386.00	507.54
01423	2nd to 7th day (inclusive) per diem	632.00	256.61
01433	8th day to 30th day	318.00	142.11
01443	31st day onward	273.00	147.80

If ventilatory support only is provided, claims should then be made under ventilatory support. Comprehensive Care fees do not apply. Other physicians should then charge critical care fees, if applicable, or the appropriate consultation, visit or procedure fees.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CARDIO-VASCULAR PROCEDURES				
S00839	Direct intracoronary streptokinase thrombolysis NOTE: When coronary angiography and/or angioplasty performed in addition, the lesser procedure(s) to be charged at 50% of listed fee(s).	1447.00	4	360.09
BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS				
00017	Insertion of central venous pressure catheter	96.40		23.77
00018	Autologous ascitic infusion	197.00		47.85
00021	Administered in hospital	145.00		37.10
DIALYSIS FEES				
	Acute Renal Failure:			
	Peritoneal Dialysis:			
33756	Re-insertion of peritoneal catheter after 10 days from initial insertion	208.00		52.22

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
NOTE: Item 00081 not to be charged in addition to Item 33723. Where an initial peritoneal dialysis is performed and for various reasons, hemodialysis initiated within next forty-eight (48) hours, the subsequent service should be charged under fee item 33758 plus fee item 33756 for the insertion of catheter.			

CHEMOTHERAPY

a) Where a patient has been administered high intensity cancer chemotherapy, the fees for limited cancer chemotherapy are not payable within the interim of 28 days.
b) Hospital visits are not payable on the same day.
c) Visit fees are payable on subsequent days, when rendered.
d) A consultation, when rendered, is payable in addition to fee item 33581, high intensity cancer chemotherapy, in situations where it is important that chemotherapy be administered immediately (e.g.: for out of town patients). A letter of explanation is required when both services are performed on the same day.
e) The administering of chemotherapy via intrathecal and intrabladder methods is payable under the chemotherapy listings. Other methods of administration, such as oral and rectal, are not payable under these listings.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33581	High intensity cancer chemotherapy: To include admission history and physical examination, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line, and administration of a parenteral chemotherapeutic program which must be given on an in-patient basis.....	587.00		203.27
	NOTE: This service is not payable more frequently than once every 28 days. The following treatments fall into this category: i) Chemotherapy for acute leukemia; ii) Chemotherapy utilizing cisplatinum given in a dose exceeding 50 mg/m2 per treatment;			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) Chemotherapy utilizing isophosphamide in combination with bladder protector Mesna;			
	iv) Chemotherapy using DTIC in a dose exceeding 100 mg/m2;			
	v) Chemotherapy utilizing methotrexate in a dose exceeding 1 g/m2 (and combined with the folic acid rescue regimen); and			
	vi) Chemotherapy using continuous infusion technique exceeding a period of 8 hours per session (except for the infusional 5-FU treatment protocol).			
33582	Major cancer chemotherapy: To include history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line, and administration of multiple parenteral chemotherapeutic agents ..... NOTE: This service is not payable more than once every seven (7) days.	368.00		119.21
33583	Limited cancer chemotherapy: To include history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counseling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line and administration of a single parenteral chemotherapeutic agent ..... NOTE: This item is not payable more than once every seven days. Neither is it to be billed for routine IV push administration of 5-fluorouracil as a single agent.	187.00		68.11

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

PULMONARY INVESTIGATIVE AND FUNCTION STUDIES

S00930	Peak expiratory flow rate ..... NOTE: Fee item S00930 payable when performed in physician's office (not restricted to an accredited facility).	26.10		5.54
	Diagnostic Procedures:			
S00928	Simple screening spirometry with FVC, FEV(i) and FEV(i)/FVC ratio using a portable apparatus - without bronchodilators	55.30		12.77
S00929	– before and after bronchodilators	82.90		18.90

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Exercise Studies: NOTE: No more than one exercise study item may be billed for a single patient on any one day without written explanation.			
S00958	Testing for exercise-induced asthma by serial flow measurements - professional fee	96.40		22.35
S00959	– technical fee	145.00		32.95
	Miscellaneous Pulmonary Tests:			
S00970	Precipitin tests - one or more antigens - professional fee	49.15		11.11
S00971	- technical fee	119.00		26.92

PUNCTURE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING BODY FLUIDS (When performed for diagnostic purposes)

S00753	Marrow aspiration - procedural fee	145.00	2	43.77
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	29.85	2	6.38
S00759	Paracentesis (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	96.40	2	84.00

NEPHROLOGY

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
33710	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00		173.42
33712	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		81.98
33714	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	287.00		52.15
33713	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	581.00		106.78
33715	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	296.00		53.36
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>			
33706	Directive care	105.00		60.17
33707	Subsequent office visit	111.00		47.46
33708	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		48.32
33709	Subsequent home visit	162.00		48.85
33705	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00		108.26
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
33730	**Telehealth Consultation**: Shall include a detailed history and physical examination, review of previous medical records, discussion with family, friends or witnesses, evaluation of appropriate laboratory, X-ray and ECG findings and report of opinions and recommendations in writing to the referring physician NOTE: Restricted to FRCP Nephrology Physicians.	570.00		173.42

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33732	**Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation**: To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		81.98
33736	Telehealth directive care	105.00		60.17
33737	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00		47.46
33738	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	80.90		48.32

DIALYSIS FEES

Acute Renal Failure

a) Hemodialysis:

33750	Blood dialysis - physician in charge	2048.00		531.27
33751	Repeat blood dialysis - physician in charge	779.00		199.65

NOTES:

i) Maximum number of repeat dialysis on one patient is four (4). Thereafter, bill as chronic renal failure under fee item 33758.

ii) When items 33750 or 33751 are charged, there should be no charge under items 33710, 33708 or 00081.

33752	Blood dialysis - fee for cutdown by surgeon to be charged in addition to item 33750 or 33751	517.00		134.31

b) Peritoneal Dialysis:

33756	Re-insertion of peritoneal catheter after 10 days from initial insertion	208.00		52.22

NOTE: Item 00081 not to be charged in addition to Item 33723. Where an initial peritoneal dialysis is performed and for various reasons, hemodialysis initiated within next forty-eight (48) hours, the subsequent service should be charged under fee item 33758 plus fee item 33756 for the insertion of catheter.

Chronic Renal Failure

a) Hemodialysis:

33758	Performance of hemodialysis - fee to include supervision of the procedure, history, physical examination, appropriate adjustment of solutions, and other problems during dialysis for each dialysis	208.00		52.22

NOTE: Other medical situations which may arise such as Septicemia, etc. to be covered by item 00081 and always to be accompanied by a letter of explanation when billing a payment agency.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	b) Peritoneal Dialysis:			
33723	Performance of initial peritoneal dialysis, chronic or acute renal failure, to include consultation and two (2) weeks care.	1530.00		397.47
33759	Performance of each peritoneal dialysis thereafter - fee to include supervision of procedure, history, physical examination, appropriate adjustments of solutions and any other problem that may arise during dialysis.....	208.00		52.22
	NOTES: i) Other situations requiring medical care such as bacteremias, etc. to be covered by item 00081 in the present Guide and always to be accompanied by a letter of explanation. ii) If a period greater than three (3) months elapses since last dialysis, then charge as an initial dialysis 33723.			
	Home Dialysis			
33761	Supervision of home dialysis - per week.....	255.00		63.13
	NOTE: Fee item 33761 covers all services per week necessary for home or limited care dialysis and includes consultations and visits of all types. Should a patient take ill with a condition totally unrelated to renal care or require hospitalization for any reason, then other appropriate fee items may be charged in lieu of fee item 33761.			

EXAMINATIONS BY CERTIFIED INTERNIST

33538	Plasmapheresis - therapeutic	533.00		187.29

MISCELLANEOUS

33790	Care of renal transplant patient, including immediate preparation and fourteen (14) days post-operative care	4001.00		1182.14
77380	Insertion permanent peritoneal catheter (procedure fee only).....	536.00	3	190.68
77385	Removal by dissection of chronic peritoneal catheter (operation only).....	372.00	3	132.26
	NOTE: For removal of Tenckhoff type chronic peritoneal catheter not requiring surgical dissection, use visit fees.			

NEUROLOGY

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PREAMBLE

Acute Cerebral Vascular Syndrome (Stroke & TIA) Listings:
Acute cerebrovascular syndrome (ACVS) includes acute stroke and TIA. Both are indistinguishable clinically at onset and are acute emergencies. The ACVS fee items have been developed in conjunction with the BCSS and the Section of Neurology, and are intended for services provided by neurologists in the acute management of stroke/TIA. When submitting claims, the appropriate 3-digit ICD-9 stroke code (431, 433, 434 and 435) must be used, and the patient's initial NIHSS 2-digit code for the billed visit must be appended in the ICD-9 field (i.e. 43412 or 43405). The TIA code (435) may also have an appended score if the billed visit includes the symptomatic phase.

Face-to-Face Services:
These fee items are intended for services rendered at public facilities with adequate diagnostic capabilities (i.e. laboratory services, diagnostic imaging ability including CT scan, ultrasound) to ensure timely patient care.

Telestroke Services:
"Telestroke Service" is defined as a Neurologist-delivered health service provided via videoconferencing for a patient referred by a physician at a different site for diagnosis related to acute cerebral vascular syndrome (ACVS).

- Referral sites must have capability to provide laboratory services, diagnostic imaging ability including CT scan, ultrasound, CT angiography and must be part of a Health Authority approved, publicly-funded Telestroke program.

Consulting sites are defined as a neurologist-delivered health service provided to a patient at a Heath Authority approved, publicly-funded Telestroke program.

- Telestroke service includes live interactive transmission of sound and full-motion picture information between the referring site (hospital) and an approved consulting site (the location of the Telestroke neurologist) using secure videoconferencing technology as defined in Preamble D. 1. in order for payment to be made, the patient must be in attendance at the referring site at the time of the video capture. Information regarding the start and stop times of service must accompany claims.

In those cases where a neurologist's service requires a general practitioner at the patient's site to assist with the essential physical assessment, without which the neurologist's service would be ineffective, the neurologist must indicate in the "Referred by" field that a request was made for a General Practice assisted assessment.

Where a receiving neurologist, after having provided a Telestroke consultation service to a patient, decides s/he must examine the patient in person, the neurologist should claim the

subsequent visit as a limited consultation, unless more than 6 months has passed since the Telestroke consultation.

Telestroke services are payable only when provided as defined under the specific Preamble pertaining to the service rendered (e.g.: Telestroke consultation - see Preamble D. 2.) to a patient with valid medical coverage. Patients or their representative must be informed and given opportunity to agree to services rendered using this modality, without prejudice.

Where a Telestroke service is interrupted for technical failure, and is not able to be resumed within a reasonable period of time, and therefore is unable to be completed, the receiving neurologist should submit a claim under the appropriate miscellaneous code for independent consideration with appropriate substantiating information.

In exceptional circumstances, for facilities targeted in the BCSS phased implementation in the process of implementing Telestroke services, a telephone consultation may be payable in an emergent (i.e. life or death) situation. Telemetry review of diagnostic images is required as an integral aspect of the consultation. A note record is required in these instances.

Compensation for travel, scheduling and other logistics is the responsibility of the Regional Health Authority. Rural Retention fee-for-service premiums are applicable to Telestroke services and are payable based on the location of the receiving medical practitioner in eligible RSA communities.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
00410	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	465.00	179.27
00411	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last service by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	232.00	87.21
PG00450	Complex Care – Extended Consultation – per 15 minutes or major portion thereof	146.00	58.10
	NOTES: i) Paid in addition to 00410, 00411, 00470 and 00471, after 45 minutes. ii) Paid to a maximum of 3 units per patient, during same sitting. iii) Start and end times must be entered on patient's chart and on claim.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00485	Face to face assessment for acute deterioration in status of an MS patient - 1st full half hour. To consist of acute assessment, examination including EDSS, review of history, laboratory testing and diagnostic imaging, and the rendering of a written report.....	534.00	201.37
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists. ii) Applicable only for patients seen within 14 days of onset of symptoms. Date of onset of symptoms must be recorded in the medical record. iii) Payable only for patients with established diagnosis of MS (ICD9 code 340 billed previously by any neurologist). iv) Repeat services payable after 42 days of a previous P00485. v) Maximum two per patient per calendar year. vi) Includes lumbar puncture (00750) if required. vii) Fee item 00486 payable in addition if assessment exceeds 30 minutes. viii) Not payable same day with critical care fee items (01411, 01412, 01413, 00081, 00082 or fee item G00450 or 00410). Only highest priced item will be paid. ix) Start and end times must be submitted with the claim.		
00486	Face to face assessment for acute deterioration in status of an MS patient - each additional half hour or major portion thereof.....	267.00	100.19
	NOTES: i) Paid only with 00485. ii) Maximum of 4 units per face to face assessment. iii) Payable for the ongoing assessment, clinical monitoring and treatment of an MS patient with acute deterioration. iv) Start and end times must be submitted with the claim.		
P00487	Detailed cognitive assessment by Behavioral Neurologist – extra.....	132.00	50.92
	NOTES: i) Restricted to practitioners with a subspecialty in Behavioral Neurology. ii) Payable for documented MMSE or MOCA or similar standardized cognitive assessment.		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) Limited to 2 assessments per patient per calendar year. iv) Limited to 40 assessments per practitioner per month. v) Minimum time between assessments is 4 months. vi) Payable only in addition to a consult or visit.		
P00488	Detailed cognitive assessment – extra	132.00	50.92
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists. ii) Practitioners with a subspecialty in Behavioral Neurology must bill 00487. iii) Payable for documented MMSE or MOCA or similar standardized cognitive assessment. iv) Limited to 2 assessments per patient per calendar year. v) Limited to 24 assessments per practitioner per month. vi) Minimum time between assessments is 4 months. vii) Payable only in addition to a consult or visit.		
P00491	Detailed Parkinson's disease quantitative review for neurologists with a Movement Disorder (MD) fellowship – extra	150.00	65.50
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists with a fellowship in movement disorder. ii) Must be submitted with ICD9 for Parkinson's disease (332) and include completion of a Parkinson's Assessment Scale on a complex Parkinson's patient. iii) Paid only in addition to a consult or visit. iv) Not payable on the same day with fee items 00487, 00488, 00900, 00901, 00902, 00441 and 40441 by the same practitioner. v) Limited to 2 assessments per patient per calendar year. vi) Limited to 24 assessments per practitioner per month. vii) Minimum time between assessments is 6 months.		
P00492	Detailed Parkinson's disease quantitative review – extra .	67.10	65.50
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists.		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Must be submitted with ICD9 for Parkinson's disease (332) and include completion of a Parkinson's Assessment Scale on a complex Parkinson's patient.		
	iii) Paid only in addition to a consult or visit.		
	iv) Not payable on the same day with fee items 00487, 00488, 00900, 00901, 00902, 00441 and 40441 by the same practitioner.		
	v) Limited to 2 assessments per patient per calendar year.		
	vi) Limited to 4 assessments per practitioner per month.		
	vii) Minimum time between assessments is 6 months.		
PG00460	Transfer of Care from Pediatrics – Extended Consultation: To consist of an examination, review of history, previous laboratory & x-ray findings, and written report on a patient with a complex and chronic neurologic condition requiring active neurologist support transferring from pediatric to adult care. In addition, specific and special documentation as outlined below must be included in the patient's chart and copies sent with the patient and/or family as appropriate.	961.00	388.18
	NOTES:		
	i) For patients 16 years to 21 years of age.		
	ii) This fee is payable to a neurologist who accepts the primary responsibility for the neurologic management of a patient transferring from pediatric to adult care, and includes review of ALL necessary data, including birth and developmental assessments.		
	iii) Paid once per patient in that patient's lifetime.		
	iv) Not paid with 00410, 00411, 00441, 40441, 00470, 00471, G00450 or 00457.		
	Continuing Care by Consultant:		
00406	Directive care.....	85.00	72.24
00407	Subsequent office visit.....	88.20	70.60
00408	Subsequent hospital visit	66.00	71.80
00409	Subsequent home visit	131.00	41.02
00405	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums).....	268.00	81.88
	NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.		
P00457	Complex Care – Extended Visit – per 15 minutes or major portion thereof.....	90.70	36.88

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Paid in addition to 00406, 00407, 00408, 00409, 00476, 00477 or 00478 after 15 minutes.
ii) Paid to a maximum of 2 units per patient, during same sitting.
iii) Start and end times must be entered on patient's chart and claim.

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

00470	Telehealth Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	465.00	179.27
00471	Telehealth Repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six months of the last service by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	232.00	87.21
00476	Telehealth directive care	85.00	72.24
00477	Telehealth subsequent office visit.....	88.20	70.60
00478	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	66.00	71.80
40441	Telestroke Consultation..... To consist of videoconference examination, review of history, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, and the rendering of a written report, including required BCSS registry data.	533.00	201.37

NOTES:
i) Applicable for patients seen within 4.5 hours of onset of symptoms for diagnosis of acute cerebral vascular syndrome.
ii) Also applicable for patients seen within 72 hours of onset of symptoms for relapse prevention (40444).
iii) Refer to Neurology ACVS Preamble for further information.
iv) Restricted to Neurologists
v) Not billable in conjunction with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 00441 by the same neurologist.

40442	Follow-up Telestroke neurological clinical monitoring and treatment for persisting ACVS: <u>without</u> administration of tPA, per ½ hour or major portion thereof.	267.00	100.19

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient referred for acute cerebral vascular syndrome requiring ongoing videoconference care by the neurologist.
ii) Includes ongoing review of any and all diagnostic imaging.
iii) Includes sequential scales e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary.
iv) Not payable with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 40443 by same physician.
v) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results.
vi) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 40441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the videoconference.
vii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim.
viii) Restricted to Neurologists.
ix) If billed in addition to 40441, paid at 100%.
x) Daily maximum per patient is six (6), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.

40443	Follow-up Telestroke neurological clinical monitoring and treatment for persisting ACVS: with administration of tPA, per ½ hour or major portion thereof.....	267.00	100.19

NOTES:
i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient referred for suspected acute cerebral vascular syndrome requiring ongoing videoconference care by the neurologist.
ii) Includes ongoing review of any and all diagnostic imaging.
iii) Includes the time required for monitoring of TPA by the neurologist.
iv) Includes sequential scales e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	v) Not payable with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 40442 by same physician. vi) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results. vii) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 40441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the videoconference. viii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim. ix) Restricted to Neurologists. x) If billed in addition to 40441, paid at 100% Daily maximum per patient is six (6), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.		
40444	Follow-up Telestroke ACVS relapse intervention, per ½ hour or major portion thereof	214.00	80.14
	NOTES: i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, neurological clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient seen within 72 hours of onset of symptoms with referral diagnosis of ACVS with remission (partial or complete) of original symptoms who requires ongoing care by the neurologist. ii) Includes ongoing review of any and all diagnostic imaging. iii) Not payable with 00410, 00081, or 00082 by same physician. iv) Includes sequential scales e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary. v) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results. vi) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 40441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the videoconference. vii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim. viii) Restricted to Neurologists. ix) If billed in addition to 40441, paid at 100%. x) Daily maximum per patient is four (4), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00441	Face to face ACVS Consultation ..... To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, and the rendering of a written report, including required BCSS registry data. NOTES: i) Applicable for patients seen within 4.5 hours of onset of symptoms for diagnosis of acute cerebral vascular syndrome. ii) Also applicable for patients seen within 72 hours of onset of symptoms for relapse prevention (00444). iii) Refer to Neurology ACVS Preamble for further information. iv) Restricted to Neurologists. v) Not billable in conjunction with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 40441 by the same neurologist.	533.00	201.37
00442	Face to Face follow-up neurological clinical monitoring and treatment for persisting ACVS: <u>without</u> administration of tPA, per ½ hour or major portion thereof..... NOTES: i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient referred for acute cerebral vascular syndrome requiring ongoing care by the neurologist. ii) Includes ongoing review of any and all diagnostic imaging. iii) Includes sequential scales e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary. iv) Not payable with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 00443 by same physician. v) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results. vi) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 00441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the consultation. vii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim. viii) Restricted to Neurologists. ix) If billed in addition to 00441, paid at 100%. x) Daily maximum per patient is six (6), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.	267.00	100.19

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00443	Face to face follow-up neurological clinical monitoring and treatment for persisting ACVS: with administration of tPA, per ½ hour or major portion thereof.	267.00	100.19

NOTES:

i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient referred for suspected acute cerebral vascular syndrome requiring ongoing care by the neurologist.
ii) Includes ongoing review/discussion of any and all diagnostic imaging and/or interventional imaging.
iii) Includes the time required for use and monitoring of TPA by the neurologist.
iv) Includes sequential scales, e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary.
v) Not payable with 00410, 00081, 00082 or 00442 by same physician.
vi) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results.
vii) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 00441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the videoconference.
viii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim.
ix) Restricted to Neurologists.
x) If billed in addition to 00441, paid at 100%.
xi) Daily maximum per patient is six (6), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.

00444	Face to face follow-up ACVS relapse intervention, per ½ hour or major portion thereof.	214.00	80.14

NOTES:

i) To be used for the ongoing evaluation, neurological clinical monitoring and treatment of a patient seen within 72 hours of onset of symptoms with referral diagnosis of ACVS with remission (partial or complete) of original symptoms who requires ongoing care by the neurologist.
ii) Includes ongoing review of any and all diagnostic imaging.
iii) Not payable with 00410 or 00081, 00082 by same physician.
iv) Includes sequential scales, e.g.: NIHSS, as necessary.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	v) Not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results. vi) For payment purposes, when immediately subsequent to 00441, the consultation fee constitutes the first half hour of the time spent with the patient during the videoconference. vii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim. viii) Restricted to Neurologists. ix) If billed in addition to 00441, paid at 100%. x) Daily maximum per patient is four (4), unless note record indicates medical necessity for extended service.		

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

00415	Electroencephalogram and interpretation	365.00	127.80
00416	Electroencephalogram - interpretation	74.50	49.18
00413	– technical fee	271.00	78.63
00417	Electrocorticography	846.00	229.48
00418	Intravenous activating agents given by a qualified electroencephalography	82.10	22.50
00419	Electroclinical detailed interpretation of a set of seizures	1471.00	405.04
00420	Short study of electroclinical interpretation of seizures - professional fee	750.00	208.56
00421	Electrocorticography with functional mapping in awake craniotomy	1702.00	494.52
00426	Electroencephalogram - sleep only NOTE: Not applicable to the segments of sleep, which may occur in the course of recording a standard EEG.	524.00	157.85
00427	– professional fee	126.00	42.56
00428	– technical fee	400.00	115.31

DOPPLER STUDIES

PG00468	Neurology Outpatient Transcranial Doppler Ultrasound: To consist of static and dynamic insonation and definition of intracranial circulation, within 72 hours of stroke onset. This study is designed to assist with a CVA NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists. ii) Paid for outpatients at provincial stroke prevention clinics.	295.00	118.86

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) Billable only in addition to 00441, 00442, 00443, 00444 and with 00410, 00411, 00407, 00409, 00470, 00471, or 00477, for patients with sickle cell disease or subarachnoid hemorrhage. iv) The physician must be present throughout the study. v) Start and end times must be entered on the patient's chart and on the claim. vi) Includes insonation (both ipsilateral and contralateral to suspected pathology), and both anterior and posterior circulation, as indicated by the clinical setting.		
PG00469	Neurology Outpatient Transcranial Doppler Ultrasound – Prolonged Study – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof: To consist of prolonged study, which includes fitting of halo-type head brace or other device, and review of study.....	73.70	29.71
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists. ii) Paid for outpatients at provincial stroke prevention clinics. iii) Paid after 45 minutes of G00468. iv) The physician must be present throughout the study. v) Start and end times must be entered on patient's chart and on the claim. vi) Paid to a maximum of 8 units per patient, per study. vii) Includes insonation (both ipsilateral and contralateral to suspected pathology), and both anterior and posterior circulation as indicated by the clinical setting.		

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

ELECTRODIAGNOSIS

Items Under:

- Intensity duration curve - each muscle
- Electromyograph - each muscle
- Motor nerve conduction study - each nerve
- Sensory nerve conduction study - each nerve
- Tetanic stimulation test - each muscle.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Bill According To:		
S00900	Schedule A - extensive examination (8 or more items)....	465.00	121.85
S00901	Schedule B - limited examination (4 to 7 items).....	324.00	81.49
S00902	Schedule C - short examination (1 to 3 items).....	159.00	40.61
S00905	Daily measurements of nerve conduction thresholds in facial palsy	24.30	6.35
S00906	– maximum per course	161.00	44.15
S00922	Electrodiagnostic component of the decamethoniumedrophonium test for myasthenia gravis, inclusive of tetanic stimulation tests	168.00	57.26
S00923	Technical fee for electrodiagnostic testing	78.70	20.39
S00914	Insertion of sphenoidal electrodes temporal lobe epilepsy - E.E.G. recording	161.00	43.61
S00915	Intra-carotid injection of sodium amytal - speech localization test	357.00	98.01
S00926	Seizure activation with intravenous activating agents associated with insertion of sphenoidal and/or orbital electrodes	532.00	147.86
S00927	Decamethonium test - for attendance at and follow-up observation if necessary	152.00	34.34

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MISCELLANEOUS				
00424	Botulinum toxin injections ..... NOTE: Only applicable to cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis) in adults; adductor spasmodic dysphonia; jaw-closing oro-mandibular dystonia or hemifacial spasm; dynamic equines foot deformity due to spasticity in pediatric cerebral palsy patients, two years or older; and, focal spasticity, including the treatment of upper limb spasticity associated with strokes in adults.	419.00	2	118.82
PG00462	Neurological Interpretation and written report of submitted x-ray films (including CT scan, TCD, MRI) – per case	129.00		52.48

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurologists. ii) For repeats within 24 hours, a note record must be submitted. iii) Not paid with a consultation (00410, 00411, 00470, 00471, 00441, 40441) within 2 months of this service on the same patient. iv) Not paid with specialist telephone services G10001, G10002, or G10003 on the same day for the same patient. v) Not paid for interpretations rendered to inpatients. vi) Paid to a maximum of 5 services per Neurologist per month.			
P00480	DMT (Disease Modifying Treatment) management for active inflammatory disease of the Central Nervous System (CNS).....	394.00		152.77
	NOTES: i) Payable every 6 months to prescribing Neurologists responsible for continuing care of patients with active CNS inflammatory disease, who are on DMT's. ii) Under this code the prescribing Neurologist is responsible for all associated drug monitoring, drug related complication management and communication to the patient and care providers with respect to the particular drug. iii) Payable in addition to face-to-face services and physician-to-physician phone calls. iv) Includes organization of all treatment plans, drug initiation algorithms, medication review, MRI assessment and lab review (including CSF) if required. v) Includes monitoring of all investigations for subsequent 6 months, including imaging and lab work, and conversations with allied health professionals as required. vi) Maximum number of services payable per neurologist per month is 40.			

EVOKED RESPONSE PROCEDURES

S00985	Brainstem auditory evoked response, supra threshold testing for integrity of brainstem function.....	212.00		48.66
S00986	Somatosensory evoked response - upper extremity...	145.00		37.08

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00987	– upper and lower extremity.....	285.00		64.10

NEUROSURGERY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

*** Items are operation only. Refer to Orthopaedic Preamble 1.**

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
03010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	433.00		172.86
03011	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	207.00		78.97
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
03007	Subsequent office visit	122.00		47.16
03008	Subsequent hospital visit	76.70		29.63
03009	Subsequent home visit	157.00		54.82
03005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	321.00		112.94
03315	Pre-Operative Assessment NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.	400.00		172.86

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
03310	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	376.00		172.86
03312	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	189.00		78.97
03317	Telehealth subsequent office visit	122.00		47.16
03318	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	76.70		29.63
CRANIAL NERVES				
03101	Supra or infra orbital nerve avulsion	642.00	3	225.93
03102	Decompression of Gasserian ganglion	3390.00	8	1195.79
03103	Pre-ganglionic rhizotomy, 5th nerve	2941.00	3	1037.96
S03104	Percutaneous rhizotomy, 5th nerve	2907.00	3	1024.33
03106	Posterior fossa exploration with rhizotomy, 5th nerve	4883.00	8	1722.07
03232	Microsurgical anastomosis of intracranial portion of cranial nerve in conjunction with other craniotomy - with graft (extra to craniotomy) NOTE: 03232 includes harvesting of graft.	2079.00		733.22
03233	– without graft (extra to craniotomy)	1273.00		449.18
TRAUMA				
03111	Elevation of simple depressed skull fracture	2069.00	5	729.98
03112	Elevation of compound depressed skull fracture	2694.00	6	1027.67
03113	– with repair of dura, debridement of cerebral laceration and sinuses	4232.00	8	1667.71
03110	Elevation or "attempted" elevation of depressed skull fracture in infant under the age of one year, by neurosurgeon, using vacuum extractor (operation only)	403.00	6	142.29
03115	Exploration of subdural space for chronic subdural hematoma - unilateral or bilateral	2337.00	6	914.11
03116	Craniotomy for evacuation of intracranial hematoma (cerebral, subdural, extradural or abscess)	4455.00	8	1719.76
03118	Craniotomy for repair of CSF leak	4569.00	8	1612.18
03119	Craniotomy for microvascular decompression of cranial nerve	5236.00	8	1999.53

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CEREBRAL PROCEDURES				
03094	Anterior decompressing craniovertebral junction, using operating microscope	8354.00	8	2947.49
	Posterior decompression of Chiari malformation or foramen magnum:			
03095	– no dural repair	3917.00	8	1549.63
03096	– with dural repair	4654.00	8	1874.56
03097	– with fourth ventricular exploration	5388.00	8	2124.50
03121	Cranioplasty	2694.00	7	950.12
03145	– using autologous bone graft	3235.00	7	1141.20
03053	Craniotomy for combined plastic surgical/neuro-surgical cranioplasty (neurosurgical component)	1946.00	8	685.59
03122	Craniectomy for osteomyelitis or skull tumour	3008.00	7	1061.40
03123	– with cranioplasty	4232.00	7	1493.23
03320	Removal of skull tumour without craniectomy	1188.00	6	418.78
03124	Linear craniectomy or craniotomy for cranial stenosis - 1st suture	2929.00	7	1032.86
03127	Linear craniectomy or craniotomy for cranial stenosis - additional sutures to a maximum of 3 - each extra	721.00	7	253.50
03147	Cranial reconstruction for complex deformity in a child. NOTE: 03147 requires that the procedure take place more than three (3) months after a previous cranial reconstruction procedure. The operation must be bilateral and involve at least two (2) of the major cranial vault bones, namely frontal, parietal and occipital bones.	5890.00	8	2078.06
03120	Neurosurgical fee for facial craniotomy reconstruction	3821.00	9	1347.34
03080	Bilateral orbital advancement -intracranial approach for correction of hypertelorism when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	5430.00	8	2235.25
03081	Unilateral orbital advancement - intracranial approach when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	5038.00	8	2073.65
03082	Bilateral orbital advancement – intracranial approach - when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	6741.00	8	2773.64
03146	Morcellation of skull for craniosynostosis	4949.00	8	1745.53
03125	Bilateral craniectomies for cranial expansion or delayed treatment of synostosis (patient must be older than one year)	5420.00	8	1913.31
03148	Forehead reconstruction, extra to linear craniectomies for craniosynostosis	809.00		285.85

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Lateral canthal advancement or similar procedure for coronal synostosis:			
03137	– unilateral	3388.00	8	1195.69
03143	– bilateral	3631.00	8	1280.35
03126	Re-opening or removal of bone flap	1849.00	6	693.26
03128	Stereotactic biopsy for intracranial pathology via frame-based or frameless techniques	2578.00	7	1474.65
	NOTE: Fee item 03189 is not payable in addition.			
	Craniotomy:			
03129	– for tumour	4404.00	8	1701.87
03130	– for removal of extra-axial brain tumour using operating microscope when procedure is prolonged more than 8 hours (to include operative report)	11542.00	8	4490.32
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
03135	Craniotomy or laminectomy using operating microscope when procedure is prolonged more than 8 hours (to include operative report)	10019.00	9	3924.59
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
03222	Craniotomy lasting more than 12 hours and requiring operating microscope	15132.00	9	5337.81
	NOTES: i) 03222 is applicable to the principal neurosurgeon who is required to spend more than 12 hours performing this surgery. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iii) Additional Neurosurgeons involved in this surgery as assistants should claim the certified surgical assistance fees. iv) Other surgical specialists required because of their specific expertise should claim separately in accordance with Preamble Clause D. 5. 3.) of the Guide.			
03066	– for microsurgical resection of extra-axial tumour, extra to 03222, per hour or major portion thereof, after 12 hours	548.00		193.16
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03133	Craniotomy for removal of extra-axial brain tumour using operating microscope…….. NOTE: May be billed as the neurosurgical portion of a team procedure with fee item 02610 when done for extra-axial skull based procedures.	8249.00	8	2909.46
03114	Craniotomy and microsurgical removal of tumour of ventricle, brain stem, thalamus, hypothalamus, or basal ganglia	8249.00	8	2909.46
03131	Transsphenoidal removal of pituitary tumour or hypophysectomy - one surgeon	5734.00	8	2022.48
03132	– two surgeons, Neurosurgeon	4155.00	8	2019.98
02437	– two surgeons, Otolaryngologist.....	2220.00	8	1233.76
03055	Craniotomy with microsurgical cortical resection for epilepsy, under general anesthesia.....	6438.00	6	2474.42
03056	Craniotomy with microsurgical cortical resection for epilepsy, in awake patient	7958.00	6	3249.23
03057	Craniotomy with cortical resection for epilepsy	4648.00	8	2149.49
03058	Hemispherectomy	6340.00	8	2235.64
03059	Craniotomy and microsurgical hemispherotomy for epilepsy ..... NOTES: i) Includes corpus callosum section, disconnection of the cerebral hemisphere. ii) Requires loupe magnification and/or operating microscope. iii) Not paid with fee item 03058.	7350.00	8	2592.93
03235	Intraoperative cortical localization SSEP or stimulation, under general anesthesia (extra to craniotomy)	669.00		235.48
03236	Insertion of subdural strip electrodes - unilateral (epilepsy surgery, to include burrhole(s))	3117.00	8	1099.02
03237	Removal of subdural strip electrodes - unilateral.....	1336.00	6	471.01
03238	Cortical or deep brain localization with SSEP or stimulation in an awake patient (extra to craniotomy)....	1336.00		471.01
03239	Craniotomy and insertion of subdural grid electrodes with or without additional strip electrodes - unilateral .... NOTES: i) Operative report or accompanying letter required if billed for other than epilepsy surgery or if billed with 03235. ii) Fee items 03238 or 03237 not payable in addition.	4155.00	7	1465.22
03241	Re-opening of craniotomy for removal of subdural grid electrodes - unilateral ..... NOTE: Isolated procedure - not payable in addition to other epilepsy surgical listings.	2239.00	6	789.19

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03144	Section of corpus callosum	5669.00	8	1998.14
03136	Craniotomy for intracranial aneurysm or angioma	6903.00	9	2435.78
03138	Unilateral stereotaxic intracranial procedures	3388.00	7	1195.69
03189	Stereotactic localization during neurosurgery in association with craniotomy and spinal fusion/stabilization procedures - extra NOTE: Applicable to procedures involving cranium or spine.	1249.00		481.50
03139	Implantation of stimulator	1312.00	3	985.00
03140	Insertion of intracranial stimulating electrodes	4126.00	7	2450.00
	Single Channel Neural Stimulator Implant Testing			
03274	Professional fee	107.00		46.08
03275	Technical fee	53.20		46.08
	Dual Channel Neural Stimulator Implant Testing			
03276	Professional fee	160.00		69.11
03277	Technical fee	107.00		46.08
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurosurgeons and Neurologists. ii) 03274, 03275, 03276 and 03277 is included on the same day and for six weeks post-operative of fee item 03140 whether performed by the same or different physician and at any location.			
03250	Microelectrode recording (MER) - electrophysiological (EP) mapping of the basal ganglia and thalamus, intra-operatively (extra)	8863.00		3127.23
03224	Neurosurgical component of microsurgical removal of cerebellar pontine angle tumour NOTE: Not billable for exposure only.	5345.00	8	1885.07
03221	Implantation of vagal nerve stimulator - to include electrodes and stimulator	1382.00	4	531.34
03223	Replacement of stimulator component of vagal nerve stimulator	918.00	3	221.49
03225	Removal of vagal nerve stimulator and electrodes	1034.00	4	391.52

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Ventriculoscopic Procedures: When ventriculoscopy is performed as part of a craniotomy, the ventriculoscopic fee is not payable in addition to the craniotomy fee, unless the ventriculoscopic procedure is done via a separate cranial opening. When a craniotomy is performed as a result of complications arising from a ventriculoscopic procedure, or because of failure of the ventriculoscopic procedure, the ventriculoscopic fee may be billed according to the usual rules in the Fee Guide (i.e. 50%).			
03030	Ventriculoscopy	2385.00	6	840.73
03031	Ventriculoscopy, third ventriculostomy	3659.00	6	1324.72
03032	Ventriculoscopy/endoscopy biopsy of intraventricular or intracranial lesion	3659.00	6	1909.66
03033	Ventriculoscopic retrieval of foreign body	3659.00	6	1638.85
03034	Ventriculoscopy and fenestration of cyst or septum pellucidum, or lysis of adhesions	3659.00	6	1475.45
03035	Ventriculoscopic resection of intraventricular tumour	7304.00	6	2576.95
03036	Ventricular shunt with ventriculoscopic guidance	3049.00	6	1074.87
S03037	Removal of ventricular shunt (operation only) NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurosurgeons. ii) Not paid with fee item 03182. iii) If fee item 03188 is performed under the same anesthetic, pay in accordance with preamble D.5.3.	776.00	6	288.15
03038	Stereotactic localization during intracranial shunt procedures – extra NOTES: i) Restricted to Neurosurgeons. ii) Paid only in addition to 03181, 03188, 03240, 03030, 03031, 03032, 03033, 03034, 03035 or 03036. iii) Daily maximum of 1 per patient – if a second procedure is required on the same day, provide note record.	812.00	6	380.65

SKULL BASE PROCEDURES

02262	Translabyrinthine approach for neurosurgical access - exposure, closure with microscope	4369.00	8	2429.48
02622	Infra-temporal fossa approach to skull base, Otolaryngology fee	7002.00	8	2224.40

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02623	Infra-temporal fossa approach to skull base, Otolaryngology fee for procedure lasting longer than 8 hours. NOTES: i) 02622 and 02623 to include exposure and closure with microscope. ii) May include extra-dural resection of lesion by Otolaryngologist. iii) Time is based on the cumulative time spent by the Otolaryngologist on the procedure.	8752.00	8	2582.14
02612	Middle cranial fossa approach, petrosectomy	7002.00	8	1929.76
02613	Middle cranial fossa approach, petrosectomy - procedure lasting longer than 8 hours NOTE: 02612 and 02613 to include exposure, extra-dural removal and closure with microscope.	8752.00	8	2412.08
02610	Middle cranial fossa approach without petrosectomy for trauma, neoplasm resection, nerve section/decompression NOTES: i) To include exposure, removal and closure with microscope. ii) May include extra-dural resection of lesion by Otolaryngologist.	4369.00	8	1440.32
02614	Retrolabyrinthine approach for neurosurgical access - exposure, closure with microscope	4369.00	8	2206.00
02618	Repair of CSF leak following skull base approach with mastoid obliteration - to include exposure, dissection and closure with microscope	3500.00	8	1400.00

CRANIAL PROCEDURES

03065	Neurosurgical component of cranial facial resection for tumour of ethmoid, frontal sinus or orbit, as a combined procedure with ENT. (See also fee item 02280) NOTE: Not billable for exposure only.	4648.00	7	1639.46

EXTRA-CRANIAL VASCULAR PROCEDURES

03141	Cerebral re-vascularization procedure with extracranial-intracranial anastomosis	5308.00	9	1872.19
03142	Application of Silverstone clamps (operation only)	1592.00	5	561.66

SPINE

Miscellaneous

03152	Bischoff's or longitudinal myelotomy	2655.00	5	936.10
03176	Cordotomy, percutaneous	2792.00	4	984.04

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03177	Cordotomy	2244.00	5	791.17
03178	Operative microsurgical rhizotomy utilizing fluoroscopy or CT in an operating room environment under general anesthetic NOTE: Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgery.	2643.00	5	932.43
03108	Operative facet rhizotomy utilizing fluoroscopy or CT in an operating room environment under general anesthetic NOTE: Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgery.	2069.00	4	450.00
03150	Laminectomy for selective posterior rhizotomy	3561.00	5	1256.01
03153	Laminectomy, with DREZ lesion for pain	3997.00	6	1408.69
03155	Laminectomy for hematoma, tumour or vascular malformation	2689.00	6	948.86
03160	Laminectomy for congenital spinal malformation or tethered spinal cord	3854.00	5	2027.87
03168	Laminectomy for intradural spinal cord or extra-medullary tumour or vascular malformation by microsurgical technique	5160.00	7	2013.98
S03165	Insertion of intracranial pressure monitoring device, operation only	844.00	6	296.11
S03167	Insertion of skull tongs (operation only)	362.00	4	126.29
03169	Fracture of spine without cord injury, open reduction and fusion	1948.00	7	686.74
03170	– in conjunction with Orthopaedic Surgeon (operation only)	1843.00		649.23
03172	Fracture of spine with cord injury, open reduction and fusion	2657.00	7	937.07
03173	– in conjunction with Orthopaedic Surgeon (operation only)	1843.00		649.23
03183	Microsurgical repair of meningomyelocele	4977.00	6	1754.52
03175	Repair of meningocele or encephalocele	2837.00	6	1001.39
03215	Insertion of spinal subarachnoid catheter (operation only)	134.00	2	46.62
03218	Replacement of spinal subarachnoid catheter access device with infusion pump for spinal subarachnoid infusion (operation only)	1312.00	3	462.00
03219	Insertion of spinal subarachnoid device-reservoir in paraspinal region (operation only) NOTE: 03219 to include insertion of spinal subarachnoid catheter.	1110.00	3	391.54

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03220	Insertion of spinal subarachnoid catheter access device-reservoir/pump in anterior chest wall or abdominal wall (operation only) ..... NOTE: 03220 to include insertion of spinal subarachnoid catheter.	1776.00	3	626.46
03231	Repair of spinal CSF leak or pseudo-meningocele	1699.00	5	598.96
03301	Laminotomy for insertion of spinal stimulator electrode for chronic pain (operation only).....	798.00	5	472.93
03302	Percutaneous fluoroscopically controlled insertion of spinal stimulator electrode for chronic pain (operation only)	453.00	2	353.75
03303	Implantation of pulse generator or receiver for chronic pain stimulation (operation only)	1023.00	3	605.71
03304	Implantation of spinal stimulator (complete system), to include implantation pulse generator/receiver, using percutaneous electrode (operation only).....	1438.00	3	851.71
03305	Implantation of spinal stimulator (complete system), to include implantation of pulse/generator receiver - using laminotomy electrode (operation only).....	1607.00	5	951.90
03306	Revision of spinal/cranial stimulator pulse generator	1023.00	3	605.71
03307	Removal of spinal/brain stimulator system.....	679.00	3	400.79
03368	Discogram (operation only).....	363.00	2	92.97
03369	Abscess or hematoma, extraspinal, under GA (operation only).....	720.00	4	186.72
03361	Percutaneous discectomy.....	1048.00	3	270.75
03367	Removal of spinal instrumentation	1983.00	5	513.50

CERVICAL

Decompression Procedures

	Laminectomy for cervical disc:			
03156	– one level	2089.00	6	1524.64
03157	– multiple levels	2292.00	6	1874.56
03180	Multiple level laminectomy for cervical cord compression - three or more levels.....	3704.00	6	1430.75
	Anterior cervical discectomy and fusion:			
03163	– one level	2292.00	6	1429.88
03164	– multiple levels	2921.00	6	1936.16
03362	Cervical - single level	2417.00	6	625.53
03363	Cervical - two or more levels.....	3118.00	6	807.58

Vertebral Body Resection

03365	Cervical.....	6304.00	6	1633.84

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Instrumented Procedures			
	Stabilization - Anterior:			
03347	Cervical - stabilization alone (with Neurosurgeon)	1948.00	6	504.14
03348	Cervical - with plates and discectomy	3822.00	6	1574.63
03349	Cervical - with plates and vertebrectomy	6834.00	6	1769.22
	Stabilization - Posterior:			
03340	Cervical - simple, single or multiple level (includes Gallie fusion)	2090.00	6	541.49
03341	Cervical segmental (includes C1-2 transarticular screws)	4201.00	6	1087.67
	Posterior Osteotomy with Instrumentation:			
03354	Cervical	9448.00	6	2446.08
	Cervical			
03358	ORIF	3895.00	7	1008.32

THORACIC

	Decompression Procedures			
03166	Removal of thoracic disc	2445.00	8	2349.45
03185	Postero-lateral microsurgical thoracic discectomy	3657.00	8	1915.56
03174	Trans-thoracic or trans-abdominal removal of thoracic disc, team procedure, Neurosurgeon	3512.00	8	1239.79
03179	– Chest Surgeon or General Surgeon	1335.00	8	470.49

THORACOLUMBAR

	Decompression Procedures			
	Laminectomy for lumbar disc:			
03158	– one level	1738.00	5	670.94
03159	– multiple levels	1893.00	5	1333.43
03161	Laminectomy for localized spinal stenosis - two levels or less	2018.00	5	789.13
03162	Laminectomy for generalized spinal stenosis - more than two levels	3143.00	5	1213.99
	Posterior lumbar interspinous/interlaminar stabilization/instrumentation (extra):			
P03371	– Single level (extra)	673.00		201.50

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P03372	– Multiple level (extra).....	1345.00		403.00
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03158, 03161 or 03162. ii) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.			
	Decompression - Anterior			
	Discectomy with or without fusion:			
03364	Thoracolumbar, includes decompression.....	5569.00	8	1442.43
	Vertebral body resection:			
03366	Thoracolumbar.....	7358.00	8	1904.58
	Instrumented Procedures			
	Anterior Release/Osteotomy:			
03352	Thoracolumbar.....	5569.00	8	1442.43
03353	Thoracolumbar - with anterior instrumentation and correction	6615.00	8	1713.19
03351	Thoracolumbar - instrumentation with anterior release or vertebrectomy	7880.00	8	2449.42
	NOTE: 03350 and 03351 are payable in full when done in conjunction with posterior instrumentation and fusion.			
	Posterior Instrumentation and Fusion:			
03356	Adult.....	6834.00	7	1769.22
03357	Pediatric.....	5569.00	7	1442.43
	Thoracolumbar:			
03359	ORIF with segmental fixation alone	5045.00	7	1307.07
03360	ORIF with segmental fixation and decompression	6092.00	7	1577.82
03342	Thoracolumbar - without instrumentation.....	1896.00	5	490.15
03343	Thoracolumbar - simple instrumentation (Harrington, wires or screw, etc.).....	2990.00	7	774.90
03350	Thoracolumbar - approach and stabilization alone (with Neurosurgeon)	3674.00	8	952.30
03344	Thoracolumbar - segmental instrumentation and spinal fusion	4833.00	7	1251.05
03345	Thoracolumbar - segmental instrumentation and fusion with decompression - single level.....	6092.00	7	2058.13
03346	Thoracolumbar - multiple levels	7135.00	7	2411.31

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PC03355	Thoracolumbar Spinal Fusion – including posterior osteotomy via Smith-Peterson, pedicle subtraction or vertebral column resection with fusion of greater than four (4) vertebral segments ..... NOTE: Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.	9448.00	7	3526.25
P03370	Thoracolumbar Spinal Fusion (lasting longer than 6 hours) – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (maximum of 16 units per patient)..... NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03355. ii) Surgical start time begins and ends with positioning. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.	170.00		50.79
	Posterior lumbar interbody fusion (PLIF) or transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF) (extra):			
P03373	Single level (extra).....	1345.00		403.00
P03374	Multiple level (extra) ..... NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03345, 03346, 03355, 03356 or 03357. ii) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.	2017.00		604.50

HYDROCEPHALUS

03181	Shunt for ventricular obstruction.....	2867.00	6	1011.31
03182	– revision	2867.00	6	1011.31
03184	Lumbar peritoneal shunt for hydrocephalus	2867.00	5	1011.31
S03188	Ventriculostomy or insertion of external ventricular drain (operation only)	820.00	6	289.44
S03240	Implantation of totally implantable ventricular access device (e.g.: Ommaya reservoir), (operation only) ..... NOTE: S03240 not to be used for external ventricular drain.	1331.00	6	467.81
S03216	Puncture of ventricular shunt for CSF aspiration (operation only)	104.00	2	36.20
S03217	Percutaneous ventricular puncture (operation only).....	368.00	2	129.36

PERIPHERAL NERVE

S03196	Exploration, mobilization and transposition	798.00	2	281.48
03198	Neurectomy of major nerve	628.00	2	222.43

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03200	Secondary suture including transposition	1631.00	3	575.24
03201	Secondary suture of major nerve	1244.00	3	437.73
03204	Hypoglossal facial anastomosis	1934.00	4	681.78
03205	Nerve graft	1221.00	3	431.81
03207	Microsurgical removal of neoplasm - major peripheral nerve	2313.00	3	815.19
	Brachial Plexus Surgery:			
03045	Brachial plexus exploration for neurolysis, primary repair or tumour removal	2751.00	3	1500.00
03046	Post traumatic delayed or repeat exploration in brachial plexus surgery (extra)	684.00	3	550.00
03047	Intraoperative diagnostic monitoring in brachial plexus surgery (extra)	606.00		213.42
03048	Nerve graft done in addition to brachial plexus exploration - extra per graft	552.00		194.02
	NOTE: Includes harvesting of graft.			
03049	Neurotization in brachial plexus surgery (extra)	1283.00		452.71

VERTEBRA, FACET AND SPINE

Incision - Therapeutic, Percutaneous:

*58205	Injection/aspiration facet joint	363.00	2	92.97
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
	Needle biopsy, soft tissue/bone:			
S11831	– lumbar spine, under general anesthesia	720.00	2	186.72
S11830	– thoracic spine, under general anesthesia	830.00	2	214.73
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11845	Biopsy, with general anesthesia	938.00	3	242.74
	NOTE: Not payable with definitive spinal surgery.			
	Fracture and/or Dislocation (Cervical Spine):			
	Cervical:			
*58710	Application of halo	720.00	4	186.72

MICROSURGERY

Microneural Surgery:

	Neurolysis:			
06210	– external	1146.00	2	288.08
06211	– intraneural	1747.00	2	438.94
	Microfascicular neurorrhaphy, primary:			
06212	– digital or palmar	1146.00	2	288.08
06213	– major nerve	2444.00	2	614.93

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Interfascicular nerve graft (to include harvest of graft):			
06214	– digital or palmar	1716.00	2	533.59
06215	– major nerve	4998.00	4	1600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

03230 Repeat neurosurgery

NOTES:

i) For neurosurgical procedure repeated within 21 days of initial procedure, full-listed fee applies.

ii) For neurosurgical procedure repeated after 21 days of initial procedure, an additional 25% of the listed fee may be claimed for qualifying procedures, under fee item 03230.

iii) Applicable only to the following neurosurgical procedures:

Cranial:

- Re-operation for residual or recurrent brain tumour.

Spinal:

- Re-operation for residual or recurrent spinal tumour (intradural or extradural).
- Re-operation for recurrent lumbar disc or spinal stenosis.
- Spinal re-operation for tethering of myelomeningocoele, or lipomyelomeningocoele.

iv) Not applicable to shunt revisions or reopening of cranial wound for removal of bone flap.

v) Not applicable to fee items 03130 or 03135.

03211	Muscle biopsy	159.00	2	55.80
03227	Neurosurgical interpretation and written report of submitted x-ray films (including CT scan, MRI)	137.00		59.43

NOTE: Not payable in addition to a consultation rendered within 2 months (+/-) on the same patient on referral by the same physician.

PUNCTURE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING BODY FLUIDS

(When performed for diagnostic purposes)

SY00750	Lumbar puncture in a patient 13 years of age and over……	209.00	2	54.99

Note: Procedure not payable with Critical Care sectional fee items or chemotherapy fee items.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
04010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and gynecological examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report or consultation during labour	485.00		140.70
04012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	243.00		77.25
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
04007	Subsequent office visit (for gynecology visits only, all pregnant patients and routine pre-natal patients billed under fee item 14091)	106.00		48.22
04008	Subsequent hospital visit	79.20		48.22
04009	Subsequent home visit	179.00		116.08
04005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	386.00		127.37
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
04070	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and gynaecological examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report or consultation during labour	485.00		140.70
04072	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	243.00		77.25
04077	Telehealth subsequent office visit (for gynecology visits only.)	106.00		48.22
04078	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	79.20		48.22

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

OBSTETRICAL PROCEDURES

04038	Repeat intrapartum assessment by consultant at request of primary care physician.....	668.00		222.21

NOTES:
- i) Payable only subsequent to obstetrician's consultation. If consultation rendered same day, must be at least 30 minutes between consultation and repeat evaluation and must be a separate event (i.e. time/situation)
- ii) Charges for delivery payable in addition
- iii) Call-out charges (1200 series) and emergency visits (04005) are not payable in addition.
- iv) Not payable with 04039.

04039	Management of complicated labour by obstetrician.....	2210.00		667.15

NOTES:
- i) Requires completion of written record
- ii) Payable only after at least one hour of attendance at bedside
- iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.
- iv) Not payable with 04038, 04050, 14104, 14109, or 14199
- v) Payable x 1 only, regardless of multiple gestation
- vi) Payable only for the following conditions:

  <u>Fetal conditions</u>:
  - (a) Abnormal FH tracing requiring scalp pH monitoring, (or attendance at bedside by obstetrician for no less than 60 minutes)
  - (b) Prematurity <37 completed weeks gestation
  - (c) Severe IUGR (< 2500 g)
  - (d) Face or breech presentation
  - (e) Multiple gestation
  - (f) Congenital anomaly where neonatal morbidity/mortality is an issue and may be affected by labour/delivery process (e.g.: open neural tube defect, body wall defect such as omphalocele, or gastroschisis, congenital; fetal arrhythmia, hydrocephalus)
  - (g) Hydrops fetalis
  - (h) Iso-immunization

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Placental or amniotic fluid conditions: (a) Placental abruption (b) Severe oligohydramnios (AFI<6) (c) Severe polyhydramnios (AFI>25) Maternal Conditions: (a) Cardiovascular disease where the management of labour must take into account avoidance of rapid changes in volume (e.g.: aortic stenosis or regurgitation, mitral valve stenosis, mitral valve regurgitation with LV dysfunction, severe pulmonary stenosis, coarctation of the aorta, cardiomyopathy, arrythmia requiring pharmacological treatment, any lesion with pulmonary hypertension or ventricular dilatation). (b) Renal disease (e.g.: renal failure, renal transplant) (c) Pulmonary disease (e.g.: pulmonary fibrosis, severe asthma, cystic fibrosis) (d) Endocrine disease (e.g.: Addison's disease, clinical hyperthyroidism, Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus) (e) Neurological disease (e.g.: cerebral aneurysm, brain tumour, paraplegia) (f) Infectious disease (AIDS, severe pneumonia, systemic sepsis) (g) Severe pre-eclampsia (attempt made to deliver vaginally) (h) Maternal obesity – BMI > 40			
14091	Prenatal visit - subsequent examination	83.70		31.62
	NOTES: i) Uncomplicated pre-natal care usually includes a complete examination followed by monthly visits to 32 weeks, then visits every second week to 36 weeks, and weekly visits thereafter to delivery. In complicated pregnancies, charges for additional visits will be given independent consideration upon written explanation.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Where a patient transfers her total on-going uncomplicated pre-natal care to another physician, the second physician also may charge a complete examination (item 14090) and subsequent examinations, as rendered. To facilitate payment the reason for transfer should be stated with the claim. Temporary substitution of one physician for another during days off, annual vacation, etcetera, should not be considered as a patient transfer.			
	iii) Other than during pre-natal or post-natal visits, it is proper to charge separately for all visits, (including counseling) for conditions unrelated to the pregnancy under appropriate fee items listed elsewhere. The reason for the charges should be clearly spelled out when submitting claim.			
	iv) Other than procedures, services for the care of unrelated conditions, during a pre-natal or post-natal visit are included in the pre-natal (14091) or post-natal visit fee (14094), and are not to be billed under fee item 04007. Procedures rendered for unrelated conditions are chargeable as set out in Preamble D. 8. d.			
PG04717	Prenatal office visit for complex obstetrical patient.....	116.00		46.89
	NOTES: i) Paid only for the following diagnoses: (a) Fetal Conditions: • Congenital anomaly where neonatal morbidity/mortality is an issue and may be affected by labour/delivery process (e.g.: open neural tube defect, body wall defect such as omphalocele, or gastroschisis, congenital; fetal arrhythmia, hydrocephalus). • Hydrops fetalis • Iso-immunization			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	(b) Maternal conditions: • Cardiovascular disease where the management of labour must take into account avoidance of rapid changes in volume (e.g.: aortic stenosis or regurgitation, mitral valve stenosis, mitral valve regurgitation with LV dysfunction, severe pulmonary stenosis, coarctation of the aorta, cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia requiring pharmacological treatment, any lesion with pulmonary hypertension or ventricular dilatation). • Renal disease (e.g.: renal failure, renal transplant) • Endocrine disease (e.g.: Addison's disease, clinical hyperthyroidism, Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus) • Neurological disease (e.g.: cerebral aneurysm, brain tumour, paraplegia) • Infectious disease (HIV, severe pneumonia, systemic sepsis) (c) Pulmonary disease (e.g.: pulmonary fibrosis, severe asthma, cystic fibrosis) (d) Pregnancy qualifying conditions: hypertension on medication, IUGR with growth less than 10%, oligohydramnios AFI less than 8, hydramnios AF1 greater than 23, Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus. (e) Current pregnancy conditions: preterm labour, cervical incompetence, or abruption occurring in this pregnancy; (the high risk antenatal visit fee reverts to 14091 after 36 weeks gestation). (f) Previous pregnancy conditions: 2 preterm births, or 1 previous preterm birth less than 30 weeks (reverts to 14091 after 36 weeks gestation). ii) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.			
PG04718	Care of complex antepartum patient prior to transfer to higher level of care facility for delivery ..... NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. *(notes continued on next page)*	695.00		280.53

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Not paid with 04038, 04039, 04025, 04050, 04052, 14104, 14105. iii) Start and end times required in claim submission and patient's chart. iv) Paid only when time spent stabilizing patient by obstetrician exceeds 60 minutes, and patient is transferred to a higher level of care. v) Payable on the same date as a GP is paid for 14105. vi) Payable for pre-eclampsia, preterm labour, and for serious maternal condition(s) that requires stabilization prior to transfer.			
14104	Delivery and post-natal care (1-14 days in-hospital)..... NOTES: i) Care of new-born in hospital (see fee item 00119). ii) Repair of cervix is not included in fee item 14104. Charge 50% of listed fee when done on same day as delivery. iii) When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.	1401.00		584.78
P14094	Post-natal office visit..... NOTE: i) P14094 may be billed in the six weeks following delivery (vaginal or Caesarean Section) ii) Not payable to physician performing Caesarean Section	83.70		31.62
14199	Management of prolonged second stage of labour, per 30 minutes or major portions thereof..... NOTES: i) This item is billable in addition to fee item 14104, only when the second stage of labour exceeds two hours in length. ii) Not billable with 04000, 04014, 04017, 04018 or 04085. iii) Timing ends when constant personal attendance ends, or at the time of delivery.	221.00		84.94
04085	Trial of Forceps/Vacuum Delivery..... NOTES: i) Payable for a forceps/vacuum assisted vaginal delivery that was unsuccessful. ii) Applicable only to mid-pelvis procedures. iii) Payable only if followed by an immediate caesarean section.	614.00	4	211.95

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Not payable with complicated delivery fees 04000, 04017 or 04018 (for single births).			
	v) Maximum of one payable per pregnancy.			
04000	Complicated vaginal delivery - includes shoulder dystocia, premature delivery less than 37 weeks or less than 2500 grams (operation only).....	1048.00	4	341.16
	NOTES:			
	i) Complicated delivery fees will be paid at 50% when 14104 is payable to the same physician.			
	ii) Only one of fee items 04014, 04017, 04018 or 04000 is payable at any one time (for single births).			
04014	Complicated delivery - midcavity surgical delivery (operation only).....	1319.00	4	427.12
04017	Midcavity rotation from OP or OT to OA, surgical delivery (operation only)	1561.00	4	505.20
04018	Breech vaginal birth (operation only).....	1561.00	4	505.20
	NOTE: Fee item 04014, 04017 or 04018 will be paid at 100% for multiple deliveries, plus any add-on fees (e.g.: 04092) will be paid at 100%.			
04022	Repair of complete separation of external sphincter (operation only).....	659.00	3	215.03
	NOTE: Not paid in addition to 04024.			
04023	Repair of extensive cervical and/or vaginal lacerations (operation only).....	659.00	3	215.03
	NOTE: Not paid in addition to 04022 and 04024.			
04024	Repair of 4th degree laceration (operation only).....	792.00	3	257.41
04026	Manual removal of retained placenta (operation only)..	659.00	3	215.03
04049	External cephalic version	377.00		123.88
	NOTE: Administration of IV tocolytic agent and fetal heart monitoring included.			
04116	Curettage for post-partum hemorrhage (>20 weeks)....	541.00	3	177.20
	Multiple births, each additional child:			
04092	– natural birth	492.00		161.31
04093	– Caesarean section.....	246.00		82.15
	NOTE: Fee item 04093 is to be billed in full in addition to fee items 04025, 04050, 04052 or 04106.			
14108	Post-natal care after elective Caesarean section (1-14 days in-hospital).....	288.00		120.31
	NOTE: When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
14109	Primary management of labour and attendance at delivery and post-natal care associated with emergency Caesarean section (1-14 days in-hospital)..	1167.00		487.10
	NOTES: i) Surgical assistant is extra to fee item 14108 and 14109. ii) When medically necessary additional post-partum office visit(s) are payable under fee item P14094.			
04107	Supervision of labour and vaginal delivery in a case of previous Caesarean section - operation only	404.00		133.01
	NOTE: Fee item 04107 is a standby fee only and is not payable in addition to delivery fees 14104, 04000, 04014, 04017, 04018, 04050, 04052 and 04025.			
	Caesarean section:			
04050	– elective	1490.00	5	483.59
04052	– emergency	1669.00	6	540.18
04025	– high risk, fetus less than 1500 grams	1935.00	6	625.07
04106	Caesarean hysterectomy	2283.00	8	738.21
	Therapeutic abortion (vaginal) by whatever means:			
04111	– less than 14 weeks gestation (operation only)	439.00	2	150.00
04110	– 14 -18 weeks gestation (operation only)	615.00	2	200.90
PG04716	Obstetrical surcharge therapeutic abortion (D&E) at 14 to 18 weeks (extra)	153.00		61.48
	NOTE: Paid only with 04110.			
04114	Therapeutic abortion by D & E, 18 weeks and over *(operation only)*	861.00	3	280.06
PG04715	Obstetrical surcharge therapeutic abortion (D&E) at 18 weeks and over (extra)	204.00		81.97
	NOTES: i) Paid only with 04114. ii) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.			
S04080	Insertion of Multiple Osmotic Dilators with Paracervical Block, prior to second trimester pregnancy termination.	412.00		141.36
	NOTES: i) Paid for gestations over 14 weeks. ii) Not paid with 04111 or 01022. iii) Paid when performed within 48 hours prior to 04110 or 04114.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Maximum of two per patient, within 48 hours prior to 04110 and 04114.			
	v) When performed within 24 hours prior to 04114, transabdominal amniocentesis (00787) is paid at 100%.			
	vi) Amniocentesis (00787) is not paid with 04110.			
04118	Induction or stimulation of labour by oxytocin intravenous drip, where attendance by the physician is readily available - first hour	121.00		41.98
04119	– subsequent hours	80.90		28.93
	NOTES:			
	i) Physician must be readily available – response time by telephone is immediate and response time on the unit is within minutes.			
	ii) Maximum charge for above service to be 10 hours per pregnancy.			
	iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

ABDOMINAL OPERATIONS

04228	Hysterectomy - total	1935.00	5	655.21
	NOTE: Includes salpingectomy/oophorectomy (04003), ovarian cystectomy (04201) and abdominal enterocele repair.			
04229	Removal of complicated pelvic disease	1935.00	6	655.21
04204	Abdominal hysterotomy, with or without sterilization	1053.00	5	358.76
04203	Myomectomy	1319.00	5	447.72
04208	Ectopic pregnancy removal by salpingotomy or salpingectomy (open procedure)	1316.00	5	446.24
04206	Suspension of uterus	706.00	4	240.19
04230	Sterilization - abdominal open	880.00	4	299.44
04216	Presacral neurectomy	1232.00	5	418.08
04217	Post-operative hemorrhage - intra-abdominal management	1053.00	6	358.76
04003	Oophorectomy and/or salpingectomy (unilateral or bilateral)	1053.00	5	358.76
04201	Ovarian cystectomy (to include ovary repair)	1319.00	5	447.72
04605	Vault prolapse - abdominal approach (includes oopherectomy when applicable)	1741.00	5	655.21
P04141	Insertion of intra-peritoneal catheter for chemotherapy under general anesthetic	914.00	4	320.00

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Includes fee item 04001.			
P04142	Removal of intra-peritoneal catheter for chemotherapy.	400.00	3	140.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) For removal of catheter not requiring surgical dissection, use visit fees.			

SURGICAL MODIFIERS

PG04714	Prolonged surgery – Open procedure per 15 minutes or major portion thereof (extra).....	177.00		71.72
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Payable for significant uterine enlargement due to fibroids, significant adnexal enlargement, presence of significant endometriosis, or significant adhesions. iii) Paid as an extra to an open surgical procedure, when surgical time exceeds 2 hours. iv) Not payable if multiple surgical procedures are billed (except for 04001 for when a laparoscopic procedure is converted to open). v) When an open case results from conversion of a laparoscopic procedure, G04714 is paid after 2 hours total surgical time. vi) Start and end times (for total time of surgery) must be entered on the claim and patient's chart.			
PG04719	Gynecology surgical surcharge for patients 75 years and older	160.00		64.05
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Fee item G04719 will only be paid once whether single or multiple procedures are performed under the same anesthetic.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) Paid with the following surgical procedures: 04701, G04702, G04703, G04704, G04705, G04706, C04707, C04709, 00704, 00705, 00807, 00808, 00874, 00875, 00878, 04001, 04003, 04011, 04029, 04032, 04033, 04034, 04035, 04036, 04037, 04040, 04041, 04042, 04043, 04044, 04045, 04047, 04048, 04201, 04202, 04203, 04204, 04206, 04212, 04217, 04218, 04219, 04220, 04221, 04222, 04223, 04224, 04225, 04227, 04228, 04229, 04230, 04232, 04233, 04301, 04303, 04306, 04307, 04309, 04311, 04312, 04316, 04318, 04320, 04322, 4401,04402, 04405, 04406, 04408, 04410, 04411, 04421, 04422, 04424, 04427, 04429, 04500, 04502, 04503, 04508, 04509, 04510, 04512, 04515, 04516, 04517, 04530, 04531, 04536, 04551, 04602, 04605, 04620, 04621, 04622, 04623, 04624, 04625, 04626, 04627, 04628, 04660, 04662, 06063, 07027, 07597, 07634, 08178, 08250, 08254, 08255, 08257, 08263, 08278, 08282, 08283 or 70120.			
	iv) Applies to procedures performed in hospital operating room, ambulatory care or office setting.			

ABDOMINAL OPERATIONS FOR CANCER

04011	Debulking operation for cancer of ovary or fallopian tubes.	2634.00	6	892.35
	NOTES: i) Excluding stage one disease. ii) Includes omentectomy and hysterectomy if done.			
04218	Radical abdominal hysterectomy for carcinoma, including partial vaginectomy	2893.00	6	981.28
04212	Pelvic lymphadenectomy	1754.00	6	595.90
	Para-aortic lymphadenectomy:			
04219	– total	1754.00	6	595.90
04220	– partial	773.00	5	263.91
04029	Omentectomy and/or removal of extra pelvic soft tissue mass, 5 -10 cm	1053.00	5	358.76
	NOTE: Not billed in addition to 04011.			
04628	Removal of extra pelvic soft tissue mass, greater than 10 cm.	1402.00	5	477.33
P04630	Sentinel lymph node biopsy vulva (SLN-V) – unilateral	1371.00	3	474.13
P04631	Sentinel lymph node biopsy vulva (SLN-V) – bilateral	2057.00	3	711.19

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable only for the staging of vulvar malignancies and malignant melanoma. ii) SLN component of the combined procedure not payable to surgeons during the training phase.			
PC04640	Laparoscopic Sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLN-L) – unilateral	1371.00	3	474.13
PC04641	Laparoscopic Sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLN-L) – bilateral	2057.00	3	711.19
	NOTES: i) Payable only for the staging of malignant cervical cancer and endometrial cancer. ii) 04640 paid at 50% with 04212 if ICG dye fails to localize a lymph node. 04641 is not payable with 04212. iii) SLN component of the combined procedure not payable to surgeons during the training phase.			

HYSTEROSCOPY – SURGICAL

Hysteroscopic Division of Intrauterine Adhesions (IUA).

NOTE: Billable only for patients with menstrual disturbance, infertility or recurrent pregnancy loss.

	Hysteroscopic division of intrauterine adhesions:			
04221	– simple	573.00	2	196.95
	NOTE: Intended for procedures performed under direct vision, but less than 1/2 of uterine cavity involved with IUA.			
04222	– complicated	967.00	2	328.58
	NOTE: Intended for procedures performed under direct vision using either operative hysteroscope and hysteroscopic scissors or rectoscope, and more than 1/2 of uterine cavity involved with IUA.			
04223	Resection of myoma - includes diagnostic hysteroscopy	1338.00	2	455.19
	NOTE: Billable only when done under direct vision.			
04224	Endometrial ablation - includes diagnostic hysteroscopy	1338.00	2	455.19
04225	Hysteroscopic division of uterine septum	967.00	2	328.58
04226	Hysteroscopic tubal occlusion (bilateral)	553.00		195.31

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
OPERATIONS (VULVA)				
04300	Incision of hymen (operation only)	123.00	2	150.00
04301	Excision or marsupialization of a Bartholin's cyst - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04303	Excision of hydrocele or canal of Nuck	530.00	2	180.90
04304	Urethral caruncle - cautery or excision in hospital - operation only	175.00	2	62.32
04305	Venereal warts - cautery or excision (operation only)	106.00		38.61
04306	Excision of venereal warts under general anesthesia in hospital - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04309	Labium Varicocele - operation only	386.00	2	133.47
04311	Operation of atresia of vulva or enlargement of vaginal introitus for stenosis - operation only	386.00	2	150.00
04312	Labia minora resection - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04316	Vulvovaginoplasty	706.00	2	240.18
	NOTE: This item is payable for genetic females only.			
	Biopsy of vulva:			
04317	– excisional lesion less than 2 cm	48.00	2	19.22
04032	– excisional lesion greater than or equal to 2 cm.	266.00	2	92.00
	Vulvectomy:			
04307	– simple	1144.00	3	388.42
04318	– radical	2501.00	3	847.00
	Inguinal and femoral lymphadenectomy:			
04320	– unilateral	1094.00	4	371.34
04322	– bilateral	1817.00	4	616.82
P04632	Vulvar wide local excision	818.00	3	282.60
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Payable for the wide local excision of the vulva/perineum for pre-invasive and benign disease. iii) Payable for wide local excision of Paget's disease and/or extensive differentiated VIN or complex VIN3 with suspected malignancy.			
P04633	Radical partial/hemi Vulvectomy (RPV)	961.00	3	332.48
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Payable for the radical excision of vulvar carcinoma. iii) Payable for radical excision of verrucous cancers, melanomas, or vulvar soft tissue sarcomas.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
OPERATIONS (VAGINA)				
04202	Hysterectomy - vaginal	1935.00	4	655.21
	Oophorectomy/ovarian cystectomy and/or adnexectomy (vaginal route), extra to vaginal hysterectomy:			
04232	- unilateral- operation only	257.00	5	89.21
04233	- bilateral	510.00	5	175.40
04033	Vaginectomy for VAIN (partial)	1053.00	4	358.76
04411	Vaginectomy - total	1584.00	4	536.63
04401	Fistula recto-vaginal repair	1584.00	3	536.63
04402	Colpotomy with drainage pelvic abscess - operation only	439.00	2	151.30
04404	Removal of vaginal inclusion cyst - operation only	106.00	2	150.00
04405	Removal of other vaginal cyst - operation only	458.00	2	157.22
04406	Septum vaginal removal - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04408	Vault prolapse following hysterectomy	1584.00	4	536.63
04410	Post-operative hemorrhage, vaginal management requiring general anesthetic - operation only	458.00	5	157.22
PLASTIC OPERATIONS FOR GENITAL PROLAPSE AND INCONTINENCE				
04227	Cystocele and/or urethrocele repair	1114.00	2	378.73
04421	Rectocele repair	1114.00	2	378.73
04422	Enterocele repair	1361.00	2	461.51
	NOTE: For concurrent billings of 04421 and 04422, identification of the peritoneal defect and closure of this defect is required or bill only as fee item 04421.			
04424	Complete repair of prolapse (Manchester or Fothergill types)	1741.00	3	590.76
04427	Le Fort's operation	973.00	2	330.50
04429	Repair of old 3rd degree perineal laceration	1157.00	2	394.37
04432	Repeat vaginal plastic procedure (extra)	386.00	2	133.19
P04701	Repeat urinary incontinence procedure for cases of a previously failed retropubic or vaginal procedure	1034.00	4	420.25
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Fee items 00704, 00705, 08202, 08282, or 08283 not paid in addition.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PG04702	Transection or removal of suburethral mesh sling ..... NOTES: i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists. ii) Fee items 00704, 00705 or 08232 not paid in addition.	1034.00	4	417.12
PG04703	Augmented anterior compartment vaginal prolapse with insertion of synthetic mesh or biologic graft with attachment to Arcus Tendinous ..... NOTES: i) Fee items 00704, 00705 or 04227 not paid in addition. ii) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.	1032.00	2	415.99
PG04704	Augmented posterior compartment vaginal prolapse with insertion of synthetic mesh or biologic graft with attachment to sacrospinous ligament ..... NOTES: i) Fee items 04421 or 04422 not paid in addition. ii) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.	1032.00	2	415.99
PG04705	Removal of trans-vaginal placed synthetic mesh where indicated, form anterior or posterior compartment, due to pain or complications ..... NOTES: i) Fee items 00704, 00705 are not paid in addition. ii) Paid at 50% when done with 04605 or 04408. iii) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.	1238.00	2	499.19
PG04706	Vaginal vault suspension – Apical support procedure ..	1006.00	2	405.64

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Paid for sacrospinous, pre-spinous, iliococcygeal suspension or high, uterosacral ligament plication performed for vault suspension (synthetic or biologic)
ii) Paid for Stage 3 and Stage 4 prolapse with or without hysterectomy.
iii) Fee items 00704, 00705, 04408, 04424, 04605 not paid in addition.
iv) 04227, 04421, 04422, G04703, G04704, paid in addition, as per Preamble D. 5. 3.).
v) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.

VAGINAL OPERATIONS (CERVIX AND UTERUS)

S04500	Cervix dilation and curettage (pelvic examination not billable in addition when done as an isolated procedure) - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04502	Cervix - repair of - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
	Cervical incompetence:			
04517	– elective repair	706.00	2	240.18
04516	– emergency repair	880.00	2	299.45
04515	Removal of buried cervical ligature under anesthesia - operation only	175.00	2	150.00
04509	Cervical polypectomy - operation only	48.00	2	19.23
04508	Biopsy cervix, under general anesthetic	196.00	2	150.00
04510	Biopsy of cervix with dilation and curettage (operation only)	350.00	2	150.00
04536	Cone biopsy of cervix with endocervical curettage (dilation and curettage included in the fee)	773.00	2	263.90
	Cauterization cervix:			
04533	– electric, in office - operation only	106.00		38.61
04530	– under general anesthesia - operation only	175.00	2	150.00
S04531	– with dilation and curettage, if done - operation only	350.00	2	150.00
04503	Cryosurgery of cervix - operation only	211.00	2	74.22
04551	Cervical stump removal	773.00	3	263.90
04512	Myomectomy, vaginal - operation only	439.00	4	151.29
04545	Artificial insemination (operation only)	88.00		32.71
14540	Insertion intrauterine contraceptive device (operation only)	99.80	2	43.15

Note: Includes Pap smear if required.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00770	Pelvic examination under anesthesia – when done as an independent procedure - procedural fee	322.00	2	150.00

LAPAROSCOPIC OPERATIONS

PC04707	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy, includes oophorectomy and/or salpingectomy.....	1941.00	5	980.80

NOTES:
- i) Fee items 00704, 00705, 00815, 04001, 04003, 04041, 04042, 04408, 04605, 04232, 04233 or G04706 not paid in addition.
- ii) Fee items 04040 and 04047 payable in addition but the maximum payable under these items shall not exceed the value of fee item 04229.
- iii) Other items listed under laparoscopic operations are not payable in addition to this item.
- iv) In cases where conversion to open surgery is necessary, 04001 paid at 50%, plus the open procedure.
- v) G04708 will apply after 2 hours.
- vi) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.

PG04708	Prolonged laparoscopic surgery, per 15 minutes or major portion thereof (extra)	177.00		71.72

NOTES:
- i) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- ii) Payable for significant uterine enlargement due to fibroids, significant adnexal enlargement, presence of significant endometriosis, or significant adhesions.
- iii) Fee item 00815 is considered included in G04708.
- iv) Paid as an extra to laparoscopic surgical procedures when surgical time exceeds 2 hours.
- v) Not payable if multiple surgical procedures are billed.
- vi) Start and end times (for total time of surgery) must be entered on the claim and in the patient's chart.

PC04709	Laparoscopic total or supracervical hysterectomy, and/or laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy (LAVH) (includes oophorectomy and/or salpingectomy)	2154.00	5	980.80

NOTES:
- i) Fee items 00815, 04001, 04003, 04041, 04042, 04048, 40202, 04228, 04229, 04232 and 04233 are not paid in addition.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Fee items 04043, 04044, 04047, 04660 and 04662 are payable in addition, but the maximum payable under these items shall not exceed the value of fee item 04229.			
	iii) Other items listed under laparoscopic operations are not payable in addition to this item.			
	iv) In cases where conversion to open surgery is necessary, 04001 paid at 50%, plus open procedure.			
	v) G04708 will apply after 2 hours.			
	vi) Restricted to Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists.			
	NOTE: The following fee items for individual laparoscopic procedures are billable in addition to fee item S04001.			
S04001	Laparoscopy (operation only)	615.00	4	210.56
04660	Tubal interruption - sterilization (paid in addition to laparoscopy or Cesarean section) - operation only	266.00	4	92.00
04662	Removal of foreign body - operation only	266.00	4	92.00
04664	Ectopic pregnancy, removal via scope	1003.00	4	342.55
	Salpingolysis via laparoscope:			
04034	– unilateral - operation only	204.00	4	71.24
04035	– bilateral - operation only	404.00	4	139.41
	Salpingostomy via laparoscope:			
04036	– unilateral - operation only	439.00	4	151.29
04037	– bilateral	880.00	4	299.45
04040	Cautery of endometriosis - operation only	175.00	4	62.31
	Oophorectomy and/or salpingectomy:			
04041	– unilateral - operation only	439.00	5	151.28
04042	– bilateral	880.00	5	299.45
	Ovarian cystectomy:			
04043	– unilateral	706.00	5	240.22
04044	– bilateral	1319.00	5	447.74
04045	Ventral suspension of uterus - operation only	439.00	4	151.29
04046	Presacral neurectomy	615.00	4	210.57
04047	Excision of extensive peritoneal endometriosis including pelvic sidewall dissection and unilateral ureterolysis	968.00	6	329.13

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
04048	Removal of complicated pelvic disease	1319.00	6	447.73

NOTES:
i) Fee items 04047 and 04048 are composite fees.
ii) When performed together, the fee items for laparoscopic procedures are billable at 100%, except for composite fees which are inclusive fees, and subject to iii) and iv) below.
iii) When more than one laparoscopic procedure is performed, fee item S04001 is payable once only at 100%.
iv) Maximum billable for multiple laparoscopic operations (listed above) is up to the rate payable for 04229.

MICRO-SURGICAL OPERATIONS

04602	Salpingolysis and removal of adhesions - loupes or microscope (unilateral or bilateral)	1319.00	5	447.72
	Micro salpingostomy:			
04616	– unilateral	1817.00	5	616.67
04617	– bilateral	2365.00	5	800.77
	Tubo-cornual anastomosis:			
04626	– unilateral (micro-surgical)	2634.00	5	892.33
04627	– bilateral (micro-surgical)	3425.00	5	1159.11

NOTES:
i) Tuboplasty listings are not payable following a previous surgical sterilization and should not be billed to the Plan when a previous sterilization has been performed.
ii) Operative report may be required.

LASER VAPORIZATION

04620	Cervical neoplasia - operation only	449.00	2	155.00
04621	Vaginal neoplasia, with or without GA - operation only	449.00	2	155.00
04622	Vulvar condylomata - operation only	449.00	2	155.00
04623	Extensive vulvar or vaginal condylomata, under general anesthesia	676.00	2	230.97
	Vulvar intraepithelial lesion:			
04624	– diffuse with perianal extension	1124.00	2	382.87
04625	– diffuse or multifocal	900.00	2	306.95

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

SURGICAL ASSISTANCE

NOTES:

i) In those rare situations where an assistant is required for minor surgery, a detailed explanation of need must accompany the account to the payment agency.

ii) Where an assistant at surgery assists at two operations in different areas performed by the same or different surgeon(s) under one anesthetic, he/she may charge a separate assistant fee for each operation, except for bilateral procedures, procedures within the same body cavity or procedures on the same limb.

Total Operative Fee(s) for Procedure(s):

00195	Less than $317.00 inclusive	339.00		134.22
00196	$317.01 - $529.00 inclusive	477.00		189.24
00197	Over $529.00	624.00		260.35

Certified Surgical Assistant:

70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour	1048.00		256.63
	NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.			
70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	119.00		32.23

NOTES:

i) After 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof).

ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.

TESTS PERFORMED IN A PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

15136	Fungus, direct microscopic examination, KOH preparation	27.05		8.39
04699	Fern Test	21.95		9.51

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
15137	Hemoglobin - cyanmethemoglobin method and/or hematocrit NOTE: See the Laboratory Services Payment Schedule for additional hematology information.	8.25		3.12
15000	– other methods	4.40		1.62
15139	Seminal examination for presence or absence of sperm	47.25		14.78
15141	Trichomonas and/or Candida and/or Bacterial Vaginosis direct microscopic examination	21.95		5.65
15142	Urinalysis, complete diagnostic, semi-quantitative and microscopic	17.05		5.62
15120	Pregnancy test, immunologic - urine	28.70		11.65

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

Preamble: Real-time ultrasound fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the diagnostic facility for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.

Obstetrical B-scan:

08651	– 14 weeks gestation or over (for singles)	257.00		109.70
08655	– under 14 weeks gestation NOTE: Where an obstetrical B-scan (08651, 08655 or P86055) has been done within the two weeks immediately prior to an amniocentesis, a repeat obstetrical scan done in conjunction with amniocentesis is not chargeable.	208.00		82.30
86051	Obstetrical B scan (14 weeks gestation or over) (for multiples – each additional fetus)	219.00		81.63
08652	B-scan I.U.D. localization	137.00		55.12
08653	Pelvic B-scan (male or female) to include uterus, ovaries, testes and ovarian/scrotal Doppler NOTES: i) 08653 billable in conjunction with 08658 when specifically requested by the referring physician. ii) 08651 and 08655 not billable in conjunction with 08653.	267.00		109.70
08657	Ultrasonic guidance for chorionic villus sampling	267.00		110.30
04680	Ultrasonic guidance for amniocenteses NOTE: The professional/technical split is as follows: Professional fee - $47.32, Technical Fee - $84.20.	399.00		131.52

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
33910	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	416.00	166.57
33912	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	209.00	83.80
	Continuing care by consultant:		
33907	Subsequent office visit	79.80	51.90

OPHTHALMOLOGY

GUIDELINES FOR BILLING EYE EXAMINATIONS

Guide to Payments under the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP) for insured services of consultations and eye examinations by ophthalmologists to insured patients as agreed to by the section of Ophthalmology of the Doctors of BC.

1. CONSULTATIONS

a) The definition of a consultation as outlined in D. 2. of the Preamble to the Fee Guide is applicable to ophthalmologists; an ophthalmologic referral is defined as a referral by a medical practitioner or optometrist to an ophthalmologist for a problem beyond refraction.

b) The account from the ophthalmologist to MSP must include the name of the referring medical practitioner, the appropriate diagnosis and/or symptoms.

c) A "no charge" referral will be acceptable to MSP to permit payment of the consultative fee where the referring medical practitioner did not carry out an examination of the patient but he/she indicated definite symptoms of which he/she was aware and which were beyond his/her scope.

d) A consultative fee may be paid to the consultant where a patient is "referred" on a "no charge" basis for an "eye examination" and the consultant in his/her examination finds significant eye pathology, so indicates and completes a written report to the referring medical practitioner. (NOTE: MSP reserves the right to request a copy of the written report to assist in its determination of any specific account.)

e) A consultative fee will <u>not</u> be paid where there is a "no charge" referral and the ophthalmologist does not find significant pathology in his/her examination or he/she does not provide satisfactory information regarding pathology he/she has found.

f) A consultation fee will <u>not</u> be paid if no reference is made to referral received by MSP from the referring medical practitioner, as it will be assumed that no referral was intended.

g) The deliberate seeking of referrals by an ophthalmologist is not condoned. Ophthalmologists who severely limit their practice to one area or areas of ophthalmology and who do not accept patients for routine eye examinations are to be considered as consulting ophthalmologists only. It is the responsibility of such physicians to ensure that referring physicians and patients are aware that they do not accept patients for routine eye examinations; patients would be advised to seek such services elsewhere.

h) It is the responsibility of the ophthalmologist and the referring medical practitioner to make the system work.

2. EYE EXAMINATIONS (ITEM 02015)

a) MSP, by law, includes as insured services, services rendered by a medical practitioner that are medically required by the patient.

b) A specific time frequency will not be used as a guide to evidence of medical requirement for an eye examination; if, in the opinion of the examining doctor, the service was medically required he will submit an account to MSP. MSP will accept the account from the examining doctor as evidence of medical requirement, but the Commission (or peer review committee) reserves the right, in a specific patient pattern of frequency of services, or physician pattern of practice to require additional information to clearly determine any question.

c) Where a patient demands or requests services that are beyond medical requirement in the opinion of the examining doctor, the patient is responsible for payment of such service.

d) Where in the judgement of the attending physician, the service rendered does not warrant the full 02015 fee, a lesser fee may be charged. It should be kept in mind that in non-referred cases, fee Item 02015 should not be used where it is more appropriate for the service rendered to be billed as a general practice office visit.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

* See fee item 02012.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CLINICAL EXAMINATION				
REFERRED CASES:				
02010	**Consultation:** To include history, eye examination, review of X-rays and laboratory findings and in addition where indicated and necessary, any or all of measurement for refractive error, ophthalmoscopy, biomicroscopy, tonometry, eye-balance test and keratometry, in order to prepare and render a written report	324.00		97.94
02011	**Repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit to the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	215.00		48.83
02012	**Special consultation:** To apply when an ophthalmologist, neurologist, pediatric neurologist or a neurosurgeon refers a patient to an ophthalmologist for special examination, or when an ophthalmologist refers a patient to another ophthalmologist where a decision regarding medical or surgical treatment is complicated and requires extra consideration, judgement and implementation of specialized knowledge and experience. This item should include any or all eye examinations marked with an asterisk, when indicated and necessary to prepare a written report. NOTE: Where referred for emergency surgery and surgery is performed within 3 days from date consultation is requested, charge an ordinary consultation.	536.00		135.53
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
02007	Subsequent office visit	124.00		35.66
02008	Subsequent hospital visit	97.40		48.72
02009	Subsequent home visit	206.00		60.27
02005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums). NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	392.00		89.84

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
22010	**Telehealth Consultation:** To include history, eye examination, review of x-rays and laboratory findings and any or all of measurement for refractive error, ophthalmoscopy, biomicroscopy, tonometry, eye-balance test, and keratometry, where indicated and necessary to prepare a written report.	324.00		96.69
22011	**Telehealth repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit to the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	215.00		48.83
22007	Telehealth subsequent office visit	124.00		35.66
22008	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	97.40		48.72

BASIC EYE EXAMINATIONS

Eye examinations included in consultation or visit fee when applicable.

NOTE: When two or more examinations are performed by specialist ophthalmologist on the same subsequent visit, the major examination is to be charged in full and the lesser examinations to be charged at 50%, **UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE EXAMINATIONS.**

*02015	Eye examinations to include measurement of refractive error, ophthalmoscopy, and any or all of biomicroscopy, tonometry, eye balance test, keratometry, where indicated NOTE: Fee items 02015, 02018, and 02019 are payable to certified ophthalmologists only.	220.00		50.86
02014	Complete orthoptic evaluation with written report to include history, sensory assessment, motor evaluation in all cardinal gaze situations, and any or all of Hess Screen, Troposcope and Visuscope where indicated NOTE: Item 02014 includes 02007 and 02017.	211.00		60.87
*02017	Oculo-motor function tests	119.00		34.51
*02018	Biomicroscopy	111.00		31.95
*02019	Tonometry	111.00		31.95
*02020	Ophthalmo-dynamometry	126.00		28.61
02028	Examination for low visual aid at low vision clinic	219.00		49.50
*02038	Keratometry	68.70		15.63
02040	Retinoscopy, keratometry, tonometry, indirect fundoscopy, fundus photography and prosthetic fitting, under general anesthetic	585.00	3	133.06

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02048	Exophthalmometry	58.90		13.45
22016	Pachymetry – extra (when billed with other eye examinations)	48.05		10.21

NOTES:

i) Payable once per lifetime for patients with glaucoma or elevated IOP (≥ 24 mm Hg.) Other diagnoses limited to once per year per patient.
ii) Repeats within one year for other diagnoses must be substantiated by diagnostic code or note record.
iii) Not payable for post-refractive (Lasik) patients.
iv) Included in daily limit for eye examinations per day per patient.

DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINATIONS

All eye examination fees cover both eyes unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: Do not bill professional or technical fee separately to the Plan: for institutional information only.

22046	Posterior segment contact lens examination	49.40	2	11.20
22047	Anterior segment gonioscopy	55.00	2	15.01

NOTES:

i) Fee items 22046 and 22047 are not payable with P02011, 02012, S22113, S22114, S22115, S22116, S22117, S02116, or for non-contact lens examination of posterior segment.
ii) Fee items 22046 and 22047 are not payable together.
iii) Fee items 22046 and 22047 are not payable in the post-op laser surgical period unless they are performed for a diagnosis distinct from the surgical diagnosis.

02025	Fluorescein angiography of retina, with interpretation	471.00		106.96
02026	– professional fee	118.00		26.90
02027	– technical fee	350.00		80.07
02030	Electro-retinogram, professional and technical	353.00		94.19
02031	– professional fee	118.00		34.98
02032	– technical fee	238.00		59.20
02034	Dark adaptation, per eye	94.00		21.39
02035	Colour vision assessment (to include a screening test and at least one quantitative test of hue discrimination)	179.00		41.04
02036	– professional fee	118.00		26.91
02037	– technical fee	62.50		14.14
02039	Fundus photography (limitations - glaucomatous disc changes, tumour progression and potentially progressive retinal disease)	58.70		13.40

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02041	Limited visual field examination, i.e. tangent screen, autoplot, arc perimeter, or single level automated test (such as OCTOPUS program 3 or 7 or equivalent)	138.00		32.59
	NOTES: i) Gross field testing (e.g.: confrontation testing) is included in the consultation, visit and eye examination fees. ii) Fee includes examination of both eyes whether at one time or two separate visits. iii) Recommended frequency depends on the patient's clinical circumstances but cannot be billed at intervals less than 120 days without written justification.			
02042	Quantitative perimetry examination: one of : (a) full field manual perimetry such as 2 or 3 isopters on Goldman perimeter or equivalent, with spot checks between isopters and kinetic plotting of scotomata; or (b) limited area manual static threshold perimetry such as 2 or 3 half-meridians at 2 degree intervals to 30 degrees from fixation or 30 to 50 static threshold points in any arrangement; or (c) automated testing at 2 or 3 threshold-related luminance levels (such as OCTOPUS program 33 or 34 or equivalent); or (d) automated testing of periphery only (such as OCTOPU	203.00		45.70
	NOTES: i) 02042 includes 02041. ii) Fee includes examination of both eyes whether at one time or two separate visits. iii) Recommended frequency depends on the patient's clinical circumstances but cannot be billed at intervals less than 120 days without written justification.			
02043	Comprehensive quantitative perimetry examination (Oculus visual fields): More extensive examination than under fee item 02042 - comprehensive automated static perimetry with multilevel threshold testing, such as OCTOPUS programs 31 & 32, or 31 & 41, or SQUID programs 310, 311, 410 or 411, or programs of equivalent informative value	268.00		63.32

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Item 02043 includes 02042 and 02041. ii) Fee includes examination of both eyes whether at one time or two separate visits. iii) Recommended frequency depends on the patient's clinical circumstances but cannot be billed at intervals less than 120 days without written justification.			
02044	Electro-oculogram	337.00		76.33
02045	– professional fee	118.00		26.91
02047	Dacryocystogram	275.00		62.57
02049	Potentiometry	138.00		31.31
22023	10 or 24-hour diurnal tension curve NOTE: Fee items 02018 and 02019 are <u>not</u> billable in addition to 22023 if the physician is required to perform a final intraocular pressure measurement and microscopic assessment of the anterior segment and a review of the trend of the previous hourly pressures taken. This is considered as included in the fee for 22023.	155.00		35.27
22050	Specular Microscopy – total fee	326.00		78.13
22051	Specular Microscopy – professional fee	85.00		20.39
22052	Specular Microscopy – technical fee	241.00		57.74
	NOTES: i) Paid for post-operative corneal transplant assessment, maximum 6 per patient, per each 12 month period. ii) Daily maximum of 1 per patient/day. iii) In cases of corneal failure or rejection, additional tests may be paid, if accompanied by a note. iv) This fee includes specular microscopy for one eye. v) Not paid for pre- or post-operative cataract patients. vi) Paid once prior to intraocular surgery when affected by: vii) 22050 (total fee) and 22052 (technical fee) paid only when service performed in a physician's office.			
02067	Manual retinal nerve fibre layer photography and neuro-retinal rim assessment	284.00		65.18
02068	– Professional fee	55.00		12.52
02069	– Technical fee	229.00		52.65
	NOTES: i) Fee items 02067–02069 include examination of both eyes whether at one time or two separate visits. ii) Recommended frequency depends on the patient's clinical circumstances but cannot be billed at intervals less than 180 days without written justification.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
22067	Computerized retinal nerve fibre layer photography and neuro-retinal rim assessment (e.g.: Heidelberg, GDX)	278.00		55.54
22068	– Professional fee	54.10		12.52
22069	– Technical fee	225.00		43.02
	NOTES: i) Requires both qualitative and quantitative assessments. ii) Includes examination of both eyes whether at one time or two separate visits. iii) Recommended frequency depends on the patient's clinical circumstances but cannot be billed at intervals less than 180 days without written justification. iv) Includes 02007, 02018, 02019			
22075	Computerized Corneal Topography	277.00		58.70
22076	- professional fee	72.50		15.92
22077	- technical fee	204.00		42.78
	NOTES: i) Payable for post-operative corneal transplant assessment, maximum six per year per patient. In cases of problematic corneal transplant or unresolved astigmatism, additional tests may be paid, if accompanied by the following code (9968). ii) This fee includes both eyes, whether at one time or two separate visits. iii) Payable for corneal thinning disorders, including keratoconus and pellucid marginal degeneration, where progressive astigmatic change greater than 1 diopter in a year has been documented, corneal epithelial or stromal scarring, where the visual central axis of the cornea is affected. Payable once per year per patient. In cases where there is documented progression of any of these conditions, additional tests may be paid, if accompanied by the following code (V80). iv) Not payable for pre- or post-operative cataract patients except where there is documented evidence of irregular astigmatism resulting from the cataract surgery. v) Payable with following fee items if medically necessary: 02015, 02018, 02019, 22169, 02010 and 02012.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	vi) Note record or letter must be submitted to document evidence of results derived from CCT when billing eye exams.			
	vii) Keratometry (02038) not payable in addition.			
	viii) Not an insured benefit when used in association with laser refractive surgery or assessment for same.			
S00780	Schirmer's test (included in fee item 02015)	57.80		13.15
S00771	Retinal examination under anesthesia - procedural fee (when done as an independent procedure)	88.20	3	20.08

ULTRASOUND AND AXIAL MEASUREMENT EXAMINATIONS

Preamble: Real-time ultrasound fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the diagnostic facility for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.

22399	Measurement of axial length of eye – by any method (to be billed only if patient proceeds to eye surgery/procedure as indicated below)	282.00		64.34

NOTES:

a) Eligible indications for billing 22399 include:
b) Intraocular lens (IOL) implant surgery following cataract removal
c) Any procedure where a peribulbar or retrobulbar
   i. Injection is needed and risk of eyeball perforation by the injection needle is a potential danger such as:
   Any ocular surgery requiring local anesthetic with
   peribulbar or retrobulbar block
   e.g.: Pterygium surgery
   Corneal transplant
   Retinal surgery
   ii. Retrobulbar injection of therapeutic agents
d) Axial or pathological myopia-serial assessments
e) Diagnosis of conditions where axial myopia is a diagnostic criteria (e.g.: Marfan's)
f) Posterior staphyloma-serial assessments
g) Pre-operative assessment for radioactive plaque implant – Brachytherapy for ocular melanoma.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Provide indication in note record with non-IOL implant indicated A-scan is performed.			
	iii) Claims for IOL implant patients should indicate either: • R/L eye for cataract surgery – on wait list **or** • R/L eye for cataract surgery (with the surgery date indicated)			
	iv) Limited to once per year, per eye. A note record indicating the need for additional scans is required.			
08641	Ophthalmic B-scan (immersion and contact technique)	247.00		100.82
	NOTES: i) No additional charge for second eye when both eyes examined concurrently. ii) 08641 includes 22399 when done at the same sitting. iii) Real-time Ultrasound Fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the diagnostic facility for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.			

FITTING OF CONTACT LENSES

A02050	Hard lenses	I.C.		
A02051	Soft lenses.....	I.C.		
A02052	Unilateral cases - hard lenses	I.C.		
A02053	– soft lenses.....	I.C.		
A02054	Evaluation of lenses not fitted by practitioner - first visit	I.C.		
A02055	– subsequent visits.....	I.C.		
	NOTES: i) Refundable costs to patients on failure of satisfactory fitting - professional fees should be refundable. ii) Patients should be informed clearly, prior to the fitting of lenses, of the separate professional and technical cost of fitting lenses.			
22056	Contact lens - bandage - unilateral.....	350.00		79.83
02058	Contact lens - aphakia - unilateral	1166.00		266.12
	NOTE: Fee item 02058 includes follow-up visits for three (3) months.			
22059	Contact lens – Keratoconus – unilateral	1166.00		266.12

SURGICAL FEES

Unless otherwise noted, all fees apply to single eye.
Second eye is billable as per operative surgical fee preamble (D. 5. 3.)

	Special Therapy:			
S02108	Beta radiation	91.40		20.74
S02109	Injections - subconjunctival - operation only	98.50		22.36
	NOTE: Not to be billed at the time of any intraocular surgery.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02110	Radioactive plaque placement NOTE: Fee item S02110 involves 3 surgeries over a span of 3 weeks. The fee includes the 3 procedures. The anesthesiologist may bill for each procedure.	3547.00	5	1002.34
S02073	Botulinum toxin injections for blepharospasm associated with dystonia (including benign essential blepharospasm) or VII nerve disorders in patients 12 years of age or older - unilateral or bilateral	600.00		136.66
S02075	Botulinum toxin injections for entropion	331.00		74.69
S02076	Botulinum toxin injections for strabismus in patients aged 12 or older	913.00		207.99
	Lacrimal Apparatus:			
S02111	En bloc micro-dissection lacrimal gland for tumour with excision by lateral approach with levator dissection	4918.00	6	1119.48
S02118	Snip procedure, two or three - operation only	211.00	3	47.95
S02120	Punctum dilation and syringing sac	113.00	3	25.54
S22121	Duct probing, under GA - unilateral or bilateral NOTE: Not to be billed with S02123 on the same eye.	779.00	3	176.44
S02122	– under local anesthetic - operation only	113.00	3	25.54
S02123	Quickert tube, insertion of	905.00	3	206.18
S02129	Lester Jones tube, insertion of	1547.00	3	423.43
S02119	Dacryocystostomy, under local anesthetic - operation only	157.00	3	35.29
S02112	Dacryocystectomy with unroofing of bony lacrimal canal and removal of lacrimal duct for tumour	4650.00	4	1058.61
S02126	Dacryocystorhinostomy NOTE: Not to be billed with S02123 on the same eye.	2460.00	3	560.17
S02127	Repair of canaliculi	1807.00	3	494.00
	Orbit:			
S02132	Retrobulbar injection - operation only NOTE: Not to be paid in addition to intraocular surgery.	397.00	2	90.93
S02133	Enucleation or evisceration	1938.00	4	529.70
S02134	Orbit - enucleation with insertion of complicated implant (e.g.: dermis fat graft and/or scleral wrapped porous implant)	2851.00	4	776.31
S22136	Biopsy or excision of anterior orbital tumour	1290.00	4	352.88
S22140	Orbital exploration (posterior route) - to biopsy posterior orbital tumour, or to fenestrate optic nerve sheath NOTE: Not billable with fee item S22138.	4140.00	6	1129.17
S22138	Posterior orbitotomy for removal of posterior orbital tumour not involving the orbital apex or optic nerve NOTE: Not billable with fee item S22140.	5167.00	6	1411.49
S02144	Aspiration needle biopsy of orbit under scan control	594.00	3	135.62

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02101	Posterior orbitotomy with microscopic dissection for lesions of optic nerve or orbital apex	7751.00	7	1764.34
S02135	Exenteration of orbit	3691.00	4	1008.31
S02145	Orbital exenteration with en bloc resection of bony orbital walls - ophthalmologist	6149.00	7	1679.65
	NOTE: Fee from neurosurgeon and plastic surgeon in addition.			
S22141	Orbital decompression - 1 wall	2326.00	6	635.16
S22142	– 2 wall	3591.00	6	980.91
S22143	– 3 wall	5167.00	6	1411.49
	NOTE: Orbital decompression is not paid in addition to fee items S22140 or S22138.			

EYE LIDS

	NOTE: For removal of foreign bodies from surface of eye, the appropriate fee item to charge in non-referred cases is 13610, 13611, or 06063. For properly referred cases it is expected the ophthalmologist will charge only the consultation fee.			
S02146	Trichiasis - epilation - forceps - operation only	98.50	3	22.36
S02147	– electric - operation only	282.00	3	64.38
S02106	Microscopic repair of trichiasis including muscular graft or mucosal membrane graft	2558.00	3	582.57
S02148	Cryotherapy of eyelids for trichiasis or tumour - operation only	520.00	3	117.64
S02149	Meibomian gland evacuation - operation only	98.50		22.36
S02150	Chalazion excision - operation only	251.00	3	78.90
S02152	Tarsorrhaphy - operation only	516.00	3	116.92
S02153	Ectropion/Entropion - Ziegler or simple procedure, involves simple skin incision but does not require associated lid shortening and/or skin grafting - operation only	251.00	3	56.35
S02154	Ectropion/Entropion - complicated, including neoplasms and plastic repair - requires both repair and associated lid shortening and/or skin grafting	1472.00	3	334.98
S02155	Ptosis repair - frontalis sling using synthetic material	1290.00	3	294.05
S02159	– frontalis sling using autologous material	2406.00	3	547.30
S02160	– levator resection	2364.00	3	537.77
S02158	Fasanella Servat	1162.00	3	265.00
S02166	Lid elevation and scleral graft for lower lid retraction	2067.00	3	470.48
S02100	Graded Muellerectomy with levator recession - under local anesthetic	2067.00	3	470.48
S02156	Excision of tumour of lid margin or conjunctiva - benign - operation only	388.00	3	88.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02157	Excision of tumour of eyelid - benign - operation only ..... NOTE: The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9. 2. 4. a. and b., "Surgery for Alteration of Appearance."	168.00	3	38.32
S02103	Minor lid repair - operation only	388.00	3	88.57
S02104	Major lid reconstruction (one or two stages) ..... NOTE: Includes rotation or transposition of flaps, and/or skin grafting if required to reconstruct defect, and/or canalicular reconstruction, and/or (in one-stage procedure) frozen section controlled excision of tumour if performed.	3880.00	3	882.17
S02105	Eyelid - two-stage reconstruction with micrographic tumour excision..... NOTE: Includes resection of tumour with micrographic control, cross lid flaps, skin grafts and subsequent division of transposition flaps.	6463.00	3	1470.29
S02107	Eyelid - repair of margin defect requiring layered closure ...	1290.00	3	352.88
	Eye Muscles:			
S02161	Strabismus - 1 or 2 muscles	1642.00	3	374.20
S02162	– 3 or more muscles.....	2326.00	3	529.31
S22165	– 5 or more muscles.....	3359.00	4	764.54
S02163	– complicated re-operation	2584.00	4	588.12
S22166	Adjustable suture fee - extra to strabismus surgery.....	779.00		176.44
S22167	Prism adaptation therapy and/or amblyopia therapy for correction of fusional disturbances and/or amblyopia ..... NOTE: Billable at full value, only during pre/post-operative period in association with strabismus surgery (S02161, S02162, S02163, S22165). Minimum of three visits required to bill single fee.	608.00		138.39

CORNEA AND SCLERA

S22171	Pterygium excision with mucous membrane graft.....	1846.00	4	420.13
S22172	Complicated pterygium excision (re-operation) or cancer excision, with mucous membrane graft..... NOTE: Record of previous pterygium surgical excision (operative report or referral letter) must be available on request.	2215.00	4	604.99
S02167	Cautery or cryotherapy of corneal ulcer - operation only	143.00	3	31.83
S02171	Pterygium or limbus tumour excision - operation only.....	559.00	3	126.95
S02172	Gundersen-type flap	1290.00	3	294.05
S02173	Keratoplasty - Lamellar.....	3280.00	3	850.60
S02175	– penetrating	3737.00	4	851.47

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02168	– complicated re-operation	4205.00	4	956.76
	NOTE: S02168 applicable only when there is previous anterior segment surgery (with record) or major anterior segment trauma to same eye.			
S22169	Suture removal at slit lamp following keratoplasty - operation only	97.40	4	22.15
	NOTES: i) S02168, S02173 and S02175 include all suture removals within the normal 42-day post-operative period. After 42 days, bill under S22169. ii) S22169 is not billable with an office visit, but is billable at 50% with other procedures.			
S02174	Suture of cornea and/or sclera, with or without iridectomy - simple	1361.00	4	309.98
S02169	– complicated	3083.00	4	701.33
	Collagen Cross-Linking for Keratoconus			
S22175	– Professional fee	1667.00		404.61
S22176	– Technical fee	2084.00		505.77
	NOTES: i) Paid only for Keratoconus. ii) In order to be eligible for the procedure, patients age 25 or older must show progression of greater than 1 Dioptre change in refractive astigmatism or a greater than one line loss of corrected acuity documented over a minimum of two examinations. Patients under the age of 25 with Keratoconus do not need to show progression. iii) CXL may not be claimed in association or in relationship with refractive surgery for shape improvement. iv) Includes: both corneal pachymetry (pre and post), corneal de-epithelization, all the isometric riboflavin drops, any other drops, the technician's time, use of the UV-A light. v) When performed in a publically-funded facility, the technical fee is not paid. vi) Second eye paid at 50% if performed the same day. Post refractive ecstasia is not a benefit.			

GLAUCOMA / IRIS / ANTERIOR CHAMBER

S22070	Molteno implant (includes phase 1 and 2)	4286.00	5	1072.16
	NOTE: Includes placement of scleral graft if indicated.			
S02176	Sclerotomy - posterior, with or without insufflation of gas (isolated procedure)	576.00	4	131.46
S02177	Glaucoma - peripheral iridectomy (isolated procedure)	1519.00	4	345.26

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02178	– filtering procedure, non-microscopic	2189.00	4	598.26
S02180	– goniotomy	1993.00	4	543.84
S02183	– goniotomy - repeat within 3 months	995.00	4	225.87
S02184	– cyclodialysis	1472.00	4	334.98
S22185	– cycloablative procedures	1361.00	4	309.98
S02187	– filtering procedure, microscopic	2584.00	4	644.24
S22187	– complicated trabeculectomy	3691.00	4	939.34
	NOTE: For use in cases with at least one previous glaucoma filtering operation (S02187 or S22070) or multiple previous intraocular surgeries.			
S02189	Iridocyclectomy via scleral flap dissection	2769.00	4	631.00
S02197	Surgical evacuation of a hyphema	2277.00	4	518.72

CATARACT / LENS

S02188	Cataract - senile, traumatic, congenital, or linear extraction	1994.00		279.16
S22191	– capsulotomy, needling or discission (isolated procedure)	916.00		208.26
	Pediatric cataract extraction			
22188	– 0 to 7 years	4774.00		1122.62
22189	– 8 to 16 years	3183.00		748.41
S02190	Primary intraocular lens implantation to include repositioning of lens within the 42-day post-operative period (extra)	529.00		73.47
S02192	Secondary intraocular lens implantation to include repositioning of lens within the 42-day post-operative period	2117.00		481.75
S02196	Surgical repositioning of implant lens	995.00		225.87
	NOTE: For non-surgical repositioning, use visit fees.			

RETINAL PROCEDURES

S02181	Foreign body intraocular - magnetic extraction (isolated procedure)	2270.00	4	620.22
S02182	– non-magnetic extraction (isolated procedure)	2748.00	4	750.18
S02090	Intravitreal injection of vitreous paracentesis	589.00	4	134.43
	NOTE: Not to be billed with S02199 or S02194.			
S02091	Paracentesis, anterior chamber	589.00	4	134.23
S02092	Intravitreal biopsy (microbiology, cytology) or intraocular tumour needle biopsy	952.00	4	215.18
S02194	Buckling procedure	3547.00	5	807.76
	NOTES: i) Includes cryopexy, and/or laser, and/or fluid-gas injection, and/or paracentesis, and/or fluid drainage. ii) Not to be billed with fee item S02199.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S02195	Diathermy or cryopexy for retinal tear or other retinal disorder NOTE: Not to be billed in addition to S02199 or S02194.	997.00	5	226.99
S02198	Anterior vitrectomy NOTE: S02198 is intended for cases of vast complication requiring removal of membranes from the anterior segment as a result of prior surgery or injury. It is not intended in conjunction with elective cataract removal and/or primary lens implantation.	1536.00	4	349.55
S02199	Posterior vitrectomy with 2 or 3 port infusion-cutting device (includes membrane peel and/or dissection). NOTE: A maximum of two of the following fee items (S22199, S22200, S22201, S22202 or S22203) may be billed at 100% in addition to S02199. Fee item S02174 or S02169 may be billed at 50% in substitution for one of the above, where applicable.	4004.00	5	910.84
S22199	Fluid/gas exchange and silicone injection if required, with posterior vitrectomy - operation only	295.00	5	67.23
S22200	Pan retinal endolaser greater than 200 burns when done with a posterior vitrectomy	912.00	5	207.26
S22201	Scleral buckle done with posterior vitrectomy - operation only	247.00	5	56.01
S22202	Intraocular lens removal and/or lensectomy when done with posterior vitrectomy - operation only	247.00	5	56.01
S22203	Removal of intraocular foreign body at the time of posterior vitrectomy	987.00	5	224.07
S22196	Pneumato retinopexy with air or gas (isolated procedure).. NOTE: Includes cryopexy or laser.	1704.00	5	387.65
S22195	Removal of buckle material or sponge. NOTE: Not paid with any other fee item on the same eye.	763.00	5	173.65
S22197	Additional gas (C3F8 or SF6) or air injection NOTE: Payable within 42-day post-operative period following buckling procedure, vitrectomy or pneumato retinopexy.	440.00	5	99.69
S22198	Repair of scleral laceration and cryopexy and/or gas injection with scleral buckle (isolated procedure)	4312.00	5	981.42

LASER PROCEDURES

S02072	Laser interferometry	145.00	4	32.49
S22113	Laser iridotomy, per eye - operation only	520.00	4	117.64

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S22114	Laser trabeculoplasty, per eye NOTE: If laser trabeculoplasty (22114) to the same eye is done at multiple sittings within 6 weeks of the initial treatment, then subsequent treatments will be included in the original fee.	566.00	4	128.40
S22115	YAG laser capsulotomy, per eye - operation only	467.00	4	106.44
00094	YAG laser tray service fee NOTES: i) Applicable to fee items S22113 and S22115 only. ii) Hospitals and physicians who use hospital-based YAG lasers are not eligible to bill this fee.	165.00		65.33
S22116	Retinal photocoagulation - left	566.00	4	128.40
S22117	Retinal photocoagulation - right	566.00	4	128.40
S02116	Panretinal photocoagulation - defined as greater than 700 burns. Maximum fee for one eye for any 6-month period. NOTES: i) All laser procedures include all follow-up visits in the six (6) week post-operative period except for fee item S22118, which is limited to one visit. ii) Laser procedures include fee items 22046 and 22047. iii) Where laser procedures are performed on both eyes at the same sitting, both shall be paid at 100%. iv) Repeat billing for retinopathy of prematurity (babies under 6 months) is permitted, to a maximum of two billings per eye in 6 month period. A note record is required if more than 2 repeats are needed.	2307.00	4	524.72
S22118	Laser follow-up visit. NOTES: i) Can be billed once only during six (6) weeks following laser treatment. ii) Includes examination of lasered site, and may include refraction and vision check, and intraocular pressure check.	148.00		33.20
S22125	Photodynamic therapy for age-related wet macular degeneration - professional fee Note: Payable to retinal physicians certified in PDT treatment only.	3390.00		279.77

ORTHOPAEDICS

PREAMBLE

The following preamble applies to the Orthopaedic fee guide and, if in conflict with, supersedes the general preamble.

1. *** Items - Operation Only**
   Items indicated with an * are operation only items and are exempt from the 14-day in hospital post-operative rule (Preamble D. 5. 2.).

2. **Under general anesthesia or procedural sedation**
   Procedures so indicated are performed in hospital, under general anesthesia or procedural (conscious) sedation.

   Note: The orthopaedic procedure and anesthesia or procedural sedation are not billable by the same physician.

3. **ADULT / PEDIATRIC**
   An adult is an individual over 12 years old.

4. **Harvest of Bone Autograft**
   Bone graft harvested through a separate incision is always charged in full in addition to any other procedural fee(s).

5. **Harvest of Skin Autograft**
   Harvest of skin graft is always paid in full in addition to any other procedural fee(s).

6. **Open (Compound) Fractures**
   Primary wound management fee(s) may be charged in addition to the fracture fee and will be paid at the same percent as applies to the fracture fee(s).

   The Secondary Wound Management fee(s) are exempt from the 14 day rule (Preamble D. 5. 2.).

   Primary and Secondary Wound Management fee(s) are paid for procedures under GA only.

   Primary:
   Management of the soft tissue component of an open fracture - includes wound excision, debridement, irrigation, and implantation of antibiotic beads. Occasionally primary closure/ immediate local tissue transfer/ skin grafting may be included.

   Secondary:
   Repeat primary (as above) at a second sitting or return to the operating room for delayed primary closure/closure with skin graft /local skin flap. Includes removal of beads. Does not include muscle flaps or free flaps. These are billed as such and billed in full.

7. **Fasciotomy Wound Management**
Fasciotomy wound management fee(s) are for procedures done under general anesthetic and are payable within 14 days of initial procedure.

8. **Casts**
Formation and application of moulded casts or splints may be charged in full in addition to procedure and visit fees with the following exceptions:

- formation and application of a cast or splint at the time of the initial orthopaedic procedure charged is included in the procedure
- in the minority of cases when application of a cast or splint is the sole purpose of a visit, a visit fee may not be charged

Fees for formation and application of moulded casts or splints are payable only when performed by the medical practitioner. Multiple casts (eg. bilateral leg casts) are paid at 100%

9. **Re-operation**
The treatment of a fracture and/or dislocation or a reconstructive procedure where remanipulation or (re)operation is required is chargeable in full. It is chargeable by the physician providing the initial service only if it is carried out more than 5 days following the index procedure.

10. **Non-operative Management**
Non-operative management of injuries not itemized are chargeable on a per visit basis.

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PROFESSIONAL FEES				
*51010	**Consultation:** (in office or hospital) To include a history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings and a written report	310.00		106.40
*51012	**Repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgement of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	179.00		58.33

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*51015	**Orthopaedics special consultation:** Extended consult for complex problems (i.e. oncology, complex trauma, adult cerebral palsy etc.), when requested by another Orthopaedic Surgeon, Neurosurgeon, Plastic Surgeon or Rehabilitation Physician. Includes history, physical examination, review of x-rays and written report ..... NOTE: If an orthopaedic specialist receives a referral by a physician other than the specialty types noted above and the conditions defined within the consultation service are met, a claim may be submitted under *51015 with correspondence/note record outlining medical necessity. Each case will be reviewed independently.	619.00		160.37
51005	Pre-Operative Assessment..... NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.	357.00		106.40
*51007	Orthopaedics office visit.....	109.00		49.61
*51008	Orthopaedics hospital visit.....	72.30		30.70
51009	Pavlic Harness – case management; meeting by specific appointment to discuss/plan patient management with parents and/or caregivers – per 15 minutes, or major portion thereof.....	131.00		46.07

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons and Pediatricians.
ii) When performed in conjunction with visit, counselling or consultations, only the larger fee is paid.
iii) Services that are less than 15 minutes should be billed under the appropriate visit fee item.
iv) Daily maximum of 3, per patient, per sitting.
v) Service to be billed only on child's Personal Health Number.
vi) Claim must state start and end times, and should be noted in the patient's medical record.
vii) Paid only if the patient has seen the specialist within the preceding 180 days.

SURGICAL ASSISTANCE

NOTES:
i) In those rare situations where an assistant is required for minor surgery, a detailed explanation of need must accompany the account to the payment agency.
ii) Where an assistant at surgery assists at two operations in different areas performed by the same or different surgeon(s) under one anesthetic, he/she may charge a separate assistant fee for each operation, except for bilateral procedures within the same body cavity or procedures on the same limb.

51194	First Surgical Assist of the Day - Orthopaedics	282.00		76.71

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons.
ii) Maximum of one per day per physician, payable in addition to 00195, 00196, 00197.

TOTAL OPERATIVE FEE(S) FOR PROCEDURE(S):

00195	Less than $317.00 inclusive	339.00		134.22
00196	$317.01 - $529.00 inclusive.....	477.00		189.24
00197	Over $529.00.....	624.00		260.35
00198	Time, after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance, for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	71.30		28.52

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour	1048.00		256.63
	NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.			
70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance, for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	119.00		32.23
	NOTES: i) After 3 hours of continual surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof). ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.			

CERTIFICATES AND FORMS

A00060	Written certificate, including time loss benefit form (extra to examination) and death certificates	45.70		
A00061	Medical advice by letter	156.00		
A00069	Insurance company form to include review of records – short report	156.00		
A00059	– extensive report	204.00		
96501	Physician completion of Section 2, Physician Report of MHR Person with Disabilities (Application or Review Form)	130.00		
96502	Physician completion of Section 3, Assessor Report of MHR Person with Disabilities (Application or Review Form)	75.00		
	NOTE: Submit claims for 96400, 96501, 96502 and 96505 to MSP. Do not bill privately.			

SHOULDER GIRDLE, CLAVICLE AND HUMERUS

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11200	Arthroscopy shoulder joint	1157.00	2	298.77
SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11215	Arthrotomy shoulder joint or bursa	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
*52215	Abscess, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*52210	Bursa, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
52220	Hematoma, drainage, under GA, when sole procedure NOTE: Payable at 50% in post-op period.	938.00	2	242.74
*52225	Shoulder joint arthrotomy, I and D	720.00	2	186.72
	Incision - Therapeutic, Release:			
52255	Major release (shoulder contracture)	2090.00	2	541.49
52250	Soft tissue release (muscle, tendon)	1472.00	2	380.44
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11232	Arthroscopy - biopsy, shoulder	938.00	2	242.74
S11230	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11245	Biopsy, open	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
52310	Debridement, synovectomy - total or subtotal NOTE: Includes debridement of articular surface and/or synovium, and/or debridement of partial tears of the rotator cuff.	1358.00	2	410.88
52306	Drilling osteochondral defect, with or without loose body	938.00	2	287.62
52330	Endoscopic acromioplasty	1351.00	2	410.88
52320	Excision labrum tear	938.00	2	242.74
52307	Pinning osteochondral fragment	1351.00	2	350.12
52305	Removal loose body	938.00	2	287.62
52315	Shoulder, abrasion	1351.00	2	350.12
52325	Stabilization procedure	2199.00	2	569.50
52335	Arthroscopic clavicle excision-medial/lateral (extra) NOTES: i) Paid only with 52330. ii) Not paid with 52505, 52506, 52515, 52516, 52525, 52526, 52535, 52540, 52541, 52545, 52602.	381.00		106.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
52356	Acromionectomy, acromioplasty, with or without resection of coraco-acromial ligament	1351.00	2	350.12
52360	Arthrotomy, shoulder: synovectomy, capsulectomy	1568.00	2	406.12
52355	Bursa, excision, subacromial	830.00	2	214.73
52357	Clavicle, excision lateral/medial	830.00	2	214.73
*52380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	2	186.72
*52385	Osteomyelitis, debridement with or without reconstruction	1246.00	3	322.10
	NOTE: *52380 and *52385 include insertion of antibiotic beads or antibiotic loaded temporary prosthesis, if necessary.			
52370	Bone Tumour, benign	1568.00	2	406.12
52365	Benign soft tissue Tumour (sub-fascial)	1568.00	2	406.12
	Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:			
*52410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri articular structures	44.90		11.63
*52405	Injection joint	44.90		11.63
52415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with GA	938.00	2	242.74
*52420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	270.00	2	70.02
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
	When fee items 52505, 52506, 52310, 52517, 52518, 52520, 52521 are performed arthroscopically, the following services are not paid in addition: removal of symptomatic loose body(ies) (52305), drilling of defect and/or micro fracture (52306), pinning of osteochondral fragment (52307), debridement and/or synovectomy (52310), synovial biopsy, shoulder abrasion (52315), excision labral tear (52320), stabilization procedure (52325), endoscopic acromioplasty (52330), and 52555 (tendon transplant).			
	SLAP/Biceps tenodesis: (Superior Labrum Anterior Posterior) repair (reattachment of the biceps anchor utilizing an anchoring device).			
	Bankart repair: (reattachment of labrum to the rim of the glenoid).			
52515	Acromioclavicular joint stabilization, acute (within six weeks post injury)	1048.00	2	270.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
52516	Acromioclavicular joint stabilization, chronic (beyond six weeks post injury)	1568.00	2	406.12
52517	Open or arthroscopic SLAP/Biceps tenodesis repair (reattachment of the biceps anchor utilizing an anchoring device) (isolated procedure) NOTES: i) Not paid with 52506, 52518, 52519, 52520 and 52521. ii) Includes 52505, 52550, 52555, 52526, 52535 and 52541.	2282.00	3	630.18
52518	Open or arthroscopic SLAP/Biceps tenodesis repair and anterior or posterior glenohumeral stabilization and/or Bankart repair (isolated procedure) NOTES: i) Not paid with 52519, 52520 and 52521. ii) Includes 52505, 52506, 52550, 52555, 52526, 52535, 52541 and 52517.	3313.00	3	914.94
52519	Open or arthroscopic SLAP/Biceps tenodesis or Bankart repair, and rotator cuff reconstruction, complex NOTES: i) Not paid with 52520 and 52521. ii) Includes 52505, 52506, 52525, 52526, 52535, 52541, 52545, 52550, 52555, 52517 and 52518.	3744.00	3	1033.99
52520	Open or arthroscopic SLAP/Biceps tenodesis repair, and Bankart repair including tendon transfer, and Rotator cuff repair NOTE: i) Not paid with 52521. ii) Includes 52505, 52506, 52525, 52526, 52535, 52541, 52545, 52550, 52555, 52517, 52518 and 52519.	4886.00	3	1349.06
52521	Open or arthroscopic SLAP/Biceps tenodesis repair, and Bankart repair and tendon transfer, and Rotator cuff repair, and anterior glenohumeral stabilization and/or posterior glenohumeral stabilization NOTE: Includes 52505, 52506, 52525, 52526, 52535, 52541, 52545, 52550, 52555, 52517, 52518, 52519 and 52520.	5720.00	3	1578.96
52506	Rotator cuff reconstruction, complex (rotation flap or muscle transfer to include acromioplasty)	2778.00	4	718.88
52505	Rotator cuff repair, simple (to include acromioplasty)	1679.00	3	434.15
52526	Shoulder instability: Bankart	2432.00	3	630.18

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
52535	Shoulder instability: other anterior repairs	1778.00	3	459.80
52525	Shoulder instability: inferior capsular shift	2199.00	3	569.50
52540	Shoulder instability, posterior: glenoid osteotomy	2778.00	3	718.88
52541	Shoulder instability, posterior: soft tissue…	2312.00	3	597.51
52545	Shoulder instability, revision, stabilization (post previous stabilization)	2778.00	3	718.88
52550	Tendon repair, proximal, biceps, pectoralis major	1679.00	3	434.15
52555	Tendon transfer, transplant	1983.00	3	513.50
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint): Osteotomy, Malunion/Non-union With or Without Internal Fixation:			
52602	Clavicle	1568.00	2	513.60
52601	Proximal humerus	2778.00	3	718.88
	Glenohumeral Joint Arthroplasty:			
52603	Hemi-arthroplasty shoulder	2400.00	4	620.86
52605	Removal prosthesis shoulder	1783.00	3	462.14
	NOTE: Includes repair of rotator cuff and/or soft tissues.			
52607	Revision total shoulder arthroplasty	4523.00	5	1335.36
52606	Revision total shoulder arthroplasty to hemi-arthroplasty	3102.00	5	802.93
52604	Total shoulder prosthesis	3102.00	5	991.26
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
52652	Clavicle	576.00	2	149.38
52651	Proximal humerus	938.00	2	242.74
	Fracture and/or Dislocation: Clavicle, Acromion, Coracoid:			
*52708	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*52709	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
52710	Sterno-clavicular joint stabilization	1436.00	2	513.60
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons. ii) Not paid with 52357, 52602, 52652, 52705, 52708 or 52709.			
52705	Open reduction, internal fixation	1360.00	2	436.58
	Scapula:			
*52718	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*52719	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
52715	Open reduction, internal fixation	3572.00	3	924.30

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Glenohumeral Dislocation - Acute:			
52722	Closed reduction, with general anesthetic	938.00	2	242.74
*52721	Closed reduction, without general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
52725	Open reduction	1568.00	2	406.12
	Proximal Humerus:			
*52731	Closed reduction, with general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*52732	Closed reduction, with GA, traction/pin	720.00	2	186.72
52735	Open reduction, internal fixation - two part	2090.00	2	541.49
52736	Open reduction, internal fixation - three or more parts	2312.00	2	654.53
	NOTE: 52735 and 52736 include repair of rotator cuff if required.			
52737	Hemiprosthesis and wiring for fracture	3102.00	3	802.93
*52738	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*52739	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Humerus - Shaft:			
52742	Closed reduction, external fixation	1368.00	2	354.78
52741	Closed reduction, with general anesthetic	938.00	2	242.74
52745	Open reduction, internal fixation/intramedullary nailing	2199.00	2	569.50
*52748	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*52749	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Manipulation: Shoulder Joint:			
*S52800	Manipulation under general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis:			
52811	Scapulo-thoracic joint	2882.00	4	746.91
52810	Shoulder joint	3674.00	4	952.30
	Amputation:			
52981	Forequarter	3572.00	5	924.30
52982	Humeral shaft	2090.00	3	541.49
52980	Shoulder disarticulation	2990.00	4	774.90
*52998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	3	102.26
*52999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	3	186.72

ELBOW, PROXIMAL RADIUS AND ULNA

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11300	Arthroscopy elbow joint	1037.00	2	268.43
S11302	Aspiration, bursa, tendon sheath.	90.10	2	23.23

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11315	Arthrotomy elbow joint	720.00	2	186.72
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
*53215	Abscess, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*53210	Bursa, I and D (olecranon, etc.), under GA	720.00	2	186.72
*53225	Elbow joint arthrotomy, I and D	720.00	2	186.72
53220	Hematoma, drainage, under GA, when sole procedure NOTE: Payable at 50% in post-op period.	938.00	2	242.74
	Incision - Therapeutic, Release:			
53250	Decompression, neurolysis, nerve	938.00	2	242.74
53255	Decompression, neurolysis, submuscular transposition of nerve	1568.00	2	406.12
*53260	Fasciotomy, compartment syndrome	830.00	2	214.73
*53269	Fasciotomy, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11332	Arthroscopy and biopsy	1146.00	2	296.44
S11330	Needle biopsy under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11345	Biopsy, open NOTE: Not billable with other procedures on the same joint.	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
53310	Debridement, synovectomy - total	2199.00	2	642.00
53305	Removal loose body	1146.00	2	333.85
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
53360	Arthrotomy, elbow; open synovectomy with or without radial head resection	1568.00	2	406.12
53355	Bursa/ganglion, excision	830.00	2	214.73
*53380	Osteomyelitis - acute, decompression	720.00	2	186.72
*53385	Osteomyelitis - debridement, with or without reconstruction	1246.00	2	322.10
53386	Radial head resection with or without replacement	938.00	2	242.74
53370	Bone Tumour, benign	1048.00	2	270.75
53365	Benign soft tissue Tumour, subfascial	1048.00	2	270.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:			
*53410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri articular structures	44.90		11.63
*53405	Injection joint	44.90		11.63
53415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with GA	830.00	2	214.73
*53420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	270.00	2	70.02
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
53521	Biceps tendon, distal insertion	2199.00	2	569.50
53520	Biceps tendon, longhead, tenodesis	1048.00	2	270.75
53505	Elbow instability, chronic	2614.00	2	676.86
53540	Epicondylitis, fascial stripping	830.00	2	214.73
53510	Recurrent dislocating radial head	2199.00	2	569.50
53530	Tendon transfer, major NOTE: Includes latissimus/pectoralis to biceps transfer.	2778.00	2	718.88
53531	Tendon transfer, minor (Steindler or triceps)	1679.00	2	434.15
53515	Triceps tendon, acute	1360.00	2	352.44
53516	Triceps tendon, fascial reconstruction	1568.00	2	406.12
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint): Osteotomy, Malunion/Non-union; With or Without Internal Fixation:			
53602	Distal humerus	2778.00	2	718.88
53601	Humeral shaft	2090.00	2	711.89
53605	Radius and ulnar shafts	2778.00	2	718.88
53603	Radius shaft	2298.00	2	595.16
53604	Ulnar shaft	1679.00	2	520.94
53606	Epiphysiodesis	1048.00	2	270.75
53607	Physeal Bar excision NOTE: Includes harvest, with or without insertion of fat graft, cement, or other material.	1731.00	2	448.14
	Arthroplasty:			
53641	Interposition/distraction arthroplasty NOTE: Includes harvest and insertion of local fascial graft, application of distraction device and neurolysis, if applicable.	3572.00	3	924.30
53642	Total elbow arthroplasty	2882.00	3	991.26
53643	Total elbow arthroplasty revision NOTE: 53642 and 53643 include ligament balancing, neurolysis and nerve transposition.	4416.00	3	1335.36

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
53644	Osteocapsular arthroplasty (elbow, open or arthroscopic)	3484.00	4	924.49
	NOTES: i) Not payable with 11300, 11315, 11332, 11345, 06258, 53250, 53255, 53305, 53310, 53360, 53386, 53641, 53642, 53643, 53800 and 03196. ii) Includes complete synovectomy and diagnostic arthroscopy, removal of loose bodies, excision of prominent osteophytes and heterotopic bone, capsular releases, would closure, post-operative splint and neurolysis when required.			
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
53651	Humerus	938.00	2	242.74
53653	Olecranon	576.00	2	149.38
53652	Radius and/or ulna	938.00	2	242.74
	Fracture and/or Dislocation:			
	Humeral Epicondyle:			
53702	Closed reduction, percutaneous fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
53701	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	938.00	2	242.74
53705	Open reduction, internal fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
*53708	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53709	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Distal Humerus: Supracondylar:			
53712	Closed reduction, external fixation/percutaneous fixation	1365.00	2	386.07
*53711	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	720.00	2	186.72
53715	Open reduction, internal fixation	1578.00	2	444.88
*53718	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53719	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Distal Humerus: Intra-articular:			
53722	Closed reduction, external fixation	1368.00	2	354.78
*53721	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction and/or percutaneous fixation	720.00	2	186.72
53726	Open reduction, internal fixation - bicondylar with or without olecranon osteotomy	3352.00	2	868.26
	NOTE: Includes ulnar nerve transposition, if required.			
53725	Open reduction, internal fixation - unicondylar/ osteochondral	1568.00	2	406.12

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*53727	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53728	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Olecranon:			
53735	Open reduction, internal fixation	1151.00	2	416.76
*53738	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53739	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Radial Head/Neck:			
53742	Closed reduction, percutaneous fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
53741	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	938.00	2	242.74
53745	Open reduction, internal fixation	1568.00	2	406.12
*53748	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53749	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Elbow Joint Dislocation:			
53752	Closed reduction, with general anesthetic	938.00	2	242.74
53751	Closed reduction, without general anesthetic	576.00	2	149.38
53755	Open reduction	1151.00	2	298.77
	Radius and Ulna Shaft:			
53762	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	1151.00	2	298.77
*53761	Closed reduction, without GA, cast	363.00	2	93.37
53765	Open reduction, internal fixation	2090.00	2	541.49
*53768	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53769	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Radius or Ulna Shaft/Monteggia:			
53772	Closed reduction, external fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
53771	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	1048.00	2	270.75
53775	Open reduction internal fixation	1472.00	2	416.76
	NOTES: i) Includes closed reduction of an associated proximal or distal radial ulnar joint dislocation. ii) Cases requiring an open reduction of the associated proximal or distal radial ulnar joint dislocation should be billed as 53765.			
*53778	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*53779	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Manipulation: Elbow Joint:			
*S53800	Manipulation, under general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis:			
53810	Elbow joint	2778.00	3	718.88

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Amputation:			
53980	Elbow	1568.00	3	406.12
53981	Forearm	1568.00	3	406.12
*53998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	3	102.26
*53999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	3	186.72

HAND AND WRIST

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11400	Arthroscopy wrist joint	720.00	2	287.62
S11402	Aspiration bursa, synovial sheath, etc.	90.10	2	23.23
SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11416	Arthrotomy MP, PIP, DIP joints - (isolated procedure)	720.00	2	186.72
11415	Arthrotomy wrist joint - (isolated procedure)	720.00	2	186.72
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11432	Arthroscopy and biopsy, wrist /hand joint(s)	720.00	2	186.72
S11430	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11445	Open biopsy, hand or wrist	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
54310	Debridement synovectomy, total	1252.00	2	324.44
54315	Excision triangular fibro cartilage complex (TFCC)	1252.00	2	324.44
54305	Removal loose body	938.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
54350	Foreign body from wound, under general anesthetic	830.00	2	214.73
54351	Meniscus, radiocarpal	1252.00	2	324.44
V07055	Ganglia, of wrist	561.00	2	202.23
	Bone Tumour, Benign:			
54372	Carpals, distal radius	1252.00	2	324.44
54386	Excision of radial or ulnar styloid	830.00	2	214.73
	NOTE: Not payable with other wrist procedures.			
*54380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*54385	Osteomyelitis, debridement with or without reconstruction	1246.00	2	322.10
54387	Proximal row carpectomy NOTE: Not payable with wrist arthrodesis.	2090.00	2	541.49
	Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:			
*54410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri-articular structures	90.10		23.23
*54405	Injection joint	90.10		23.23
54415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with GA	830.00	2	214.73
*54420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	179.00	2	46.68
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
	Ligament:			
54505	Carpal instability: acute	2312.00	2	597.51
54510	Carpal instability: chronic	2542.00	2	658.20
54515	Distal radio-ulnar instability: chronic	1885.00	2	487.81
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint):			
	Osteotomy, Malunion or Non-union:			
54603	Carpal bone (scaphoid)	2090.00	2	541.49
54601	Distal radius	2542.00	2	658.20
54602	Distal ulna NOTE: A Darrach resection or limited resection/hemiresection arthroplasty are not payable under this item.	1259.00	2	326.77
54604	Epiphysiodesis, epiphysioplasty, radius and/or ulna, or hand	1568.00	2	406.12
	Arthroplasty Joint:			
54634	Removal prosthesis	1048.00	2	270.75
54635	Revision total wrist arthroplasty	3674.00	3	952.30
54633	Silastic wrist arthroplasty, includes tenosynovectomy and distal ulnar reconstruction	2090.00	2	541.49
54632	Total wrist joint replacement, includes tenosynovectomy and distal ulnar reconstruction	2778.00	2	718.88
54631	Ulna, distal excision, with or without silastic	938.00	2	242.74
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
54651	Distal radius and/or ulna	938.00	2	242.74
54652	Metacarpal or phalanx - operation only	467.00	2	121.36

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Fracture and/or Dislocation:			
	Radius With or Without Ulna - Distal, Fracture:			
54703	Closed reduction, external or percutaneous fixation	1259.00	2	326.77
54702	Closed reduction, with general anesthetic	1151.00	2	298.77
54701	Closed reduction, without general anesthetic	977.00	2	252.09
54705	Open reduction, internal fixation	2009.00	2	518.18
*54708	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13
*54709	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37
	Carpal Bone Fracture (Scaphoid):			
54715	Open reduction, internal fixation	1679.00	2	434.15
	Carpus: Dislocations: With or Without Fracture:			
54722	Closed reduction, percutaneous fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
54721	Closed reduction, without general anesthetic	977.00	2	252.09
54725	Open reduction, internal and/or external fixation	2312.00	2	597.51
*54728	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13
*54729	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37
	Manipulation: Hand/Wrist Joint:			
*S54800	Manipulation, under general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis/Tenodesis:			
54810	Wrist arthrodesis, limited or total	2542.00	2	658.20
	Amputation:			
06218	Transmetacarpal	1013.00	2	254.92
06219	Finger, any joint or phalanx - operation only	1013.00	2	254.92

PELVIS, HIP AND FEMUR

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11500	Arthroscopy hip joint	2009.00	3	518.18
S11502	Aspiration bursa, tendon sheath.	44.90	2	11.63
S11501	Aspiration hip joint	90.10	2	23.23
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11515	Arthrotomy hip joint	1151.00	3	298.77
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
*55215	Abscess, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*55225	Hip Joint - Arthrotomy, I and D	1246.00	3	322.10
*55210	Bursa, I and D (trochanteric, etc.) under GA	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
55220	Hematoma, drainage under GA (when sole procedure) NOTE: Payable at 50% in post-op period.	1151.00	2	298.77
	Incision - Therapeutic, Release:			
55275	Major release hip, two or more	1568.00	3	406.12
55270	Minor release hip, one tendon	1151.00	2	298.77
55255	Soft tissue release, percutaneous	1048.00	2	270.75
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11532	Arthroscopy and biopsy, hip	2009.00	3	518.18
S11530	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11545	Arthrotomy and biopsy, hip	939.00	3	242.74
11546	Biopsy, open, soft tissue or bone	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
55310	Debridement or synovectomy, total	2312.00	3	597.51
55305	Removal loose body	1458.00	3	378.11
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
55360	Arthrotomy, hip – open synovectomy, total	2199.00	3	569.50
55355	Bursa, excision, trochanteric, etc.	830.00	2	214.73
*55380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	3	186.72
*55385	Osteomyelitis, debridement with or without reconstruction	1246.00	3	322.10
55370	Bone Tumour, benign	1679.00	3	434.15
S55371	Heterotopic bone resection NOTE: Paid only for heterotopic bone resection which meets the criteria for Brooker Classification III or IV.	2001.00	3	515.94
55365	Benign soft tissue Tumour, subfascial	1568.00	3	406.12
	Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:			
*55410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri articular structures	44.90		11.63
*55405	Injection joint	44.90		11.63
55415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with GA	938.00	3	242.74
*55420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	270.00	3	70.02

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
55505	Hip instability, soft tissue repair	2524.00	3	653.54
55515	Tendon avulsion repair	1259.00	3	326.77
55510	Tendon-muscle transfer, hip	2542.00	3	658.20
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint):			
	Osteotomy:			
55605	Femoral shaft, adult	2990.00	4	774.90
55606	Femoral shaft, pediatric	1679.00	4	774.90
55607	Multiple for osteogenesis imperfecta	3455.00	6	891.61
55601	Pelvis, adult	2882.00	6	746.91
55602	Pelvis, pediatric	2312.00	6	597.51
55603	Proximal femur, adult	2882.00	4	746.91
55604	Proximal femur, pediatric	2090.00	4	746.91
	Malunion or Non-union:			
55632	Acetabulum	7135.00	4	1848.57
55635	Femoral lengthening, open	3461.00	4	896.29
55636	Femoral shortening, closed	3461.00	4	896.29
C55631	Pelvis (including Sacroiliac joint arthrodesis) NOTES: i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons. ii) Removal of previously placed hardware to be paid at 50% if removed from a separate incision. iii) Harvesting of bone graft is paid in addition when performed at the same time.	5263.00	4	1363.10
55633	Proximal femur (i.e. subtrochanteric)	3461.00	4	896.29
55634	Shaft, femur (includes closed femoral lengthening and open femoral shortening)	2990.00	4	774.90
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
55651	Femur – intertrochanteric, shaft	1048.00	4	270.75
55652	Epiphysiodesis, greater trochanter	1259.00	4	326.77
	Arthroplasty:			
55661	Hip resection arthroplasty	1896.00	5	490.15
55662	Hemi-arthroplasty - hip	2002.00	5	567.62
55663	Total hip prosthesis	3102.00	5	802.93

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Revision, Total Hip Arthroplasty:			
55671	Components, removal only (isolated procedure).....	3102.00	5	802.93
55672	Exchange of modular component	1679.00	5	434.15
55675	Proximal femoral replacement, allograft or custom prosthesis and/or acetabular reconstruction with internal fixation.....	6334.00	6	1633.84
	NOTES: i) When a total hip replacement is revised in conjunction with a peri-prosthetic fracture, the revision of the pre-existing femoral fracture may be billed under fee item 55675 for the failed total hip arthroplasty plus 50% of 55785 for open reduction and fixation of the fracture of the proximal femur. ii) When fracture of the femur occurs <u>during</u> a revision total hip, the procedure will be paid at the rate for revision total hip only.			
55674	Revision femur and acetabulum, includes PROSTALAC	5064.00	6	1307.07
55673	Revision femur or acetabulum	3835.00	6	989.64
	NOTE: 55673 and 55674 include trochanteric osteotomies if required.			
	Fracture With or Without Dislocation:			
	Pelvis: Operative Rx Unstable:			
55702	Closed reduction, external fixation	1911.00	4	494.83
*55701	Closed reduction, skeletal traction	363.00	3	93.37
55705	External fixation and open reduction internal fixation..	4215.00	5	1092.35
55707	Open reduction internal fixation, anterior and posterior.....	4523.00	5	1171.69
55706	Open reduction internal fixation, anterior or posterior .	2952.00	5	765.57
	Hip: Dislocation, Traumatic (Includes Total Hip Arthroplasty):			
55715	Open reduction	1896.00	4	490.15
*55712	Reduction hip, with general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*55711	Reduction hip, without anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Hip: Dislocation, Congenital: Conservative Management:			
55721	Closed reduction under GA, with or without tenotomy	1048.00	2	270.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Hip: Dislocation, Congenital: Operative Management:			
55725	Open reduction	2760.00	2	714.22
55726	Open reduction, femoral or pelvic osteotomy	4043.00	4	1047.97
55727	Open reduction, femoral and pelvic osteotomy	5094.00	4	1318.75
	Hip: Fracture, Dislocation (Includes Lip and/or Head Fractures):			
*55738	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*55739	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
55735	Open reduction	1896.00	4	490.15
55736	Open reduction, internal fixation	3674.00	5	952.30
*55732	Reduction hip, with general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*55731	Reduction hip, without anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Hip: Acetabulum Fracture (One or Two Column Fractures):			
*55741	Closed reduction	720.00	2	186.72
55745	Open reduction, internal fixation - one approach	5045.00	5	1307.07
55746	Open reduction, internal fixation - two approach/ extensile approach	7135.00	6	1848.57
	Hip: Fracture Femoral Neck or Subcapital:			
55751	Closed reduction, internal fixation	2009.00	5	518.18
55755	Open reduction, internal fixation (with supporting documentation)	3208.00	5	830.94
*55758	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*55759	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
55760	SCFE in situ fixation	1885.00	5	518.18
	Hip: Fracture, Intertrochanteric With or Without Subtrochanteric Extension:			
*55768	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*55769	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
55761	Reduction internal fixation	2524.00	5	653.54
	Hip: Fracture, Subtrochanteric:			
55771	Internal fixation	3442.00	5	891.61
*55778	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*55779	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Femur: Shaft:			
55782	Closed reduction, external skeletal fixation	1368.00	4	354.78
55783	Closed reduction, IM nail	2990.00	5	774.90

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*55781	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	834.00	2	214.73
*55780	Closed reduction, without GA, cast/traction	469.00	2	121.36
	NOTE: If *55780 or *55781 is followed by an ORIF/IM nailing after 48 hours, both are paid in full.			
55785	Open reduction, internal fixation	2990.00	5	774.90
*55788	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*55789	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Manipulation: Hip Joint:			
*S55800	Manipulation, under general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis:			
55810	Hip joint	4741.00	6	1227.71
	Amputation:			
55983	Above knee	2524.00	4	653.54
55980	Hemicorporectomy	9448.00	6	2446.08
55981	Hemipelvectomy	5263.00	6	1363.10
55982	Hip disarticulation	4004.00	6	1036.32
55984	Knee disarticulation	2524.00	4	653.54
55985	Revision, amputation, below knee, after 14 days	1785.00	3	518.18
	NOTE: Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons.			
*55998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	4	102.26
*55999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	4	186.72

FEMUR, KNEE JOINT, TIBIA AND FIBULA

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11600	Arthroscopy knee joint	830.00	2	214.73
S11602	Aspiration bursa, tendon sheath or other peri-articular structures	90.10	2	23.23
SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11615	Arthrotomy knee joint	938.00	3	242.74
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
*56215	Abscess, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*56225	Knee joint, arthrotomy, I and D	720.00	3	186.72
*56210	Bursa, I and D (prepatellar, etc.), under GA	720.00	2	186.72
56220	Hematoma, drainage under GA, (when sole procedure)	1151.00	2	298.77
	NOTE: Payable at 50% in post-op period.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Incision - Therapeutic, Release:			
56250	Decompression, neurolysis, nerve	830.00	2	214.73
*56260	Fasciotomy, compartment syndrome	830.00	3	235.21
*56269	Fasciotomy, secondary closure wound, with or without graft	720.00	2	186.72
	Soft Tissue Release:			
56275	Major release knee - includes posterior capsulotomy, unilateral or bilateral	1885.00	3	487.81
56280	Knee liberation/major release (post ligament reconstruction)	2977.00	3	770.24
56270	Minor release knee - tendons only, unilateral or bilateral	1335.00	2	345.45
56290	Open lateral/medial retinacular release	938.00	2	242.74
56285	Quadriceps plasty	2417.00	3	625.53
	Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11632	Arthroscopy, biopsy	830.00	2	214.73
S11630	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
	Excision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11645	Biopsy, open	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
56330	Abrasion/debridement (isolated procedure)	938.00	2	287.62
56335	Lateral or medial release, endoscopic (isolated procedure)	938.00	2	287.62
56325	Meniscal repair	1360.00	2	410.88
	NOTES: i) Includes 56320, debridement of attachment site. ii) Not paid for trimming of the meniscus.			
56315	Resection 'plica' (isolated procedure)	830.00	2	287.62
56322	Abrasion debridement, one or more compartments must include substantial debridement of pathologic articular cartilage and includes synovectomy, meniscal trimming and/or chondroplasty, extra – first 15 minutes, or major portion thereof	403.00	2	143.81

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Paid only with knee arthroscopy (56305, 56306, 56310, 56315, 56320, 56325 and 56335). ii) Not paid to Orthopaedic Surgeon performing a surgical assist. iii) Start and end times of debridement must be recorded in the patient's chart and claim submission.			
56323	Abrasion/debridement, extra – each additional 15 minutes, or major portion thereof	203.00		71.91
	NOTES: i) Paid only with 56322. ii) Paid to a maximum of two additional units. iii) Start and end times of debridement must be recorded in the patient's chart and claim submission.			
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
56355	Bursa, prepatellar	830.00	2	214.73
56353	Ganglion or cyst	830.00	2	214.73
56354	Popliteal cyst	1151.00	2	298.77
	Excision – Therapeutic, Knee Arthroscopic Synovial biopsy is included in 56305, 56306, 56310, 56315, 56320, 56325, 56330 and 56322.			
56305	Removal symptomatic loose body NOTE: Not paid for removal of iatrogenic loose body(ies).	938.00	2	287.62
56306	Pinning/drilling osteochondral fragment(s) for osteoarthritic cartilage deficiency NOTE: Includes removal of loose body(ies).	1252.00	2	410.88
56310	Synovectomy, knee, for diseased synovium, anterior, posterior or complete total	1783.00	2	487.92
56320	Menisectomy, knee, partial or total for symptomatic meniscal tear	938.00	2	287.62
56321	Drilling of defect or Microfracture and/or abrasion arthroplasty.	807.00	2	287.62
	Arthrotomy Knee:			
56362	Meniscal repair	1360.00	3	352.44
56361	Menisectomy, knee	939.00	3	242.74
56357	Pinning/drilling osteochondral fragment(s)	1360.00	3	352.44
56356	Removal loose body	938.00	3	242.74
56360	Synovectomy, knee, total	1798.00	3	464.48

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*56380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	3	186.72
*56385	Osteomyelitis, debridement, with or without reconstruction	830.00	3	214.73
56390	Patellectomy	1259.00	3	326.77
56370	Bone Tumour, benign	1048.00	3	270.75
56365	Benign soft tissue Tumour, subfascial	1259.00	3	326.77
	Introduction (With or Without Removal, Therapeutic):			
*56410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri-articular structures	90.10		23.23
*56405	Injection joint	90.10		23.23
56415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with GA	938.00	2	242.74
*56420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	270.00	2	70.02
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue): Knee Ligament, Instability (With or Without Arthroscopy):			
*56528	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56529	Open injury, secondary wound care	720.00	2	186.72
56505	One ligament repair/reconstruction, acute or chronic	2090.00	3	616.34
56515	Two ligament repair/reconstruction, acute or chronic	2410.00	3	718.62
56520	Three ligament repair/reconstruction, acute or chronic (includes PCL)	3226.00	3	835.59
56510	Posterior cruciate repair/reconstruction, acute or chronic	2882.00	3	746.91
56525	Revision knee ligament reconstruction (post previous ligament reconstruction)	2778.00	3	718.88
	NOTE: 56505 to 56525 include meniscectomy, graft harvest plus use of synthetic device. Meniscus repair is payable in addition at 50%.			
	Recurrent Subluxation/Dislocation Patella:			
56530	Extensor re-alignment procedures, soft tissue/bone	1679.00	3	434.15
56531	Lateral release, open or endoscopic	938.00	2	242.74
56540	Quadriceps tendon rupture, acute (within 6 weeks post injury)	1335.00	2	345.45
56541	Quadriceps tendon rupture, chronic (beyond 6 weeks post injury)	1896.00	2	490.15
56542	Patellar tendon repair	1715.00	2	480.90
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons. ii) Not paid with 56540, 56541 or 56545.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
56545	Tendon transfer, transplant	1259.00	2	326.77
	Repair, Reconstruction (Bone/Joint):			
	Os Osteotomy and/or Internal Fixation:			
	Arthritis, Malunion or Non-union:			
56601	Distal femur	3102.00	3	802.93
56604	Fibula	1048.00	3	270.75
56602	Proximal tibia	2199.00	3	569.50
56603	Tibia, shaft, includes fibula	2882.00	3	746.91
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
56651	Femur	1048.00	3	270.75
56652	Tibia, with or without fibular osteotomy	1048.00	3	270.75
56653	Epiphysiodesis	1151.00	3	298.77
56654	Physeal Bar excision	1964.00	3	508.83
	Arthroplasty: Knee Joint:			
56663	Total knee, removal prosthesis knee, includes PROSTALAC	1896.00	4	490.15
56661	Knee replacement, unicompartmental	2635.00	4	802.93
56662	Total knee replacement	3102.00	4	802.93
56664	Revision, total knee	4263.00	4	1104.00
56665	Revision, patellar component	1578.00	3	406.12
C56666	Meniscal Allograft Transplant	4429.00	5	1301.86
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Orthopaedic Surgeons. ii) If the procedure is abandoned after initial diagnostic arthroscopy due to advanced articular chondromalacia or the state of the remnant meniscus, only fee item 11600 would be payable. iii) Includes 11600, 11615, 56320 and 56321.			
	Fracture and/or Dislocation:			
	Metaphysis Femur: Supracondylar:			
56703	Closed reduction, external fixation/percutaneous fixation	1368.00	2	354.78
56704	Closed reduction, IM nail	2990.00	5	774.90
*56702	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	834.00	2	214.73
*56701	Closed reduction, without GA, cast/traction	469.00	2	121.36
56705	Open reduction, internal fixation	2990.00	4	774.90
*56708	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56709	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Metaphysis Femur: Condyle or Intracondylar:			
56713	Closed reduction, external fixation/ percutaneous fixation	1368.00	2	354.78
*56712	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	720.00	2	186.72
*56711	Closed reduction, without GA, cast/traction	363.00	2	93.37
56715	Open reduction, internal fixation - unicondylar	2990.00	4	774.90
56716	Open reduction, internal fixation - bicondylar	4309.00	4	1115.69
*56718	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56719	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Patellar Dislocation:			
56725	Open reduction and repair	938.00	2	242.74
*56728	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56729	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Patellar Fractures:			
*56738	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56739	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
56735	Open reduction, internal fixation	1783.00	2	462.14
56734	Patellectomy	1259.00	2	326.77
	Tibial Plateau Fractures:			
56742	Closed reduction, external fixation, with or without minimal internal fixation	1479.00	2	382.78
*56741	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	720.00	2	186.72
56746	Open reduction, internal fixation - bicondylar	3580.00	3	924.30
56745	Open reduction, internal fixation - unicondylar	2524.00	3	653.54
*56748	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56749	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Tibial Shaft Fractures:			
56753	Closed reduction, external fixation, with or without minimal internal fixation	1368.00	2	354.78
56754	Closed reduction, IM nail	2648.00	3	686.20
*56752	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	834.00	2	214.73
*56751	Closed reduction, without GA, cast/traction	363.00	2	93.37
56755	Open reduction, internal fixation	2199.00	3	569.50
*56758	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*56759	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Fibular Shaft Fractures:			
*56769	Open injury, primary/secondary wound care	720.00	2	186.72
	Manipulation: Knee Joint:			
*S56800	Manipulation, with general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis:			
56810	Knee joint	3102.00	3	802.93
	Amputation:			
56980	Below knee	2002.00	3	518.18
*56998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	3	102.26
*56999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	3	186.72

TIBIAL METAPHYSIS (DISTAL), ANKLE AND FOOT

	Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11700	Arthroscopy, ankle joint/subtalar joint	720.00	2	186.72
SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99
S11702	Aspiration bursa, tendon sheath	90.10	2	23.23
	Incision - Diagnostic, Open:			
11715	Ankle joint	720.00	2	186.72
11717	Midtarsal joint	720.00	2	186.72
11716	Subtalar joint	720.00	2	186.72
11718	Tarsal-metatarsal, metatarsal-phalangeal, interphalangeal joint	720.00	2	186.72
	Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:			
51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
51040	Joint aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
*57215	Abscess, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*57225	Ankle/foot joint, I and D, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
*57210	Bursa, I and D (tendo-achilles, etc.), under GA	720.00	2	186.72
57220	Hematoma, drainage under GA, (when sole procedure) NOTE: Payable at 50% in post-op period.	1151.00	2	298.77
	Incision - Therapeutic, Release:			
57250	Decompression, neurolysis, nerve (isolated procedure)	1151.00	2	298.77
*57260	Fasciotomy, compartment syndrome	830.00	2	214.73
*57269	Fasciotomy, secondary wound closure	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Soft Tissue Release: Musculo-tendonous:			
57280	Achilles tendon lengthening, percutaneous, unilateral or bilateral	830.00	2	214.73
57270	Plantar fascia: open release or partial excision, unilateral or bilateral	1048.00	2	270.75
57275	Plantar fasciectomy - total	1568.00	2	406.12
57285	Posterior hindfoot release	1679.00	2	434.15
57286	Posteromedial release (club foot /vertical talus)	2778.00	2	718.88
57290	Tendon lengthening, open	1048.00	2	270.75
57295	Tenosynovectomy	1048.00	2	270.75
	Excision - Diagnostic:			
S11730	Needle biopsy, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
11745	Open biopsy, under general anesthetic	939.00	2	242.74
	Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic:			
57330	Abrasion or debridement	938.00	2	287.62
57306	Pinning/drilling osteochondral fragments	1360.00	2	410.88
57305	Removal loose body	938.00	2	287.62
57310	Synovectomy ankle, total	1679.00	2	462.24
	Excision - Therapeutic, Open:			
57373	Excision, accessory navicular	938.00	2	242.74
57355	Bursa, excision, Achilles	830.00	2	214.73
57375	Excision, nail bed, under GA, single or multiple	830.00	2	214.73
57354	Ganglion, tendon sheath or joint	830.00	2	214.73
57356	Neuroma (i.e. sensory, digital, etc.)	830.00	2	214.73
*57380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	2	186.72
*57385	Osteomyelitis, debridement with or without reconstruction	1246.00	2	322.10
57372	Sesamoidectomy	938.00	2	242.74
57360	Total synovectomy/debridement	1368.00	2	354.78
57374	Talectomy	2090.00	2	541.49
57371	Tarsal coalition	1360.00	2	352.44
	NOTE: Includes harvesting of interposition material, if required.			
57370	Bone Tumour, benign	1360.00	2	352.44
57365	Benign soft tissue Tumour	830.00	2	214.73
	Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:			
*57410	Injection bursa, tendon sheath, other peri articular structures	44.90		11.63
*57405	Injection joint	44.90		11.63

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
57415	Removal of internal fixation device(s), with general anesthetic	830.00	2	214.73
*57420	Removal of internal fixation device(s), without GA	179.00	2	46.68
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
	Ankle Instability: Capsule or Ligament Repair:			
57505	Acute ligament repair, medial and/or lateral	938.00	2	242.74
57510	Reconstruction for ankle instability	1472.00	2	380.44
	Tendon-muscle Repair:			
57526	Extensor tendon(s), single, under GA	938.00	2	242.74
57527	Extensor tendon(s), multiple, under GA	1299.00	2	336.10
57525	Extensor tendon(s), without GA - operation only	467.00	2	121.36
57520	Flexor tendon repair, ankle or foot, single or multiple	1360.00	2	352.44
57515	Tendo Achilles repair, acute (within 6 weeks post injury)	1360.00	2	352.44
57516	Tendo Achilles repair, chronic (beyond 6 weeks post injury)	2090.00	2	541.49
57535	Repair/reconstruction of tendon sheath	1472.00	2	380.44
	Tendon Muscle Transfer, Transplant, Tenoplasty:			
57555	Jones' procedure	1259.00	2	326.77
57550	Tendon transfer	1679.00	2	434.15
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint):			
	Osteotomy/Malunion:			
57601	Distal tibial	2508.00	2	648.87
57602	Malleolus, lateral and/or medial	1679.00	2	434.15
57605	Metatarsals, base, shaft, neck	1360.00	2	352.44
57603	Calcaneal Osteotomy (not to include Hagelund's)	1679.00	2	520.99
57604	Midtarsal Osteotomy	2312.00	2	597.51
57606	Phalanges, open osteotomy	938.00	2	242.74
	Osteotomy/Non-union:			
57631	Distal tibial	2090.00	2	541.49
57632	Malleolus, lateral and/or medial	1259.00	2	326.77
57634	Metatarsals, base, shaft, neck	830.00	2	214.73
57635	Phalanges	830.00	2	214.73
57633	Tarsals	1472.00	2	380.44
57636	Epiphysiodesis	1151.00	2	298.77
57637	Physeal Bar excision	1568.00	2	406.12
	Bone Grafting (i.e. onlay grafting):			
57651	Distal tibia	938.00	2	242.74

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
57652	Malleolus, medial and/or lateral - tarsals, metatarsals, phalanges	576.00	2	149.38
	Arthroplasty: Ankle Joint:			
57661	Total ankle prosthesis	3102.00	3	991.26
*57663	Removal of total ankle arthroplasty	720.00	3	186.72
57662	Revision total ankle	3895.00	3	1335.36
	Metatarsal Phalangeal Joint: Arthroplasty:			
57671	Excision arthroplasty great toe (Keller's cheilectomy)	1048.00	2	270.75
57675	Implant arthroplasty	1151.00	2	298.77
57676	Interphalangeal joint arthroplasty, single or multiple	1048.00	2	270.75
57673	Distal metatarsal osteotomy	1151.00	2	298.77
57674	Proximal metatarsal osteotomy with distal realignment	1679.00	2	434.15
57677	Minor forefoot reconstruction (lesser toes)	1472.00	2	380.44
57678	Major forefoot reconstruction (includes excision arthroplasty, stabilization with or without implant, and great toe)	2298.00	2	595.16
57672	Resection, soft tissue reconstruction	1151.00	2	298.77
	Fracture and/or Dislocation:			
	Ankle Fracture:			
	Intra-articular Tibial Metaphysical (PILON):			
57702	Closed reduction, external fixation with or without percutaneous fixation, with or without minimal internal fixation, with or without open reduction internal fixation distal fibula	1896.00	2	490.15
*57701	Closed reduction, with GA, cast/traction	720.00	2	186.72
57705	Open reduction internal fixation (include fibular fracture)	3461.00	2	896.29
*57708	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57709	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Ankle (Malleolar) Fracture:			
57713	Closed reduction, external fixation/percutaneous fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
*57712	Closed reduction, with GA, application of cast	1048.00	2	270.75
*57711	Closed reduction, without GA, application of cast	363.00	2	93.37
57715	Open reduction, internal fixation - one malleolus NOTE: Injuries requiring opposite side soft tissue repairs (i.e. deltoid ligament repair with lateral malleolar fracture ORIF) are payable under 57716.	1360.00	2	352.44
57716	Open reduction, internal fixation - two or more	1568.00	2	406.12
*57718	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*57719	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Hindfoot/Midfoot/Lisfranc Dislocation With or Without Fracture:			
57723	Closed reduction, fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57722	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	720.00	2	186.72
*57721	Closed reduction, without GA, cast	363.00	2	93.37
57725	Open reduction, with or without internal fixation	1679.00	2	475.56
*57728	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57729	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Os Calcis: Fracture:			
57733	Closed reduction, fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57732	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	720.00	2	186.72
57735	Open reduction, internal fixation	2417.00	2	625.53
*57738	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57739	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Talus Fracture:			
57743	Closed reduction, fixation	1259.00	2	326.77
*57742	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	720.00	2	186.72
*57741	Closed reduction, without GA, cast	363.00	2	93.37
57745	Open reduction, internal fixation	1885.00	2	487.81
*57748	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57749	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Tarsal Fracture:			
57753	Closed reduction, fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57752	Closed reduction, with GA, cast	720.00	2	186.72
*57751	Closed reduction, without GA, cast	363.00	2	93.37
57755	Open reduction, internal fixation	1259.00	2	326.77
*57758	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57759	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	NOTE: Multiple tarsal fractures are payable under hind/midfoot Lisfranc dislocation with or without fracture items *57721 to *57729.			
	Metatarsal Fractures:			
57761	Closed reduction, fixation	1048.00	2	270.75
57765	Open reduction, internal fixation, one	1151.00	2	298.77
57766	Open reduction, internal fixation, two or more	1360.00	2	352.44
*57768	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57769	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Metatarso-phalangeal Dislocation:			
57773	Closed reduction, fixation, single or multiple	834.00	2	214.73
*57772	Closed reduction, with GA, cast, single or multiple	720.00	2	186.72
*57771	Closed reduction, without GA, cast, single or multiple.	363.00	2	93.37
57775	Open reduction, internal fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57778	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	2	102.26
*57779	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	2	186.72
	Phalangeal Fracture:			
57781	Closed reduction, fixation, single or multiple	1048.00	2	270.75
57785	Open reduction, internal fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57788	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13
*57789	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37
	Interphalangeal Dislocations With or Without Fracture:			
57793	Closed reduction, fixation, single or multiple	1048.00	2	270.75
*57792	Closed reduction, with GA, cast, single or multiple	720.00	2	186.72
*57791	Closed reduction, without GA, cast, single or multiple.	179.00	2	46.68
57795	Open reduction, with or without fixation	1151.00	2	298.77
*57798	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13
*57799	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37
	Manipulation: Ankle/Foot:			
*S57800	Manipulation, with general anesthetic	363.00	2	93.37
	Arthrodesis:			
57812	Ankle joint	2778.00	3	718.88
57817	Interphalangeal, single or multiple	1048.00	2	270.75
57816	Metatarsophalangeal	1360.00	2	352.44
57814	Midtarsal joint	2090.00	2	541.49
57811	Pantalar	3243.00	2	840.26
57813	Subtalar joint/triple	2312.00	2	717.01
57815	Tarso-metatarsal joints	2542.00	2	658.20
57810	Tibiocalcaneal	2312.00	2	597.51
	Amputation:			
57981	Midtarsal	1896.00	2	490.15
57983	Single metatarsal/Ray resection	1368.00	2	354.78
57980	SYME	2057.00	2	532.14
57984	Toe	727.00	2	186.72
57982	Transmetatarsal	1578.00	2	406.12
*57998	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
*57999	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37

VERTEBRAE, FACET AND SPINE

Incision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

SY00757	Aspiration, other joints	42.45	2	11.99

Incision - Therapeutic, Percutaneous:

03368	Discogram (operation only)	363.00	2	92.97
*58205	Injection/aspiration, facet joint	363.00	2	92.97

Incision - Therapeutic, Drainage:

51039	Bursa aspiration - operation only	90.10		23.23
03369	Abscess or hematoma, extraspinal, under GA (operation only)	720.00	4	186.72

Excision - Diagnostic, Percutaneous:

S11831	Needle biopsy, soft tissue/bone - lumbar spine, under general anesthetic	720.00	2	186.72
S11830	Needle biopsy, soft tissue/bone - thoracic spine, under general anesthetic	830.00	2	214.73

Excision - Diagnostic, Open:

11845	Biopsy, with general anesthetic NOTE: Not payable with definitive spinal surgery.	938.00	3	242.74

Excision - Therapeutic, Endoscopic

03361	Percutaneous discectomy	1048.00	3	270.75

Decompression - Anterior:

Discectomy, With or Without Fusion:

03362	Cervical, single level	2417.00	6	625.53
03363	Cervical, two or more levels	3118.00	6	807.58
03364	Thoracolumbar (includes decompression)	5569.00	8	1442.43

Vertebral Body Resection:

03365	Cervical	6304.00	6	1633.84
03366	Thoracolumbar	7358.00	8	1904.58

Introduction and/or Removal, Therapeutic:

S03167	Insertion of skull tongs (operation only)	362.00	4	126.29
58410	Removal of spinal instrumentation	1945.00	5	509.68

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Bone, Joint):			
	Stabilization - Posterior:			
03341	Cervical, segmental (includes C1-2 transarticular screws)	4201.00	6	1087.67
03340	Cervical, simple, single or multiple level (includes Gallie fusion)	2090.00	6	541.49
03345	Thoracolumbar, segmental instrumentation and fusion with decompression - single level	6092.00	7	2058.13
03346	Thoracolumbar, segmental instrumentation and fusion with decompression - multiple levels	7135.00	7	2411.31
03344	Thoracolumbar, segmental instrumentation and spinal fusion	4833.00	7	1251.05
03343	Thoracolumbar, simple instrumentation (Harrington or wires or screws etc.)	2990.00	7	774.90
03342	Thoracolumbar, without instrumentation	1896.00	5	490.15
	Stabilization - Anterior:			
03347	Cervical, stabilization alone (with Neurosurgeon)	1948.00	6	504.14
03348	Cervical, with plates and discectomy	3822.00	6	1574.63
03349	Cervical, with plates and vertebrectomy	6834.00	6	1769.22
03350	Thoracolumbar, approach and stabilization alone (with Neurosurgeon)	3674.00	8	952.30
03351	Thoracolumbar, instrumentation with anterior release or vertebrectomy	7880.00	8	2449.42
	NOTE: 03350 and 03351 are payable in full when done in conjunction with posterior instrumentation and fusion.			
	Deformity Correction: Anterior Release/ Osteotomy:			
03352	Thoracolumbar	5569.00	8	1442.43
03353	Thoracolumbar - with anterior instrumentation and correction	6615.00	8	1713.19
	Posterior Osteotomy With Instrumentation:			
03354	Cervical	9448.00	6	2446.08
PC03355	Thoracolumbar Spinal Fusion – including posterior osteotomy via Smith-Peterson, pedicle subtraction or vertebral column resection with fusion of greater than four (4) vertebral segments	9448.00	7	3526.25
	NOTE: Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P03370	Thoracolumbar Spinal Fusion (lasting longer than 6 hours) – per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (maximum of 16 units per patient)	170.00		50.79
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03355. ii) Surgical start time begins and ends with positioning. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.			
	Posterior lumbar interspinous/interlaminar stabilization/instrumentation (extra)			
P03371	Single level (extra)	673.00		201.50
P03372	Multiple level (extra)	1345.00		403.00
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03158, 03161 or 03162. ii) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.			
	Posterior lumbar interbody fusion (PLIF) or transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF) (extra)			
P03373	Single level (extra)	1345.00		403.00
P03374	Multiple level (extra)	2017.00		604.50
	NOTES: i) Paid only in addition to 03345, 03346, 03355, 03356 or 03357. ii) Restricted to Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgeons.			
	Posterior Instrumentation and Fusion:			
03356	Adult	6834.00	7	1769.22
03357	Pediatric	5569.00	7	1442.43
	Fracture and/or Dislocation (Cervical Spine):			
	Cervical:			
*58710	Application of halo	720.00	4	186.72
S03167	Application of skull tongs	362.00	4	126.29
03358	ORIF	3895.00	7	1008.32
	Thoracolumbar:			
03359	ORIF with segmental fixation alone	5045.00	7	1307.07
03360	ORIF with segmental fixation and decompression	6092.00	7	1577.82

MUSCULOSKELETAL ONCOLOGY

51057	Reconstruction of shoulder/pelvis or sacrum	4215.00	6	1092.35

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
51054	Reconstruction of skeletal defect following excision	4215.00	6	1092.35
*51053	Resection of malignant bone Tumour limb, limb sparing	4185.00	6	1083.01
*51056	Resection of malignant girdle Tumour, pelvis and/or sacrum	6273.00	6	1624.50
51055	Resection of malignant girdle Tumour, scapula	4185.00	6	1083.01
51058	Resection of malignant Tumour, rotation plasty	8398.00	6	2175.33
51051	Resection of subfascial malignant soft tissue Tumour, simple	2312.00	5	597.51
51052	Resection of subfascial malignant soft tissue Tumour, complex (involvement of neuro/vascular structures) NOTE: Fee items 51053 to 51058. Reconstruction items are payable in full with the resection, if applicable.	4937.00	6	1279.05

APPLICATION OF CAST (INCLUDES EXTERNAL STIMULATOR)

*51019	Below knee	90.10	2	23.23
*51024	Body (shoulder to hips)	339.00	2	86.95
*51025	Cast brace	179.00	5	46.49
*51022	Hip spica - child	339.00	2	86.95
*51023	Hip spica - adult	339.00	2	86.95
*51017	Long arm (axilla to hand)	90.10	2	23.23
*51021	Long leg	90.10	2	23.23
*51020	Long leg cylinder	90.10	2	23.23
*51016	Short arm (elbow to hand)	90.10	2	23.23
*51018	Shoulder spica	339.00	2	86.95

MISCELLANEOUS

*51035	Application of skeletal traction	363.00	2	93.37
*51036	Compartment pressure monitoring (extra)	363.00	2	92.97
*51037	Harvesting of iliac crest autograft (extra)	363.00	2	93.37
*51038	Harvesting of skin graft (extra) - for orthopaedic procedures only	400.00	2	102.68
*51030	Orthopaedic interpretation and written report of submitted x-ray films including CT scan and MRI NOTE: Not payable in addition to consultation rendered within 2 months on the same patient on referral by the same physician.	109.00		39.38
	Ilizarov Instrumentation (Any Bone/Joint to Include Corticotomy):			
51065	Simple construction - lengthening/angular correction, with or without lengthening/non-union stabilization/fracture stabilization	4215.00	3	1092.35

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
51066	Complex construction - multiplanar corrections/ multiple level lengthening/ elevator technique.	5787.00	4	1498.46
*51067	Extension/revision of frame	830.00	3	214.73

MINOR PROCEDURES

13610	Minor laceration or foreign body - not requiring anesthesia (operation only)	82.60		35.62
13611	– requiring anesthesia (operation only)	156.00	2	66.35
13630	Paronychia (operation only)	82.40		35.53
13631	Removal of nail, simple (operation only)	82.40		35.53
13632	– with destruction of nail bed - operation only	165.00		71.89
13633	Wedge excision of one nail - operation only	147.00		63.44

DEBRIDEMENT OF SOFT TISSUES FOR NECROTIZING INFECTIONS OR SEVERE TRAUMA

V70155	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue restricted to genitalia and perineum for necrotizing infection (Fournier's Gangrene) (stand alone procedure)	1754.00	5	411.80
V70158	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; up to the first 5% of body surface area	990.00	3	235.72
V70159	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	497.00		117.87
V70162	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1110.00	4	261.93
V70163	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	559.00	3	130.96
V70165	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1228.00	4	288.10
V70166	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	431.00		144.06
70168	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissues for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area	331.00		78.57

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Payable when rendered at the bedside but only when performed by a medical practitioner. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Applicable with or without anesthesia.			
70169	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissue for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area - operation only	386.00	4	125.72
	Notes: i) Payable only when performed by a medical practitioner in the operating room under general anesthesia or conscious sedation. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Debridement not payable in addition.			

PERIPHERAL NERVE

S06258	Exploration of peripheral nerve and neurolysis NOTE: Multiple neurolyses are paid in accordance with Preamble Clause B.9.e. to a maximum of four neurolyses per sitting.	1020.00		256.65
S03196	Exploration, mobilization and transposition	798.00	2	281.48
03198	Neurectomy of major nerve	628.00	2	222.43

HAND AND WRIST

Excision, Therapeutic, Open:

V07055	Ganglia, of the wrist	561.00	2	202.23

Incision, Open:

06051	Finger tip - operation only	651.00	2	250.72
06050	Regions of major joints and hands - early	1721.00	2	432.65

SPINAL

03151	Stereotaxic surgery - spine	2201.00	5	791.17
03152	Bischoff's or longitudinal myelotomy	2655.00	5	936.10
03153	Laminectomy, with DREZ lesion for pain	3997.00	6	1408.69
03155	Laminectomy for hematoma, Tumour or vascular malformation	2689.00	6	948.86
	Laminectomy for cervical disc:			
03156	– one level	2089.00	6	1524.64
03157	– multiple levels	2292.00	6	1874.56

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Laminectomy for lumbar disc:			
03158	– one level	1738.00	5	670.94
03159	– multiple levels	1893.00	5	1333.43
03160	Laminectomy for congenital spinal malformation or tethered spinal cord	3854.00	5	2027.87
03161	Laminectomy for localized spinal stenosis (two levels or less)	2018.00	5	789.13
03162	Laminectomy for generalized spinal stenosis (more than two levels)	3143.00	5	1213.99
03168	Laminectomy for intradural spinal cord or extra-medullary Tumour or vascular malformation by microsurgical technique	5160.00	7	2013.98
03180	Multiple level laminectomy for cervical cord compression, three or more levels	3704.00	6	1430.75
03163	Anterior cervical discectomy and fusion – one level	2292.00	6	1429.88
03164	– multiple levels	2921.00	6	1936.16
03166	Removal of thoracic disc	2445.00	8	2349.45
03185	Postero-lateral microsurgical thoracic discectomy	3657.00	8	1915.56
S03167	Insertion of skull tongs (operation only)	362.00	4	126.29
03169	Fracture of spine without cord injury, open reduction and fusion	1948.00	7	686.74
03231	Repair of spinal CSF leak or pseudo-meningocele	1699.00	5	598.96

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These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
02510	**Consultation:** To include history, detailed examination of the ear, nose and throat, review of x-ray and laboratory findings and written report	241.00		77.84
02511	**Consultation:** With pure tone audiogram	295.00		93.45
02514	**Repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	147.00		45.81
02512	**Special Consultation, for dizziness:** To apply where a patient has been referred by an Otolaryngologist, Neurologist or Neurosurgeon and to include all special examinations and an appropriate neurological assessment and a written report	484.00		166.27
02513	**Consultation:** For management of malignancy	363.00		108.85
	NOTES: i) Billable by the surgeon in charge. ii) Not billable for minor or superficial skin malignancies. iii) Applicable to new malignancy or recurrence of malignancy in remission.			
02517	Consultation for management of complex laryngeal disorder	399.00		137.56
	NOTES: i) To apply where a patient has been referred by another Otolaryngologist, Neurologist or Respirologist. ii) To include self-assessment, perceptual analysis, aerodynamic measures and acoustic analysis.			
02515	Otolaryngic Allergy Consultation: To include a detailed history and physical exam with review of laboratory and other relevant investigations, plus appropriate otolaryngic allergy management and additional visits necessary to render a written report . *(see note on next page)*	484.00		145.14

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTE: 02515 includes appropriate diagnostic skin testing (by conventional method or titration technique).			
02215	Pre-Operative Assessment	221.00		77.84
	NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.			
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
02507	Subsequent office visit	98.50		32.67
02508	Subsequent hospital visit	81.00		24.41
02509	Subsequent home visit	162.00		48.92
02505	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums)	323.00		122.35
	NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.			

MISCELLANEOUS

02519	Complex Laryngeal Disorder Conference Fee	87.80		30.35
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Otolaryngology. ii) Restricted to laryngeal pathology. iii) Payable only if 02517 (consult for management of complex laryngeal disorder) has been paid for the same patient by the same practitioner in the previous 6 months. iv) Requires interdisciplinary team meeting with at least one allied health professional. v) Maximum of four paid per patient, per day. vi) Maximum of eight paid per patient, per calendar year.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

vii) The results of the assessment, as well as the names and roles of those who participated in the meeting must be documented in patient's chart, and result communicated to FP/GP or referring physician.
viii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and patient's chart.
ix) Not paid to physicians who are employed by, or who are under contract to a facility; or physician working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements.
x) Consult or visit on the same day paid in addition if medically required and does not take place concurrently with the conference fee.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

The following fees, except for items 02520 and 02521, apply when these special otolaryngological examinations are carried out by/or under the supervision of a certified Otolaryngologist.
NOTE: When two or more special examinations are performed by a specialist Otolaryngologist on the same visit, the major examination is to be charged in full and the lesser examinations to be charged at 50% UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE EXAMINATIONS (not to include an audiogram [AC and BC] if done as a part of a consultation). No charge will be made for an office visit in addition to these special examinations when examination is done as an adjunct to a consultation.

Hearing Tests:

02520	Audiogram - pure tone (AC and BC)	57.10		15.44
02521	Audiogram - speech (SRT, PB, MCL)	62.10		16.85
02525	Impedance test	33.35		9.04
02531	Impedance test, including contra-lateral reflex	66.80		17.79
02532	PI-PB test	21.90		6.24
02533	Play audiometry	90.20		24.10
02534	Free field audiometry	90.20		24.10
02536	Brainstem evoked response audiometry	175.00		47.21

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02539	Brainstem evoked response audiometry with electrocochleography NOTE: Only one additional specialist examination can be billed in addition to this item.	255.00		68.22
02541	Electrocochleography	196.00		51.42
	Vestibular Tests:			
02526	Cold calorics test	41.70		11.11
02527	Bithermal test	90.20		24.10
02528	E.N.G. (Electronystagmography) NOTE: To control the total cost involved in extensive patient investigation, the following recommendation applies: Vestibular tests performed on a subsequent visit should have a maximum fee limitation equal to the value of fee item 02528, to be billed directly in lieu of return visit.	179.00		47.54
	Functional Tests:			
02530	Stenger	90.20		24.10
02542	Measurement of otoacoustic emissions	121.00		32.14
	Miscellaneous Tests: NOTE: See also SY00907, SY00908 under Diagnostic and Selected Therapeutic Procedures.			
02538	Laryngostroboscopy	272.00		84.80
02535	Maxillary sinus endoscopy via canine fossa, with or without biopsy	428.00	3	116.87
02540	Flexible nasopharyngoscopy with video fluoroscopy	229.00	3	62.83

EAR

Item	Removal of foreign body or aerating tubes from ear - simple	Per Visit		
02206	Removal of ear canal osteoma (operation only)	299.00	2	82.94
02209	Removal of obstructing exostosis of ear canal	1757.00	3	484.78
02210	Paracentesis of the ear drum (operation only)	162.00	2	44.65
P02221	Microscopic debridement, foreign body removal, or aural polyp removal - with local anesthetic - operation only	98.50	2	27.11
02223	– under general anesthetic - operation only NOTE: 02221, 02223 are not billable with 02254, 02274, 02228 and 02229.	229.00	2	63.76

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Transmastoid facial nerve decompression:			
02233	– vertical and horizontal segment	4091.00	4	1127.78
02234	– vertical segment	2130.00	4	586.86
02224	Transcanal labryinthotomy transmastoid for posterior semicircular canal occlusion	792.00	4	218.88
02241	Labyrinthectomy - drill out of petrous bone	2079.00	4	574.07
02243	Repair atresia external ear canal, complete, bony	3843.00	3	1058.85
02244	Repair stenosis external ear canal, bony	2220.00	3	612.35
02245	Microsurgical repair and reconstruction soft tissue stenosis - external ear canal NOTE: Includes skin grafting or flap.	2409.00	3	663.38
02231	Microsurgical revision and reconstruction, soft tissue stenosis - external ear NOTE: Includes skin grafting or flap.	1927.00	3	530.69
02247	Mastoidectomy - partial, canal wall up (cortical)	2220.00	3	612.35
02248	Radical mastoidectomy	2820.00	4	778.18
02249	Stapes - reconstruction	2220.00	3	612.35
02250	– mobilization of	1295.00	3	357.19
02246	– reconstruction with laser	2409.00	3	663.38
02251	Myringoplasty repair of drum - without exploration of middle ear	692.00	3	191.35
02239	Tympanotomy - with ossicular chain reconstruction	1295.00	3	357.19
02252	Tympanoplasty - without ossicular chain reconstruction (repair of ear drum as well as inspection of middle ear by means of a tympanotomy)	1617.00	3	446.51
02264	– with ossicular chain reconstruction	2454.00	3	676.13
02276	– lateral graft, homograft tympanic membrane NOTE: Applicable to adhesive otitis media or total perforation.	2454.00	3	676.13
S02277	Tympanoplasty with excision of middle ear cholesteotoma – first 90 minutes NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	1462.00	3	507.54
S02278	Tympanoplasty with excision of middle ear cholesteotoma – each additional 15 minutes or greater portion thereof (to a maximum of 16 units) NOTES: i) Restricted to Otolaryngologists. *(notes continued on next page)*	147.00	3	50.76

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) If the cholesteatoma extends into the mastoid, bill fee items 02253 or 02273 only.			
	iii) Not payable with fee items 02252, 02253, 02264, 02273 or 02276.			
	iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
02238	Tympanoplasty with excision of bony canal stenosis – microscopic open	2969.00	3	832.28
	NOTES:			
	i) Requires drilling out of bony canal stenosis in conjunction with repair of tympanic membrane perforation.			
	ii) Not payable with fee item 02253 or 02273.			
	iii) Includes fee item 02244 or 02252.			
02253	Tympanomastoidectomy - complete, canal wall down, including tympanoplasty	3747.00	3	1033.35
02265	– partial, canal wall down (atticotomy)	2220.00	3	612.35
02263	Trans-tympanic polyneurectomy	1203.00	3	331.68
02254	Myringotomy with insertion of aerating tube (operation only) - unilateral - operation only	299.00	2	82.94
02274	– bilateral - operation only	465.00	2	127.57
	Myringotomy with insertion of aerating tube, under GA			
P02228	– unilateral (operation only)	288.00	2	103.09
P02229	– bilateral (operation only)	440.00	2	157.79
02255	Exploratory tympanotomy	860.00	2	236.02
02261	– with chemical control, tac procedure, cryosurgical control, ultrasound	1412.00	3	389.10
02266	Myringoplasty - paper patch or synthetic - operation only	162.00	2	44.65
02256	Endolymphatic shunt (any procedure)	3144.00	6	867.48
02259	Excision of glomus - by tympanotomy approach	2454.00	3	676.13
02260	– where extensive dissection is required	3178.00	4	1039.57
02267	Conchal cartilage graft	1157.00	3	318.91
02268	Intra-cochlear implant	3518.00	4	1383.29
02269	Implantable bone conductor	1709.00	4	469.68
02242	Microsurgical repair and reconstruction soft tissue atresia, external ear canal - complete	2884.00	3	796.06
	NOTE: Includes skin grafting or flap.			
C02225	Middle Fossa Approach for Repair of Superior Canal Dehiscence	2652.00	5	920.76
	NOTE: To include approach and plugging or repair of canal.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02270	Transmastoid - posterior semi-circular canal occlusion or repair of superior canal dehiscence	2884.00	4	1383.29
	NOTES: i) Includes mastoidectomy. ii) For management of posterior canal positional vertigo and superior canal dehiscence to include approach and plugging or resurfacing of canal.			
02271	Transmastoid microsurgical removal of facial neuroma via extended facial recess approach	7218.00	5	1990.13
	NOTES: i) Includes resection and removal of tumour with facial nerve preservation. ii) Billable only by certified Otolaryngologists.			
02272	Transmastoid microsurgical removal of middle ear/mastoid tumour	4331.00	5	1194.08
	NOTES: i) Requires extensive dissection, ossicular disarticulation and reconstruction, and extended facial recess approach to the hypotympanum. ii) Applicable to tympanomastoid glomus and facial nerve tumours requiring resection of the facial nerve.			
02273	Microsurgical tympanomastoidectomy - complete, canal wall up	4091.00	5	1127.78
	NOTE: Includes tympanoplasty and ossicular reconstruction.			

NOSE AND SINUSES

	Removal of foreign body from nose:			
Item	– simple	Per Visit		
02301	– complicated with anesthetic - operation only	229.00	3	63.76
	Cauterization of septum:			
Item	– chemical.....	Per Visit		
02303	– electric - operation only.....	141.00	3	38.25
	Cryosurgical treatment of turbinates:			
02298	– unilateral	559.00	3	153.09
02299	– bilateral	692.00	3	191.35
	Turbinectomy:			
02304	– unilateral - operation only.....	350.00	3	95.67
02305	– bilateral	508.00	3	140.31
02306	Submucous resection of septum	601.00	3	165.83
	Naso-antral window:			
02307	– single - operation only.....	418.00	3	114.81
02308	– double.....	652.00	3	178.61

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02309	Radical antrostomy	1157.00	3	318.91
02310	– with closure of alveolar fistula	1666.00	4	459.27
	Intranasal ethmoidotomy to include polypectomy, posterior:			
02360	– unilateral	1295.00	3	357.19
02361	– bilateral	1993.00	3	548.56
02362	Intranasal ethmoidotomy, anterior - unilateral	692.00	3	191.35
02363	– bilateral	1157.00	3	318.91
02315	External radical fronto - ethmoidotomy	2130.00	4	586.86
	Electrocoagulation of turbinates:			
02317	– one side - operation only	188.00	3	51.03
02318	– both sides - operation only	277.00	3	76.53
02319	Trephining frontal sinus	931.00	3	255.15
02321	Sinus sphenoidotomy (intranasal)	973.00	3	267.90
	Removal of nasal polyp:			
S02322	– unilateral - operation only	370.00	3	102.06
S02323	– bilateral	601.00	3	165.83
	Antral lavage:			
02324	– unilateral - operation only	122.00	3	33.58
02325	– bilateral - operation only	185.00	3	50.35
	Choanal atresia; definitive repair of:			
02326	– unilateral	1757.00	3	484.78
02327	– bilateral	2454.00	4	676.13
	Choanal atresia; perforation of:			
02328	– unilateral	601.00	3	165.83
02329	– bilateral	833.00	4	229.62
	Submucous turbinectomy:			
02330	– unilateral	601.00	3	165.83
02331	– bilateral	931.00	3	255.15
	Lateral rhinotomy and excision of tumour:			
02332	– benign	2130.00	3	586.86
02333	– Lateral rhinotomy and/or medial maxillectomy for excision of nasal tumour	2268.00	3	625.11
	NOTES: i) To include open or endoscopic techniques ii) Not payable for polyps			
02334	Transantral ethmoidectomy	1757.00	3	484.78
02335	Transantral ligation, internal maxillary artery	1852.00	6	510.30
02337	Ligation of anterior and posterior ethmoid arteries	1157.00	6	318.91
02338	Removal of angiofibroma - nasal pharynx	2688.00	6	739.92
02342	Maxillectomy with exenteration of ethmoid	2920.00	5	803.71
02339	Palatal fenestration	937.00	3	257.82
02343	Septal reconstruction	1388.00	3	382.72
02341	Posterior nasal packing (operation only) to include balloon control of epistaxis - operation only	229.00	3	63.76

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02346	Posterior nasal packing with transoral gauze pack, under local, topical, or general anesthetic (operation only)	363.00	3	99.49
02345	Drainage of abscess or hematoma of septum (operation only)	418.00	3	114.81
02347	External osteoplastic frontal flap operation	3378.00	4	931.30
02364	Nasal fracture, simple reduction - operation only	229.00	3	63.76
S02365	Nasal fracture, reduction and splinting - operation only	465.00	3	127.57
06123	Comminuted nasal fractures - transosseous wire plate fixation	1221.00	3	307.05
02348	Operative closure of oral nasal fistula	1295.00	3	357.19
02349	Operative closure of nasal septal perforation	1852.00	3	510.30
02358	Revision endoscopic frontal sinusotomy with or without C arm	1686.00	3	464.38
02357	Endoscopic sinus surgery: functional endoscopic sinus surgery in children under 14 years of age NOTES: i) Extra to fee items 02307, 02308, 02360, and 02361. ii) Payable at an additional 50% of applicable surgical fee.			
02336	Laser revision of choanal stenosis	484.00	4	132.68
02359	Revision endoscopic intranasal spheno-ethmoidotomy (anterior, middle and posterior cells including sphenoid)	1927.00	3	530.69
25300	Endoscopic stereotactic resection of intranasal or sinus tumour – up to 7 hours operating time NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	3595.00	6	1046.36
25301	– additional payment after 7 hours operating time NOTES: i) Fee items 25300 and 25301 are payable only when pre-operative radiological imaging indicates either distorted anatomy of the sinuses secondary to disease or injury, or revised complex anatomy resulting from prior surgery, such that without stereotactic guidance, the surgery could not be performed. ii) Not payable for ethmoid disease, polypectomy or tumours affecting only one sinus. iii) Includes all surgery necessary to access tumour.	887.00	6	261.58

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Payable only when rendered in acute-care facility. v) Time over seven hours is payable under fee item 25301. vi) Minimum of 3 hours surgery duration required to bill fee item 25300. vii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. viii) A written report must be submitted with claims billed under these items.			
25305	Endoscopic ligation – sphenopalatine artery..... NOTES: i) Not payable in addition to fee item 02335. ii) Includes diagnostic endoscopy performed on same day as surgery. iii) Not payable in addition to endoscopic tumour excision surgery.	1426.00	6	418.55
25310	Endoscopic trans-nasal repair of CSF leak from anterior skull base..... NOTES: i) Includes harvest of any tissue needed for the repair, including closure of any donor site. ii) Includes complete sphenoethmoidectomy or frontal sinusotomy or sinus trephine if required iii) Iatrogenic injuries payable at 50%.	3300.00	8	976.07
25315	Primary frontal sinusotomy ..... NOTES: i) Requires direct visualization of frontal sinus recess/ostium. ii) Not to be billed in uncomplicated anterior ethmoidotomy. iii) Frontal sinus disease must be present to bill this item. iv) Payable at 100% with fee items 02360, 02361, 02362 or 02363.	805.00	3	232.29
25100	Laser photocoagulation of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia lesions for nasal cavities (HHT)	1563.00	6	446.09

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NOTES:
i) Not payable with fee items SY00907, SY00908, SY00909, 00235, 00236, 00237, 02303, 02317, 02318, 02341, and 02346.
ii) Includes payment for any and all HHT sites treated by laser. Not for use on external non-symptomatic lesions.
iii) Payable for treatment of one or both nasal cavities at the same sitting regardless of the number of lesions treated.
iv) Maximum of five subsequent procedures in a six (6) month period, otherwise support with a written letter.

RHINOPLASTY

02351	Nasal refracture requiring lateral osteotomies	1295.00	3	357.19
02352	Reconstruction of nasal tip, ala and columella	1527.00	3	420.98
02353	External reconstruction of nasal tip, ala and columella (such as for cleft lip or open trauma)	2046.00	3	563.88
02354	Complete rhinoplasty with SMR to include nasal hump removal, nasal refracture and reconstruction of nasal tip without skin grafting	2220.00	3	612.35
02355	Complete rhinoplasty with SMR to include nasal hump removal, nasal refracture and external reconstruction of nasal tip without skin grafting	2814.00	3	776.17

THROAT

	Incision of peritonsillar abscess:			
02447	– under local anesthetic - operation only	188.00	4	95.00
02444	– under general anesthetic - operation only	466.00	6	128.81
	Tonsillectomy:			
02403	– under local anesthetic	937.00	4	257.70
02445	– adult or child, over the age of 14 years	692.00	4	250.73
02446	– child, age 14 years and under (to include neonate)	652.00	4	224.46
02413	Operative control of post-tonsillectomy or post-adenoidectomy hemorrhage requiring local or general anesthetic	601.00	6	263.45
02399	Cryotherapy of tonsils and oral lesions - operation only	418.00	3	114.81
02442	Adenoidectomy - adult or child, over 14 years	466.00	4	128.81
02443	– child 14 years and under (to include neonate)	574.00	4	158.22
02448	Retropharyngeal abscess or hematoma - drainage under local anesthetic- operation only	465.00	4	127.57

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02406	Retropharyngeal abscess or hematoma - drainage under local anesthetic requiring lateral pharyngotomy	881.00	6	315.73
02409	Uvulo-palato-pharyngoplasty for obstructive sleep apnea confirmed by polysomnogram, with or without tonsillectomy	1527.00	5	420.98
	NOTES: The following two indications are requirements: i) Patient is unable to use Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP). This may be due to: a) Failure to adapt to the wearing of a mask of any kind after a trial of at least 30 days supervised by a qualified sleep therapist. b) Failure of CPAP to improve symptoms directly related to OSA after CPAP delivery has been optimized by a titration Polysomnogram (PSG). ii) Patient has, on level 1 Polysomnography in a certified sleep lab, an Apnea Hyponea Index (AHI) of 15 or greater. (Home sleep studies (level 2 or 3 PSG) may be substituted for level 1 PSG only if they are done through a certified sleep lab).			
02408	Removal of tumour from larynx or trachea	692.00	5	191.35
02410	Thyrotomy (including cordectomy)	1852.00	5	510.30
02431	Hemilaryngectomy	5251.00	6	1447.59
02432	Supraglottic laryngectomy	5718.00	6	1575.30
02433	Vocal cord implant - injection	1157.00	5	318.91
02434	– external approach	2316.00	5	637.88
02414	Repair laryngo tracheal stenosis (to include skin grafting, stenting and associated endoscopy)	5234.00	8	1441.57
02418	Repair of fractured larynx - external approach	3006.00	8	829.22
02449	Rigid esophagoscopy for removal of foreign body	692.00	4	191.35
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body	931.00	6	255.15
02422	– in a child under the age of 3 years - operation only	1385.00	6	380.57
02420	Dilation of trachea - operation only	299.00	5	152.64
02421	– repeat within one month - operation only	537.00	5	152.43
02425	Arytenoidectomy	2316.00	5	637.88
02436	Arytenoid adduction	1324.00	5	812.06
	NOTES: i) Payable only to certified Otolaryngologists. ii) Includes fee item 02434.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02437	Transphenoidal removal of pituitary tumour or hypophysectomy, two surgeons - Otolaryngologists ..	2220.00	8	1233.76
02438	Trans-oral cricopharyngeal myotomy	1527.00	5	420.98
02424	Tracheo-oesophageal puncture and insertion of voice prosthesis following laryngectomy	1295.00	5	357.19
02440	Bilateral micro-transposition of submandibular salivary ducts when done with or without a microscope.....	1230.00	4	338.35
02441	OR standby fee for the ENT surgeon in the operating room for management of acute airway obstruction (for example, epiglottitis, allergic laryngeal edema, malignancy) ..... NOTE: 02441 is not billable when tracheostomy is performed by the same surgeon at the same time. Bill under 02407.	1085.00	11	298.53
02451	Excision of congenital cyst or fistula from neck.....	1527.00	4	420.98
02452	Sialolithotomy - simple - in duct - operation only	229.00	3	63.76
02453	– complicated - in gland	692.00	3	191.35
02455	Submandibular gland, excision	1157.00	4	318.91
02456	Salivary fistula, plastic to Stenson's duct	1527.00	4	420.98
02454	Alveolectomy.....	692.00	3	191.35
02457	Tongue tie - under general anesthetic - operation only	299.00	3	82.94
02458	Tongue; local excision - under general anesthetic	601.00	3	165.83
02459	Cystic hygroma, excision.....	1993.00	4	548.56

LARYNGEAL ENDOSCOPY AND SURGERY

02412	Biopsy of larynx and/or cauterization (including laryngoscopy) - operation only	465.00	5	127.57
02419	Direct or indirect laryngoscopy with foreign body removal	559.00	5	153.09
02428	Micro-laryngoscopy - with biopsy of larynx and/or cauterization.....	652.00	5	178.61
02423	Micro-laryngoscopy with removal of non-pedunculated malignancy or extensive submucosal lesion.....	1616.00	5	445.46
02429	Micro-laryngoscopy and removal of tumour from larynx or trachea	744.00	5	204.12
	Micro-surgery with use of CO_2 laser for removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea:			
02430	– first procedure.....	1616.00	6	445.46
02435	– subsequent procedure, each	1601.00	6	445.46

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	NOTES: i) Maximum of 5 subsequent procedures in six (6) month period, otherwise support with written letter. ii) Microsurgery treatment with CO_2 laser other than removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea, bill under 02599 with operative report.			

MAJOR HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

	NOTE: The following procedures will be paid at 100% of the listed fees for each item when done as a team, or where two surgeons are involved. If more than one of the listed procedures is performed by the same physician, the greater procedure will be paid at 100% and all lesser procedures will be paid at 75%. Procedures when done in combination with fee item 06220 by a single surgeon will be paid at 75%.			
02279	Resection base of tongue and/or tonsil and soft palate	6992.00	6	1926.37
02281	Conservative radical neck dissection NOTE: Includes radical neck dissection with full dissection and sparing of entire accessory nerve and generally sternomastoid muscle and internal jugular vein.	4556.00	6	1255.22
02470	Radical neck dissection	3835.00	6	1056.28
02471	Parotidectomy; subtotal with complete facial nerve dissection	3059.00	4	842.01
02472	Total parotidectomy with nerve dissection for malignancy or deep lobe tumour	3518.00	4	969.55
02407	Tracheostomy NOTE: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy puncture.	1067.00	5	390.00
02411	Laryngectomy, total	4787.00	6	1659.94
02431	Hemilaryngectomy	5251.00	6	1447.59
02432	Supraglottic laryngectomy	5718.00	6	1575.30
C02473	Laryngo-pharyngo-esophagectomy (primary excision only)	5749.00	6	1900.00
C02474	Transoral maxillectomy with skin graft	3835.00	5	1056.25
02476	Pharyngoesophageal anastomosis - re-establishment in neck by neck surgeon	2316.00	5	637.88
C02282	Composite resection of tongue, mandible, radical neck dissection and tracheostomy	6992.00	7	1926.37
02477	Contralateral suprahyoid dissection	1757.00	5	484.78
02600	Complete temporal bone resection, ENT fee	8752.00	8	2412.31

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02601	Temporal bone resection for neoplasm; subtotal and lateral, to include mastoidectomy and excision of external auditory canal	4378.00	8	1506.13
02275	Glossectomy subtotal with either division of mandible or transcervical resection	3835.00	6	1056.22
02280	Otolaryngological component of cranio facial resection for tumour of ethmoid or frontal sinus or orbit (in conjunction with a neurosurgeon - see also fee code 03065) NOTE: 02280 includes rhinotomy, ethmoidectomy, cibriform plate, and orbital exenteration.	8752.00	8	2412.31
02478	Glossectomy - partial for carcinoma	1343.00	6	369.96
C02479	Transpalatal ethmoidectomy, maxillectomy, sphenoidectomy	4787.00	6	1320.23
C02480	Resection mandible, floor of mouth suprahyoid dissection and tracheostomy - malignancy	4787.00	7	1320.23

SKULL BASE PROCEDURES

02262	Translabyrinthine approach for neurosurgical access exposure, closure with microscope	4369.00	8	2429.48
02622	Infra-temporal fossa approach to skull base - Otolaryngology fee.	7002.00	8	2224.40
02623	Infra-temporal fossa approach to skull base - Otolaryngology fee for procedure lasting longer than 8 hours NOTES: i) 02622 and 02623 to include exposure and closure with microscope. ii) May include extra-dural resection of lesion by Otolaryngologist. iii) Time is based on the cumulative time spent by the Otolaryngologist on the procedure. iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	8752.00	8	2582.14
02612	Middle cranial fossa approach, petrosectomy	7002.00	8	1929.76
02613	Middle cranial fossa approach, petrosectomy - procedure lasting longer than 8 hours NOTES: i) 02612 and 02613 to include exposure, extra-dural removal and closure with microscope. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	8752.00	8	2412.08

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
02610	Middle cranial fossa approach without petrosectomy - for trauma, neoplasm resection, nerve section/decompression NOTES: i) To include exposure, removal and closure with microscope. ii) May include extra-dural resection of lesion by Otolaryngologist.	4369.00	8	1440.32
02614	Retrolabyrinthine approach for neurosurgical access - exposure, closure with microscope	4369.00	8	2206.00
02618	Repair of CSF leak following skull base approach with mastoid obliteration (to include exposure, dissection and closure with microscope)	3500.00	8	1400.00

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee NOTE: S00701 is not billable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthetic.	141.00	5	37.70
S00717	Micro-laryngoscopy - procedural fee NOTE: S00717 to be charged at 50% if performed with a surgical procedure (not payable in addition to 02423, 02428, or 02429).	277.00	5	75.39
S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedural fee	174.00	2	48.94
SY00907	Endoscopic flexible or rigid examination of the nose and nasopharynx - procedure only	122.00	3	33.07
SY00908	– procedure and biopsy	197.00	3	52.89
SY00909	Flexible fiberoptic nasopharyngolaryngoscopy NOTES: i) SY00909 is not payable with S00700, S00702, SY00907, SY00908 and 02540. ii) Payable only to Certified Otolaryngologists.	145.00	3	39.06
S10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, - procedural fee	332.00	3	74.74

PEDIATRICS

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
00510	**Consultation**: To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report	845.00	223.78
00550	**Extended Consultation – exceeding 53 minutes** (actual time spent with patient): To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	1159.00	329.37
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Not payable in addition to 00510, 00511, 00512, 00551, 50510, 50511, 50512, 50515 or 50516. iii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
00551	**Extended Consultation – exceeding 68 minutes** (actual time spent with patient): To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	1426.00	391.02
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Not payable in addition to 00510, 00511, 00512, 00550, 50510, 50511, 50512, 50515 or 50516. iii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
00511	**Consultation for Complex Behavioural Development or Psychiatric Condition in a Child:** To consist of a physical and neurological examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	1695.00	450.18

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Not to be billed when there is no change in condition from previous assessment. ii) Minimum time requirement for service is 1.5 hours – with at least 60 minutes being face-to-face time. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) Developmental delays include, but are not limited to: non-verbal learning disability, developmental reading disability, developmental coordination disability, developmental writing disability, dyscalculia, autistic spectrum disorders, fetal alcohol syndrome, mental retardation and other cognitive defects. v) Includes collection of data from collateral sources and formal screening, as appropriate.		
00590	**Antenatal Consultation** to consist of an appropriate examination, review of history, laboratory imaging studies, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	532.00	140.68
	NOTE: Payable in cases of prematurity or fetal anomaly.		
00512	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a formal consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	388.00	102.86
00585	Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) – 1st day management – in hospital	1736.00	459.42
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Pediatrics. ii) Day 1 billing is to be used only when more than 2 hours of bedside care is provided. iii) This fee includes all consultations, visits or critical care fees.		
00514	Prolonged visit for counseling.....	340.00	89.85
	NOTES: i) The Plan will pay up to four such visits per year. (See Clause D. 3. 3. of the Preamble). ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Group Counseling:		
00513	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour	472.00	124.75
00515	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof.....	236.00	62.37
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Continuing Care by Consultant:		
00506	Directive care	370.00	99.47
00507	Subsequent office visit	298.00	79.03
00552	Complex subsequent office visit – exceeding 12 minutes (at least 10 min. spent with patient).	311.00	98.55
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. iii) Not payable in addition to 00507, 00553, 00554, 50507, 50517, 50518, 50519. iv) For time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
00553	Extended subsequent office visit – exceeding 23 minutes (at least 20 minutes spent with patient)	570.00	151.34
	Notes: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. iii) Not payable in addition to 00507, 00552 or 00554, 50507, 50517, 50518 or 50519. iv) For time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart		
00554	Extended subsequent office visit – exceeding 38 minutes (at least 30 minutes spent with patient)	811.00	215.26
	Notes: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. iii) Not payable in addition to 00507, 00552, 00553, 50507, 50517, 50518 or 50519. iv) For the time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart		
00597	**Antenatal follow-up visit**	141.00	37.09
	NOTE: Payable in cases of prematurity or fetal anomaly.		
00508	Subsequent hospital visit	370.00	99.47
00509	Subsequent home visits	579.00	153.14

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00505	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums).....	479.00	126.69
	NOTES: i) Claim must state time service rendered. ii) For premature care or intensive care of a newborn, see Clauses D. 4. 5., D. 4. 6., D. 4. 7., and D. 4. 8. of the Preamble.		
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with The Patient			
50510	**Telehealth Consultation:** To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	845.00	223.78
50511	**Telehealth consultation for complex behavioural, developmental or psychiatric condition in a child:** To consist of a physical and neurological examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	1695.00	450.18
	NOTES: i) Not to be billed when no change in condition from previous assessment. ii) Minimum time required for service is 1.5 hours. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. iv) Developmental delays include, but are not limited to: non-verbal learning disability, developmental reading disability, developmental coordination disability, developmental writing disability, dyscalculia, autistic spectrum disorders, fetal alcohol syndrome, mental retardation and other cognitive defects. v) Includes collection of data from collateral sources and formal screening, as appropriate.		
50512	**Telehealth repeat or limited consultation:** Where a formal consultation for the same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	388.00	102.86
50514	Telehealth prolonged visit for counselling.....	340.00	89.85
	NOTES: i) The Plan will pay up to four such visits per year (See Clause D. 3. 3. of the Preamble). ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
50515	Telehealth Extended Consultation – exceeding 53 minutes (actual time spent with patient): To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	1103.00	329.37
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Not payable in addition to 00510, 00511, 00512, 00550, 00551, 50510, 50511, 50512 or 50516. iii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
50516	Telehealth Extended Consultation – exceeding 68 minutes (actual time spent with patient): To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	1358.00	391.02
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Not payable in addition to 00510, 00511, 00512, 00550, 00551, 50510, 50511, 50512 or 50515. iii) Start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
50517	Telehealth Complex subsequent office visit – exceeding 12 minutes (at least 10 min. spent with patient).....	311.00	81.69
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes a review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. iii) Not payable in addition to 00507, 00552, 00553, 00554, 50507, 50518 or 50519. iv) For time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
50518	Telehealth Complex subsequent office visit – exceeding 23 minutes (at least 20 min. spent with patient).....	542.00	151.34
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes a review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. Not payable in addition to 00507, 00552, 00553, 00554, 50507, 50517 or 50519.		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iii) For time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
50519	Telehealth Complex subsequent office visit – exceeding 38 minutes (at least 20 min. spent with patient)	773.00	215.26
	NOTES: i) Applicable to patient with chronic and complex medical needs. ii) Includes a review of extensive documentation regarding the patient. iii) Not payable in addition to 00507, 00552, 00553, 00554, 50507, 50517 or 50518. iv) For time spent with the patient, start and end times must be submitted with claim and must be recorded in the patient's chart.		
50506	Telehealth directive care	370.00	99.47
50507	Telehealth subsequent office visit.....	298.00	79.03
50508	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	370.00	99.47

SPECIAL SERVICES

A00516	Newborn care in hospital, without complications	282.00	
A00517	Periodic health examinations - infants	148.00	
A00519	children and adolescents	164.00	
A00520	Assessment and examination prior to adoption	586.00	

MISCELLANEOUS

00545	Pediatric Case Conference - a formal, scheduled session/meeting to discuss/plan medical management of patients with serious and complex pediatric problems. Payable only when coordination of care and two-way collaborative conference with community agency representative and/or health care provider is required e.g.: psychologists, counsellors, long-term care case managers, home care or specialty care nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, specialists in medicine or psychiatry - per 1/4 hour or major portion thereof. .	268.00	71.12

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Patient must be 18 years of age or younger.

ii) For services related to:
   a) psychiatric disorders
   b) developmental disorders
   c) major chronic disease
   d) pre-transplant (concerning donor/recipient assessment)
   e) end of life
   f) multiple medical handicaps

iii) Maximum of one hour may be claimed per patient per day.

iv) Not to exceed a maximum of four hours per patient per year.

v) The case conference must last at least 15 minutes to submit a claim.

vi) The results of the case conference must be recorded in the patient's chart along with the start and end times of the conference, as well as the names and job titles of the other participants at the meeting.

vii) This fee is not payable to physicians who are employed or who are under contract to a facility agency or program (i.e. Ministry of Children and Families' FAS, autism and child abuse or neglect assessments, HEAL, health authorities) who otherwise would have attended the conference as a requirement of their employment with the facility, agency or program.

viii) This fee is payable when the care conference occurs in person or by phone.

ix) A visit or consult may be payable for the same patient on the same day as a case conference, provided the two items are consecutive, not concurrent, and start and end times are provided for both. A note record must be submitted for consults and patient management conferences occurring on the same day.

x) It may not be claimed unless the pediatrician has a pre-existing relationship with the patient.

xi) If multiple patients are discussed, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods and services are to be claimed under the PHN of each patient for the specific time period.

xii) Start and end times must be included in time fields.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
P50571	Pediatric evening surcharge (service rendered between 1800 hours and 2300 hours)	116.00	30.80
P50572	Pediatric Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holiday surcharge (service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours)	116.00	30.80
P50573	Pediatric night surcharge (service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours)	358.00	95.00

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology.
ii) Payable only in addition to fee items 00510, 00550, 00551, 00585, 01511, 01512 and 01513.
iii) Payable only in addition to out-of-office premiums (01200, 01201, 01202, 01205, 01206, 01207).
iv) Not applicable to full or part-time onsite practitioners providing coverage in drop-in emergency clinics or hospital emergency rooms.

SPECIAL PROCEDURES

00525	Insertion of intra-arterial infusion line in infants - extra to consultation	361.00	95.20
00523	Exchange transfusion - procedural fee	1723.00	456.23

NOTES:

i) Charge full fee for all repeat transfusions.
ii) Normally an assistant for exchange transfusion is not required. However, in those exceptional cases when an assistant is required, an explanation of need must accompany the account to the payment agency.
iii) Paid at 50% when billed in conjunction with critical care codes.
iv) Not applicable to replacement of blood with saline for hyperviscosity syndrome.

00526	Insertion of intravenous infusion line in children under 5 years - extra to consultation	216.00	56.94
00527	Electrocardiogram and interpretation - (office) - each	132.00	34.76
00528	– (home) - each	183.00	48.32
00529	Electrocardiogram - professional fee	45.65	12.17
	The following test is payable in a physician's office (when performed on their own patients) and/or on a referral basis:		
93120	E.C.G. tracing, without interpretation, (technical fee)	40.75	16.90
00532	Electrocardiogram and interpretation for children under 2 years of age	216.00	56.94
00533	– professional fee	51.00	13.36
00534	– technical fee	165.00	43.58

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00530	Graded exercise test - technical fee	163.00	42.90
00535	– professional fee	237.00	62.59
00531	– total fee	399.00	105.50
	NOTE: The note following fee items 33034, 33035 and 33036 in the Internal Medicine section of this Guide apply to items 00530, 00531 and 00535.		
00539	Rectal suction biopsy in children	400.00	105.79
00540	24 hour intraesophageal pH study in children (to include probe and monitoring)	923.00	244.27
SY00541	Pediatric urethral catheterization in child under 5 years – isolated procedure	74.30	19.81

Notes:

i) Procedure not payable if delegated to a non-physician.
ii) Not payable with critical care listings or diagnostic urological procedures (e.g.: voiding cystourethrogram.)
iii) Restricted to Pediatricians.

CHEMOTHERAPY

a. Where a patient has been administered high intensity cancer chemotherapy, the fees for limited cancer chemotherapy are not payable within the interim of 28 days.
b. Hospital visits are not payable on the same day.
c. Visit fees are payable on subsequent days, when rendered.
d. A consultation, when rendered, is payable in addition to fee item 00578, high intensity cancer chemotherapy, in situations where it is important that chemotherapy be administered immediately, e.g.: for out of town patients. A letter of explanation is required when both services are performed on the same day.
e. The administering of chemotherapy via intrathecal and intrabladder methods is payable under the chemotherapy listings. Other methods of administration, such as oral and rectal, are not payable under these listings.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00578	**High Intensity Cancer Chemotherapy for patients 16 years of age and under:** To include admission history and physical examination, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counselling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line, and administration of a parenteral chemotherapeutic program which must be given on an in-patient basis Notes: This service is not payable more frequently than once every 28 days. The following treatments fall into this category: a) chemotherapy for acute leukemia; b) chemotherapy utilizing cisplatinum given in a dose exceeding 50 mg/m2 per treatment; c) chemotherapy utilizing isophosphamide in combination with bladder protector Mesna; d) chemotherapy using DTIC in a dose exceeding 100 mg/m2; e) chemotherapy utilizing methotrexate in dose exceeding 1 g/m2 (and combined with the folinic acid rescue regimen); f) chemotherapy using continuous infusion technique exceeding a period of 8 hours per session (except for the infusional 5-FU treatment protocol.)	914.00	242.00
00579	**Major Intensity Cancer Chemotherapy for patients 16 years of age and under:** To include history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, review of pertinent laboratory and radiological data, counselling of patient and/or family, venesection and institution of an intravenous line and administration of multiple parenteral chemotherapeutic agents. Note: This service is not payable more frequently than once every 7 days.	706.00	186.99
00580	**Limited Intensity Cancer Chemotherapy for patients 16 years of age and under:** To include the administration of single parenteral chemotherapeutic agents, history and physical examination as necessary to document disease status, counselling of patient and/or family, review of pertinent laboratory and radiologic data, venesection and institution of an intravenous line Note: This service is not payable more frequently than once every 7 days. Neither is it to be billed for routine IV push administration of 5-flourouracil as a single agent.	416.00	109.99

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
CARDIOVASCULAR PROCEDURES				
S50520	Pediatric right heart catheterization – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1348.00	4	356.97
S50521	Pediatric right heart catheterization – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1011.00	4	267.71
PS50522	Pediatric myocardial biopsy for ages 0-16 years of age, extra Notes: i) Payable once per session, regardless of number of biopsies performed. ii) Payable only to Pediatric Cardiologists at BC Children's Hospital. iii) Only paid in addition to fee item S50520 or S50521.	387.00		102.55
S50527	Pediatric retrograde left heart catheterization, extra – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1079.00	4	285.51
S50528	Pediatric retrograde left heart catheterization, extra – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	809.00	4	214.11
S50530	Pediatric trans-septal left heart catheterization – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1453.00	4	384.73
S50531	Pediatric trans-septal left heart catheterization – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1091.00	4	288.55
S50539	Pediatric percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	3070.00	4	812.63
S50540	Pediatric percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	2302.00	4	609.48
S50541	Pediatric direct coronary angiography (catheterization of coronary ostia) – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1619.00	4	428.40
S50542	Pediatric direct coronary angiography (catheterization of coronary ostia) – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	1213.00	4	321.29

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S50545	Pediatric therapeutic radiological embolization – patients 0-6 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	2815.00	3	745.14
S50546	Pediatric therapeutic radiological embolization – patients 7-16 years of age Note: Restricted to BC Children's Hospital	2112.00	3	558.88
50550	Percutaneous cardiac stenting in pediatric patients (0-18 years of age) – composite fee (operation only) Notes: i) Applicable to placement of stents in vena cava pulmonary or coronary arteries and veins and aorta. ii) Includes all necessary diagnostic imaging, right and left heart catheterization, all necessary angiograms and/or angioplasty, coronary or elsewhere and stent implantation to include any declotting or treatment of underlying cause of access failure. iii) Not payable with fee items 00898 and 00871. This composite also includes the taking of blood pressure (intra-arterial or intravenous), calculation of pressure gradients during the procedure and any pharmacological study or infusion of therapeutic substance. iv) Payable to Pediatricians only. v) Medically necessary assistance payable under cardiac assist fee items 00845 and 00846.	3947.00	7	1044.94
50551	– Additional stents – extra Notes: i) Must be inserted into a differently named, non-contiguous vessel (provide information in note record). ii) Maximum payable is 2 additional stents.	832.00		220.00
50555	Percutaneous transcatheter cardiac occluder device closure of ASD in pediatric patients (0-18 years of age) – composite fee (operation only)	3947.00	7	1044.94

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Notes: i) Includes all necessary diagnostic imaging, right and left heart catheterization, all necessary angiograms and/or angioplasty, coronary or elsewhere and stent implementation to include any declotting or treatment of underlying cause of access failure. ii) Not payable with fee item 00871. This composite fee also includes the taking of blood pressure (intra-arterial or intravenous), calculation of pressure gradients during the procedure and any pharmacological study or infusion of therapeutic substance. iii) Payable to Pediatricians only. iv) Medically necessary assistance payable under cardiac arrest fee items 00845 and 00846.			

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

Puncture procedures for obtaining body fluids
(When performed for diagnostic purposes)

SY00750	Lumbar puncture in a patient 13 years of age and over Note: Procedure not payable with Critical Care sectional fee items or chemotherapy fee items.	209.00	2	54.99
SY00570	Lumbar puncture in a patient 12 years of age and younger Note: Procedure not payable with Critical Care sectional fee items or chemotherapy fee items.	313.00	2	82.49
S00571	Pediatric esophagogastroduodenoscopy in a patient 16 years of age and under Note: Restricted to Pediatricians.	748.00	3	197.97
S00572	Pediatric colonoscopy with flexible colonoscope – patients 16 years of age and under Notes: i) Includes biopsies, removal of polyps, collection of specimens by brushing or washing, control of bleeding, removal of foreign body, if required. ii) Restricted to Pediatricians.	1371.00	2	362.98
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	29.85	2	6.38

CRITICAL CARE
Neonatal Intensive Care

Please refer to the Critical Care Section of the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees for Preamble rules and billing guidelines applicable to appropriate billing of the critical care fees.

These listings may be used for patients receiving neonatal intensive care and are intended for use by the Neonatologist or Pediatrician (or Team) in charge of the patient. These listings may be used by physicians providing direct bedside care to critically ill and unstable patients who are in need of intensive treatment such as ventilatory support, hemodynamic support including vasoactive medications or prolonged resuscitation. They are to be billed only on sick or pre-term infants requiring intensive care. They are also for infants who are more than 28 days old, who have neonatal problems related to prematurity, etc. These listings do not apply to non-ventilated stable patients admitted to a special care unit for routine post-op care. These fees are not for the infant who is stable and only requiring a period of observation. Neither are they for the infant who needs a short course of prophylactic antibiotics. It would be unusual to bill these fees on an infant whose period of care in the NICU lasted less than 48 hours. Consultation and visit fees would be appropriate.
These neonatal intensive care fees only apply to physicians who are directly involved in the bedside care of patients in the Critical Care Areas. "Preamble to the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees" applies.

"C. 18. Guidelines for Payment for Services by Trainees, Residents and/or Fellows

When patient care is rendered in a clinical teaching unit or other setting for clinical teaching by a health care team, the supervising medical practitioner shall be identified to the patient at the earliest possible moment. No fees may be charged in the name of the supervising staff physician for services rendered by a trainee, resident or fellow prior to the identification taking place. Moreover, the supervising staff physician must be available in person, by telephone or videoconferencing in a timely manner appropriate to the acuity of the service being supervised.

For a medical practitioner who supervises two or more procedures or other services concurrently through the use of trainees, residents, fellows or other members of the team, the total billings must not exceed the amount that a medical practitioner could bill in the same time period in the absence of the other team members. For example:

a) If an anesthesiologist is supervising two rooms simultaneously, the anesthetic intensity/complexity units should only be billed for one of the two cases.

b) If a surgeon is operating in one room while his/her resident is operating in a second room, charges should only be made for the case the surgeon performs.

c) In psychotherapy where direct supervision by the staff physician may distort the psychotherapeutic milieu, the staff physician may claim for psychotherapy when a record of the psychotherapeutic interview is carefully reviewed with the resident and the procedure thus supervised. However, the time charged by the staff physician

should not exceed the lesser of the time spent by the resident in the psychotherapeutic interview or the staff physician in the supervision of that interview.

d) For hospital visits and consultations rendered by the resident in the name of the staff physician, the staff physician should only charge for services on the days when actual supervision of that patient's care takes place through a physical visit to the patient by the staff physician and/or a chart review is conducted with detailed discussion with the other members of the health team within the next weekday workday.

e) The supervising physician may not bill for out-of-office hours premiums or continuing care surcharges unless he/she complies with the explanatory notes for out-of-office hours premiums in the Payment Schedule/Guide to Fees and personally attends the patient.

In order to bill for a supervised service the physician must review in person, by telephone or videoconferencing the service being billed with the trainee, resident or fellow and have signed off within the next weekday workday on the ER record, hospital chart, office chart or some other auditable document.."

Included in these daily composite fees are the initial consultation or assessment, subsequent visits and examinations as required in any given day. Also included are: family counseling, emergency resuscitation, insertion of arterial, venous, Swan-Ganz, CVP or urinary catheters, intravenous lines, interpretation of blood gases, insertion of nasogastric tubes, infusion of pharmaceutical agents including TPN, endotracheal intubation and artificial ventilation and all other necessary respiratory support. Exchange transfusion is not included in these fees and not all infants requiring an exchange transfusion are critically ill.

Out-of-office hours call-out charges may still apply for special calls back to the hospital and may be billed in conjunction with a no charge visit. If a patient is discharged from the unit for more than 48 hours and is re-admitted, second day rates again apply. If the patient is re-admitted within 48 hours of discharge, billing continues under fee code billed at discharge, unless acuity level changes. If a patient changes acuity level up or down then the appropriate second day rate applies. A note record is required indicating the change in acuity level. Fee item 00505 (Emergency Visit) may not be billed by the person claiming these fees.

Call-out charges are billable with the neonatal critical care fee items. Historically, these have not been included in the neonatal fees and may be billed separately.

Members of the team billing the Neonatal Guide cannot be receiving other payments (e.g.: fees, alternative or sessional payments) for the clinical care of the patient.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	LEVEL A - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring artificial ventilation and full intensive monitoring and parenteral alimentation if necessary. These fees include all procedures.		
01511	Day 1	2392.00	633.46
01521	Day 2 - 10	957.00	253.36
01531	Day 11 onward	638.00	168.95
	LEVEL B - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring full monitoring both invasive and non-invasive and requiring IV therapy or parenteral alimentation but without ventilator support.		
01512	Day 1	1755.00	464.58
01522	Day 2 - 10	638.00	168.95
01532	Day 11 onward	475.00	125.53
	LEVEL C - Infants in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requiring oxygen administration and/or non-invasive monitoring, and/or gavage feeding.		
01513	Day 1	1516.00	401.20
01523	Day 2 - 10	469.00	123.99
01533	Day 11 onward	370.00	99.47

PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble. Letter prefix '**A**' designates services not payable by payment agencies.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
01710	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report.....	485.00	208.53
01712	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	245.00	110.93
01714	Prolonged visit for counseling (up to four annually).....	245.00	80.91
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Group Counseling:		
01713	Group counseling for groups of two or more patients - first full hour.....	354.00	144.18
01715	– second hour, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof.....	175.00	72.05
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Continuing Care by Consultant:		
01706	Directive care	121.00	71.52
01707	Office.....	163.00	106.60
01708	Hospital	80.10	71.52
01709	Home	179.00	150.00
01705	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums).....	275.00	107.90
	NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.		
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
01770	Telehealth Formal Consultation: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings, functional, social, and vocational appraisal, and additional visits necessary to render a written report .	485.00	208.53

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01772	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a formal consultation for the same illness is repeated at an interval within six months of the last visit by the consultant.	245.00	110.93
01776	Telehealth directive care	121.00	71.52
01777	Telehealth subsequent office visit	163.00	106.60
01778	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	80.10	71.52

MISCELLANEOUS

01728	Biofeedback for neurological and/or muscular retraining NOTES: i) Payment for this listing is restricted to physicians certified in Physical Medicine. ii) This service must be performed by the physiatrist and is not payable if simply supervised or delegated. iii) Treatment sessions must be performed on a one-to-one basis, and not in group sessions. iv) An office visit may not be billed in addition to 01728, or in lieu of 01728.	57.80	21.33
01730	Graded exercise test – technical fee	99.50	34.07
01731	– Professional fee	145.00	49.73
01732	– Total fee NOTE: The notes following fee items 33034, 33035 and 33036 in the Internal Medicine Section of this schedule also apply to fee items 01730, 01731 and 01732.	242.00	83.79
A01720	Advice on the medical requirements of one or more patients at a formally scheduled multi-disciplinary rehabilitative conference of at least one (1) hour duration, per half hour or major portion thereof NOTE: Where more than one certified specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation required, each to submit separate accounts.	166.00	
01721	Family rehabilitation conference where a certified specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is involved with two (2) or more members of a family - per half hour or greater portion thereof, to a maximum of two (2) hours for any one rehabilitative case NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	207.00	90.66

PLASTIC SURGERY

Complete understanding of the following paragraphs is essential to appropriate billing of the Plastic Surgery fees, but should be interpreted in the context of the General Preamble.

These listings cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

Definitions

"Ablation" means destruction of a lesion without excision.

"Advancement flaps" are adjacent tissue transfers based on extensive undermining and layered closure. The medical necessity for a flap or graft occurs when Direct Closure alone would not suffice due to unacceptable wound tension or local distortion. The distances required to be undermined are:

a. 1 cm – nose, ear, eyelid, lip, eyebrow
b. 1.5 cm – other face and neck
c. 3 cm – rest of body

"Complicated blepharoplasty" means skin removal and transgression (and occasional partial excision) of orbicularis oculi muscle, as well as at least one of: manipulation of the orbital septum, removal or repositioning of orbital fat, supratarsal fixation of the pre-tarsal skin to the upper tarsal plate.

"Direct closure" means approximation of wound/skin edges with minimal undermining. Simple ligation of vessels in an open wound is considered included in any wound closure.

"Excision" means a procedure involving removal of skin and/or subcutaneous tissue.

"Functional area" means head, face, neck, shoulder, axilla, elbow, wrist, hand, groin, perineum, knee, ankle, foot and includes coverage of exposed vital structures (bone, tendon, major vessel, nerve).

"Incision" means a simple cut or puncture of skin and/or subcutaneous tissue for the purpose of aspiration, drainage, biopsy or extraction of a foreign body.

"Lesions"

Benign Lesions

Destructive therapies of benign skin lesions are insured services when the treatment is medically necessary. Examples of medical necessity include but are not limited to the following indications:

i) genital warts (condylomata acuminata)
ii) plantar warts
iii) viral induced cutaneous tumours in the immune compromised patient
iv) inflamed dermal and epidermal cyst

v) dysplastic nevi
vi) lentigo maligna
vii) congenital nevi
viii) actinic (solar) keratosis
ix) atypical pigmented nevi
x) painful neurofibromata

The following are not a benefit of MSP, unless there is medically significant pathophysiological dysfunction:

i) excisions for the listed benign skin lesions
ii) benign nevi
iii) seborrheic keratosis
iv) common warts (verrucae)
v) lipomata
vi) uncomplicated benign dermal and/or epidermal cysts
vii) telangiectasias and angiomata of the skin
viii) skin tags
ix) acrochordons
x) fibroepithelial polyps
xi) papillomata
xii) neurofibromata
xiii) dermatofibromata

Premalignant Lesions:

i) dysplastic nevus (nevus with dysplastic features, atypical melanocytic hyperplasia, atypical melanocytic proliferation, atypical lentinginous melanocytic proliferation or premalignant melanosis).
ii) actinic/solar keratosis
iii) chemical and other premalignant keratosis
iv) large cell acanthoma
v) erythroplasia of Queryrat
vi) leukoplakia and other in-situ lesions such as lentigo maligna, melanoma in-situ and Bowen's Disease and squamous cell carcinoma in-situ are considered malignant.
vii) locally invasive tumours are considered malignant lesions.
viii)

Cutaneous Malignant lesions:

i) basal cell carcinoma
ii) squamous cell carcinoma
iii) malignant melanoma
iv) lentigo maligna
v) dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
vi) sebaceous carcinoma
vii) adnexal carcinoma
viii) atypical fibroxanthoma
ix) merkel cell carcinoma
x) eccrine carcinoma
xi) extramammary Paget's disease
xii) leiomyosarcoma

xiii) primary cutaneous adenocarcinoma

"Local Flap closure" means skin and subcutaneous tissue is moved locally to close an adjacent defect

"Minimal undermining" means less than 1 cm on the nose, ear, eyelid, lip; less than 1.5 cm on the rest of the face; or less than 3 cm for the rest of the body.

"Non-functional area" means posterior trunk, anterior trunk, arm (above elbow), forearm (below elbow), thigh, leg (below knee).

"Operation Only," means listings designated as "operation only," the in hospital post-operative visits within 14 days post-op may be claimed in addition to the surgical procedure with the exception of the visit(s) made the day of the procedure.

"Rotations, Transpositions, Z-plasties" are the same as advancement flaps with the addition of extra incisions required to create the shape of the flap.

"Simple repair" of an excision means the wound is superficial (i.e. involving primary epidermis or dermis or subcutaneous tissue without significant involvement of deeper structures), and requires direct closure.

"Skin Flaps and Grafts" Unless otherwise noted, these include creation of the defect (debridement of tissue, excision of a lesion) and closure (creation and placement of flap or graft and the care of the donor site). When bone or tendon grafts or inlay grafts are required with skin flaps or grafts, they can be billed in addition.

"Simple blepharoplasty" means simple skin (and possible muscle) removal on the upper lid and involves only skin removal. "Significant blepharochalasia" is defined when the visual field is restricted within 20° of fixation above the horizontal meridian, due to excess upper eyelid skin or brow ptosis.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
06010	**Major Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report.....	306.00		98.50
06012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of last visit by the consultant or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	196.00		48.27

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
66015	Pre-Operative Assessment.....	315.00		98.50
	NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.			
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
06007	Subsequent office visit	102.00		25.43
06008	Subsequent hospital visit.....	148.00		36.71
06009	Subsequent home visit	185.00		46.86
06005	Emergency visit when specially called.....	381.00		104.23
	(not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.			

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

66010	**Telehealth Major Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report	306.00		98.50
66012	**Telehealth repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	196.00		48.27
66007	Telehealth subsequent office visit	102.00		25.43
66008	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit.....	148.00		36.71

SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUES

Biopsy

61291	Biopsy, not sutured.....	102.00		25.53
61292	Biopsy, not sutured, multiples same sitting, maximum of four (extra).....	20.25		5.12

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology. ii) Fee items 61291 and 61292 include the visit fee. iii) Paid with tray fee 00080 (once per patient per sitting, regardless of number of biopsies performed).			
07025	Temporal artery biopsy (operation only)	322.00	2	140.69
07028	Biopsy of sural nerve – operation only	299.00	2	177.27
	Excision – Diagnostic, Open:			
11445	Open biopsy, hand or wrist	939.00	2	242.74
	Incisional or excisional biopsy, includes suture closure			
13600	Biopsy of skin or mucosa (operation only)	119.00	2	51.92
13601	Biopsy of facial area (operation only)	119.00	2	51.92
	NOTE: Punch or shave biopsies which do not require sutures are not to be charged under fee items 13600 or 13601.			

ASPIRATION

07041	Aspiration: abdomen or chest (operation only)	192.00	2	76.01
	Hand and Wrist			
	Incision – Diagnostic, Percutaneous:			
S11402	Aspiration bursa, synovial sheath, etc.	90.10	2	23.23

ABSCESS – INCISION AND DRAINAGE

	Abscess:			
07059	– deep (complex, subfascial, and/or multilocular) with local or regional anesthesia (operation only)	232.00	2	81.46
07027	– under general anesthesia (operation only)	520.00	2	203.59
07061	– deep, post-operative wound infection under general anesthesia (operation only)	331.00	2	203.37
07045	Anterior closed space abscess – operation only	160.00	2	101.44
13605	Opening superficial abscess, including furuncle operation only	104.00	2	44.48

PILONIDAL CYST OR SINUS

70084	– incision and drainage abscess (operation only)	232.00	2	101.36
07685	– excision or marsupialization – operation only	1124.00	2	277.43

HAND AND WRIST ABSCESS

06028	Web space abscess – (operation only)	284.00	2	71.53
06029	– under general anesthetic (operation only)	1013.00	2	290.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06042	Mid palmar, thenar, and dorsal: subaponeurotic space abscess – (operation only)	1013.00	2	254.92
06197	Acute tenosynovitis – finger – (operation only)	1013.00	2	290.00
06198	– ulnar or radial bursa – (operation only)	1013.00	2	290.00
13630	Paronychia – operation only	82.40	2	35.53

DEBRIDEMENT OF SOFT TISSUES FOR NECROTIZING INFECTIONS OR SEVERE TRAUMA

V70155	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue restricted to genitalia and perineum for necrotizing infection (Fournier's Gangrene) (stand-alone procedure)	1754.00	5	411.80
V70158	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; up to the first 5% of body surface area	990.00	3	235.72
V70159	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; for each subsequent 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof	497.00		117.87
V70162	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1110.00	4	261.93
V70163	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; for each subsequent 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof	559.00		130.96
V70165	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1228.00	4	288.10
V70166	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; for each subsequent 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof	431.00		144.06
70168	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissues for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area – operation only NOTES: i) Payable when rendered at the bedside but only when performed by a medical practitioner. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Applicable with or without anesthesia.	331.00		78.57
70169	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissue for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area (operation only)	386.00	4	125.72

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable only when performed by a medical practitioner in the operating room under general anesthesia or conscious sedation. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Debridement not payable in addition.			

FOREIGN BODY AND MINOR LACERATION

	In cases where a foreign body was simply extracted but the wound was not closed bill (13610 without anesthetic) or (13611 with anesthetic)			
06063	Removal of foreign body – requiring general anesthesia – operation only	608.00	2	250.72
13610	Minor laceration or foreign body – not requiring anesthesia – operation only	82.60		35.62
	NOTES: i) Intended for primary treatment of injury. ii) Not applicable to dressing changes or removal of sutures. iii) Applicable for steri-strips or glue to repair a primary laceration.			
13611	Minor laceration or foreign body – requiring anesthesia – operation only	156.00	2	66.35

ABLATION

	Abrasive Surgery			
06112	Abrasive surgery – less than quarter face (operation only)	503.00	3	126.70
S06113	– between quarter and half-face	979.00	3	246.18
S06114	– full face	2082.00	3	523.79
	Ablation – Cryotherapy, curettage & electrosurgery			
00190	Forms of treatment other than excision, X-ray, or Grenz ray; such as removal of haemangiomas and warts with electrosurgery, cryotherapy, etc. – per visit (operation only)	83.70		31.62
	NOTES: i) Payable to non-dermatologists only. ii) The treatment of benign skin lesions for cosmetic reasons, including common warts (verrucae) is not a benefit of the Plan. Refer to Preamble D. 9.2.4.a. and b. “Surgery for the Alteration of Appearance.”			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00218	Curettage and electrosurgery of skin carcinoma proven histopathologically (operation only)	251.00		61.38
00219	For each additional lesion – to a maximum of two additional lesions per day (operation only)	188.00		30.69
	*These items are subject to the general regulations covering surgical procedures.			
	Laser Therapy			
00235	Pulsed laser surgery of the face and/or neck, treatment area less than 50 cm^2 (operation only).....	467.00	3	67.92
00236	Pulsed laser surgery of the face and/or neck, treatment area greater than or equal to 50 cm^2, or treatment of the eyelids with eye shield insertion (operation only)	1011.00	3	101.87
00237	Additional surgical professional fee billable when either of the above two procedures are performed under general anesthesia.....	195.00		56.08

NOTES:

(a) Only the following conditions qualify for payment under 00235, 00236, 00237:

i) Port wine stains involving the face and/or neck;

ii) Complicated superficial haemangiomas:
- lesions interfering with function (vision, breathing or feeding).
- lesions which are ulcerated, bleeding, or prone to infections

Where standard wound care has failed.

iii) Facial naevus of Ota

iv) Disfiguring facial pigmentary anomalies (eg: segmental or systematized).

(b) Only the following types of lasers qualify for payment under 00235, 00236, 00237:

i) Pulsed dye laser

ii) Q-Switched Ruby laser

iii) Q-Switched YAG laser

(c) Restricted to Dermatology and Plastic Surgery.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
SPECIAL CASE – SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE				
06166	Excision of axillary sweat glands for hyperhidrosis – unilateral NOTES: i) Direct closure included when open procedure used. ii) Aggressive removal of apocrine sweat glands by any means.	1293.00	4	325.14
V07053	Excision of nail bed, complete, with shortening of phalanx	563.00	2	137.99
	Excision of skin and subcutaneous tissue of hidradenitis suppurativa: Note: Direct closure included.			
	Foreign Body: Excision of skin and subcutaneous tissue of hidradenitis suppurativa:			
07072	– axillary (operation only)	497.00	2	250.00
07075	– inguinal (operation only)	497.00	2	250.00
07076	– perianal (operation only)	497.00	2	250.00
07082	– perineal (operation only)	497.00	2	250.00
NAIL SURGERY				
13631	Removal of nail – simple operation only	82.40	2	35.53
13632	– with destruction of nail bed (operation only)	165.00	2	71.89
13633	Wedge excision of one nail (operation only)	147.00	2	63.44
GANGLIA				
06182	Ganglia of tendon sheath or joint	726.00	2	182.27
TORN EAR LOBE				
06027	Repair of torn (split) earlobe (simple) (operation only) NOTES: i) Single flap only, under 2 cm. ii) Paid only for complete tear of lobe through margin.	472.00	3	118.31

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

SUTURE OF LACERATIONS AND MINOR TRAUMATIC WOUNDS

Wounds – Simple, <u>or</u> involving minor debridement of traumatic wounds

These fees apply to closure using tissue glue (included), direct closure with sutures (included) but <u>not</u> flap/graft (bill in flap/graft section for composite fee). For primary excision and direct closure of benign (medically necessary) and pre-malignant or malignant lesions, bill 61310 to 61318. These fee items are intended for linear /stellate wounds. In the case of wider degloving/abrasion, it is appropriate to bill 70155 to 70169 if wound debrided but left open or treated with Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC).

S61300 –	up to 5 cm – other than face, simple closure (operation only)	265.00	2	137.54
S61301 –	up to 5 cm – on face and/or requiring tying of bleeders and/or closure in layers (operation only)	300.00	2	203.77
S61302 –	5.1 to 10 cm – other than face, simple closure (operation only)	362.00	2	244.52
S61303 –	5.1 to 10 cm – on face and/or requiring tying of bleeders and/or closure in layers (operation only)	439.00	2	254.72
S61304 –	10.1 to 15 cm – other than face, simple closure (operation only)	395.00	2	285.29
S61305 –	10.1 to 15 cm – on face and/or requiring tying of bleeders and/or closure in layers (operation only)	493.00	2	356.60
S61306 –	15.1 cm or more – other than face, simple closure (operation only)	427.00	2	305.66
S61307 –	15.1 cm or more – on face and/or closure in layers (operation only)	571.00	2	407.55

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.

ii) Multiples paid at 50%, to a maximum of 5 lacerations at the same sitting.

iii) Removal of sutures included in any visit fee.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Not paid with skin flap or graft fees. (Per wound. Cannot bill flap and wound closure on same wound, but if one wound requires a flap/graft and second/third wounds require simple layered closure then existing 100%/50% billing applies as per Note ii above). v) Direct closure paid when the procedure includes at least one deep layer of sutures and cyanoacrylate. vi) Minor undermining (to help evert wound edges) is considered included.			
61308	Laceration(s) under GA – if general anesthetic is used, and when suture of laceration(s) is the sole procedure – extra	206.00	2	203.77
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology. ii) Paid in addition to 61300-61307 and 61310-61322.			
	Wounds – avulsed and complicated (in special areas)			
V70150	Complicated lacerations of tongue, floor of mouth.....	1100.00	3	270.50
06238	Repair of complicated fingertip injury under digital block or anesthetic (regional/general).....	799.00	2	201.05
	Note: Requires nail bed repair (includes removal of nail plate, suturing of nail bed laceration and replacement of nail plate) including associated management of distal phalangeal fracture.			
06075	Lips and eyelids	1349.00	3	339.41
06076	Nose and ear	1696.00	3	426.36
06077	Complicated lacerations of the scalp, cheek and neck ..	1324.00	3	333.13
	NOTES: The following conditions are necessary for 06075, 06076 or 06077 to apply: i) A layered closure* is required and at least one of: ii) Injuries involving necrotic tissue requiring debridement such that simple suture closure is precluded; or iii) injuries involving tissue loss such that simple suture is precluded; or iv) Wounds requiring tissue shifts for closure aside from minor undermining or advancement flaps; or			
	(notes continued on next page)			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

v) Skived, ragged or stellate wounds where excision of tissue margins is necessary to obtain 90 degree closure; or
vi) Contaminated wounds that require excision of foreign material, or
vii) Lacerations requiring layered closure and key alignment sutures involving critical margins of the eyelid, nose, lip, oral commissure or ear; or
viii) Lacerations into the subcutaneous tissue requiring alignment and repair of cartilage and layered closure.
ix) A note record indicating how the service meets the above criteria must accompany claims billed under these fee items.

* A layered closure is required when the defect would require too much tension for an acceptable primary closure. It involves at least two layers of deep dissolving sutures to close off dead space and take tension off the wound. A deep cartilage closure is also considered a layered closure.

LESIONS AND SCARS

For medically necessary excision and/or repair of benign, pre-malignant and malignant lesions and scars, by direct closure, and resulting in linear closure:

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.
ii) First paid at 100%, 2nd to 5th – 50%. The maximum payable for benign and pre-malignant lesions is 5 per sitting. If additional (>5) malignant lesions are removed at the same sitting payment will be made at 25% of the listed fee. If more than 10 malignant lesions are removed at the same sitting a copy of the operative and pathology reports is required.
iii) Not paid with excision fees 61320, 61321, 61322.

Trunk, Arms and Legs

S61310	Resulting in repair less than 5 cm (operation only).....	264.00		122.27
S61311	Resulting in repair 5-10 cm (operation only).....	436.00		157.92
S61312	Resulting in repair greater than 10 cm (operation only).	701.00		234.35

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Face, scalp, neck, genitalia, hands, feet, axilla			
S61313	Resulting in repair less than 5 cm (operation only).....	379.00		169.13
S61314	Resulting in repair 5-10 cm (operation only).....	458.00		224.15
S61315	Resulting in repair greater than 10 cm (operation only)	742.00		275.10
	Eyelids, ears, lips, nose, mucous membrane, eyebrow			
S61316	Resulting in repair less than 2 cm (operation only).....	478.00		178.30
S61317	Resulting in repair 2-4 cm (operation only).....	655.00		213.97
S61318	Resulting in repair greater than 4 cm (operation only)	981.00		290.38
61319	For excision of lesion (in hospital), to achieve tumour-free margin with frozen section, (extra).....	206.00		101.89
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology. ii) Paid once per sitting iii) Paid with 61310-61318, 61320-61322 and 61325-61341.			

SKIN FLAPS AND GRAFTS

Excision of Malignant and Pre-malignant Lesions

NOTE: For excision of malignant and pre-malignant lesions, when the recipient area requires skin flaps, full thickness grafts or split thickness grafts for closure, use the following fee items for excision in addition to the fees for skin flaps or grafts. For defects less than 10 cm^2 (3cm x 3cm), payment is made for closure only.

61320	Area 10-50 cm^2 (minimum 10 cm^2) – extra (operation only).....	166.00	2	61.13
61321	Area 51-100 cm^2 (minimum 51 cm^2) – extra (operation only).....	356.00	2	132.45
61322	Area over 100 cm^2 (minimum 101 cm^2) – extra (operation only).....	544.00	2	183.40

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.
ii) Not paid with direct linear closure fees (61310-61318).

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

iii) For areas ≥10 cm^2.Maximum 3 services paid per patient, per sitting, regardless of number performed.
iv) Paid in addition to skin flaps, split-thickness graft or full-thickness grafts (where applicable).
v) Paid with 61319 (when applicable).

ADVANCEMENT FLAP FEES

NOTES:
i) These fees are for adjacent tissue transfers based on extensive undermining and layered closure. The medical necessity for a flap or graft occurs when direct closure alone would not suffice due to unacceptable wound tension. The distances required to be undermined are:
ii) 1 cm (nose, ear, eyelid, lip, eyebrow)
iii) 1.5 cm (other face and neck)
iv) 3 cm (rest of body)
v) Fee items 61324 to 61329 are restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.
vi) These fees include creation and closure of the defect, except when 61320 to 61322 apply.

Nose, Lids, Lips or Scalp:

61324	– up to 2 cm (operation only)	507.00	2	185.44
61325	– 2.1 to 5 cm (operation only)	363.00	2	234.35
61327	– face, neck or scalp	995.00	2	355.27

Other areas:

61326	– 2.1 to 5 cm (operation only)	413.00	2	182.38
61328	– 5.1 to 10 cm (operation only)	652.00	2	233.47
61329	Defects more than 10 cm (such as a thoracic abdominal flap)	1569.00	2	393.85

Rotations, transpositions, Z-plasty, Limberg or V-Y type flaps

NOTES:
i) These flaps differ from advancement flaps in that they require skin incisions specifically to create the shape of the flap.
ii) Fee items 61330 to 61344 are restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Trunk			
61330	Defect up to 40 cm^2	973.00	2	243.61
61331	Defect 40 cm^2 to 100 cm^2	1292.00	2	324.82
61332	Defect greater than 100 cm^2	1686.00	2	423.66
	Arms, legs and scalp			
61333	Defect up to 6 cm^2	611.00	2	305.76
61334	Defect 6 cm^2 to 19 cm^2	813.00	2	307.76
61335	Defect greater than 19 cm^2	1824.00	2	458.84
	Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth and neck			
61336	Defect up to 6 cm^2	1216.00	2	305.76
61337	Defect 6 cm^2 to 19 cm^2	1377.00	2	346.78
61338	Defect greater than 19 cm^2	1865.00	2	469.01
	Ears, eyelids, lips and nose			
61339	Defect up to 6 cm^2	1382.00	2	347.03
61340	Defect 6 cm^2 to 19 cm^2	1821.00	2	457.92
61341	Defect greater than 19 cm^2	2025.00	2	509.26
	Revision of Graft			
61342	Revision, less than 2 cm	579.00	2	203.01
61343	Revision, between 2 and 5 cm	1415.00	2	243.61
61344	Revision, greater than 5 cm	1468.00	2	284.22
	Specialized Flaps			
06026	Arterial island flap	1409.00	2	353.91
06177	Neurovascular pedicle flap	2962.00	3	744.43
	Flaps from a distance for defects under 10 cm^2, requiring two stages (e.g.: groin flap, deltopectoral flap or cross leg flap):			
06030	Upper extremity – initial stage (with free skin graft) – over 10 cm^2	2352.00	2	591.47
06031	– second stage – over 10 cm^2	1875.00	2	471.50
06032	Lower extremity (plaster cast included) – initial stage - over 10 cm^2	2824.00	2	710.26
	NOTE: Second stage for lower extremity paid at 50% (of 06032).			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Flaps from a distance for defects under 10 cm², requiring two stages (e.g.: cross finger flap, thenar flap for digital defects):			
06033	First stage – per operation (skin graft to secondary defect included) – under 10 cm²	1409.00	4	353.91
06034	Minor Second stage - per operation - under 10 cm²	937.00	3	235.39
06035	Delaying a flap (operation only) – under 10 cm²	651.00	3	163.48
	Specific areas:			
	Eyebrow			
06148	Hair bearing scalp vascular island flap to eyebrow	1925.00	3	483.98
	Hand			
06171	Syndactyly, local flaps – first cleft	1013.00	2	254.92
06172	– with skin grafts – first cleft	1804.00	2	453.55

FREE SKIN GRAFTS (INCLUDING MUCOSA)

Full-thickness grafts:

NOTES:

i) Full thickness fees, 2 to 19 cm², include direct closure of donor site.

ii) Each additional 19 cm² or major portion thereof, will be paid at 50%, depending on the anatomic location of the defect.

iii) Paid to a maximum of 2 additional units.

iv) Fee items 61350 to 61354 are restricted to Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics and Otolaryngology.

61350	Trunk (2 to 19 cm²) (operation only)	491.00	2	228.39
61351	Arms, legs, scalp (2 to 19 cm²)	840.00	2	289.29
61352	Axilla, cheeks, chin, feet, forehead, genitalia, hands, mouth, neck (2 to 19 cm²)	1059.00	2	355.27
61353	Ears, eyelids, lips and nose (2 to 19 cm²)	1237.00	2	395.89
S61354	Graft (pinch, split or full thickness) to cover small ulcer, toe pulp graft, finger-tip or other minimal open area (up to 2 cm diameter) (operation only)	503.00	2	253.77

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Split-thickness grafts:			
	NOTE: Non-functional areas include posterior or trunk, anterior trunk, arm (above elbow), forearm (below elbow), thigh, leg (below knee).			
	Functional areas include head, face, neck, shoulder, axilla, elbow, wrist, hand, groin, perineum, knee, ankle and foot. Also includes coverage of exposed vital structures (bone, tendon, major vessel, nerve).			
	Non-functional areas: (total area treated, whether at one operation or at staged intervals):			
06046	– less than 6.5 sq.cm. (operation only)	413.00	2	250.72
06047	– 65 sq.cm. (operation only)	773.00	2	304.13
06048	– 650 sq.cm	1545.00	2	388.27
06049	For each 6.5 sq. cm. over 650 sq. cm. (operation only).	29.45	3	7.42
	NOTE: Refrigerated graft – 50% of appropriate fee			
	Functional areas:			
	NOTE: Multiple operations to functional areas [see Preamble, Clause D. 5. 3]			
06051	Fingertip (operation only)	651.00	2	250.72
06050	Regions of major joints and hands – early	1721.00	2	432.65
06058	– late – with scar excision graft	2082.00	2	523.79
06052	Head and neck – 65 sq.cm. or less	1241.00	3	312.18
06053	– in excess of 65 sq.cm.	1658.00	3	416.93
06054	– in excess of 195 sq.cm.	4111.00	3	1033.97

MAJOR FLAP PROCEDURES

06151	Decubitus ulcers – excision and treatment of bone, rotation flaps, and skin grafts to secondary defect	3446.00	4	866.70
C06159	TRAM Flap reconstruction of mastectomy defect	4064.00	5	1021.77
	NOTE: i) Includes preparation of site to be grafted, harvesting and insertion of the graft, closure of donor defect, with or without mesh. ii) Reconstruction of both breasts (bilateral) with two pedicled TRAM flaps is payable at 150%.			
61152	Abdominal panniculectomy – where medically indicated, secondary to chronic subpanus intertrigo, which has been unresponsive to a reasonable period of medical treatment.	3154.00	4	910.00
	NOTE: To include umbilicoplasty where medically indicated.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
C61156	Myocutaneous flap or fascia cutaneous flap rotated on its vascular or neurovascular pedicle involving small muscles	1763.00	5	444.79
	NOTE: The following muscle flaps are payable under this item: i) abductor digiti minimi flap ii) abductor hallucis flap iii) abductor pollicis brevis flap iv) anconeus flap v) extensor digitorum communis flap vi) extensor digitorum longus flap vii) extensor hallucis longus flap viii) first dorsal interosserous flap ix) flexor carpi ulnaris flap x) flexor digitorum brevis flap xi) flexor digitorum longus flap xii) flexor hallucis longus flap xiii) orbicularis oculi flap xiv) orbicularis oris flap			
C61157	Myocutaneous flap or fascia cutaneous flap rotated on its vascular or neurovascular pedicle involving medium muscles	2498.00	5	630.91
	NOTE: The following muscle flaps are payable under this item: i) brachioradialis flap ii) coracobrachialis flap iii) pectoralis minor flap iv) peroneus brevis flap v) peroneus longus flap vi) platysma flap vii) sartorius flap viii) serratus flap ix) stemocleidomastoid flap x) tibialis anterior flap xi) tongue flap			
C61158	Myocutaneous flap or fascia cutaneous flap rotated on its vascular or neurovascular pedicle involving major muscles	3033.00	5	765.60

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTE: The following muscle flaps are payable under this item: i) biceps femoris flap ii) deltoid flap iii) external oblique flap iv) gastrocnemius flap v) gluteus maximus flap vi) gracilis flap vii) latissimus dorsi flap viii) pectoralis major flap ix) rectus abdominous flap x) rectus femoris flap xi) soleus flap xii) trapezius flap xiii) temporalis flap xiv) tensor fascia lata flap xv) triceps flap xvi) vastus lateralis flap xvii) vastus medialis flap			
	Cheeks			
06111	Facial paralysis – static slings with simple suspension (unilateral)	2588.00	3	650.54
06110	– dynamic slings with local functional muscle transfer (unilateral)	3125.00	3	785.69
06120	Complete repair for facial paralysis, plication of paralyzed muscles, meloplasty, and resection of overactive muscles – bilateral	3333.00	3	838.07
06129	Combined complete repair as above and rhytidectomy- unilateral	3759.00	3	945.41

CELL-ASSISTED LIPOTRANSFER FOR SOFT DEFECTS (ASPIRATION AND INJECTIONS)

	Cell-assisted Lipotransfer – Aspiration			
S61250	– Volume less than 20 ml	325.00	3	81.88
S61251	– Volume between 21-60 ml	405.00	3	102.34
S61252	– Volume greater than 60 ml	568.00	3	143.28
	NOTES: i) Lipoaspiration and lipo injection components are paid together at 100%. Subsequent lipo injection procedures to anatomically discrete sites, completed during the same session, are paid at 50%			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) When performed with another procedure (e.g.: breast reduction, mastopexy) during the same date of service, the surgical preamble rules will apply.			
	iii) As with other medically necessary procedures for alteration of appearance, pre-approval is required.			
	iv) These fees are not intended to accompany any liposuction procedures. Lipoaspiration is only to be followed by lipo injection.			
	v) Restricted to Plastic Surgery.			
	vi) Aspirate from multiple sites is pooled for a total amount; only one aspirate fee is paid per session, for the aggregate amount.			
	vii) Volume harvested is the total usable fat cells after processing and does not include the oil or aqueous layers.			
	Cell-assisted Lipotransfer – Injection			
	Functional area:			
S61260	– Volume less than 20 ml	487.00	3	122.81
S61261	– Volume greater than 20 ml	730.00	3	184.23
	Non-Functional area:			
S61270	– less than 20 ml	405.00	3	102.34
S61271	– 21 to 60 ml	568.00	3	143.28
S61272	– greater than 60 ml	730.00	3	184.23
	NOTES:			
	i) For the purpose of cell-assisted fat injection, functional area will be restricted to the head and neck, hands, perineum and groin, as well as in the direct vicinity of major joints. The breast is considered a non-functional area for this indication.			
	ii) Non-functional areas are defined as: posterior or anterior trunk (including breasts), arm (above elbow), forearm (below elbow), thigh, leg (below knee).			
	iii) Facial subunits such as eyelid and lip are considered part of one aggregate fee for the face. Injections of multiple subunits of the face are still considered one aggregate area, the face.			
	iv) Bilaterally symmetrical sites, as in breasts or axillary regions are considered separate areas.			
	Tissue Expansion			
06085	Tissue expansion – major areas – breast scalp and tibial areas, regions of major joints	2012.00	3	559.83

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06086	Tissue expansion – minor areas	1400.00	2	351.98
	Blepharoplasty			
06125	Blepharoplasty, simple, non-cosmetic (unilateral)	1043.00	3	261.90
	NOTE: i) Covers simple skin removal on the upper lid, and may include transgression (and occasional partial excision) of orbicularis oculi muscle on the upper eyelid. ii) Significant blepharochalasis is defined as present when the visual field is restricted to within 20 degrees of fixation above the horizontal meridian.			
61025	Blepharoplasty, simple, non-cosmetic (bilateral)	1562.00	3	392.82
	NOTES: i) Covers simple skin removal on the upper lid, and may include transgression (and occasional partial excision) of orbicularis oculi muscle on the upper eyelid. ii) Significant blepharochalasis is defined as present when the visual field is restricted to within 20 degrees of fixation above the horizontal meridian.			
06126	Blepharoplasty, complicated, non-cosmetic (unilateral).	1562.00	3	392.82
	NOTES: i) Includes not only skin removal, but also transgression (and occasional partial excision) of orbicularis muscle, entry of the septum, removal of fat if necessary, and fixation of the upper lid crease by identifying and attaching the orbicularis to the anterior levator surface. ii) Significant blepharochalasis is defined as present when the visual field is restricted to within 20 degrees of fixation above the horizontal meridian.			
61026	Blepharoplasty, complicated, non-cosmetic (bilateral)...	2343.00	3	589.27
	NOTES: i) Includes not only skin removal, but also transgression (and occasional partial excision) of orbicularis muscle, entry of the septum, removal of fat if necessary, and fixation of the upper lid crease by identifying and attaching the orbicularis to the anterior levator surface. ii) Significant blepharochalasis is defined as present when the visual field is restricted to within 20 degrees of fixation above the horizontal meridian.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Eyebrow ptosis			
61360	Eyebrow ptosis repair – simple skin excision – non-cosmetic – unilateral	1042.00		261.90
61361	Eyebrow ptosis repair – simple skin excision – non-cosmetic – bilateral	1562.00		392.82
	NOTES: i) Significant eyebrow ptosis is defined as present when the visual field is restricted to within 20 degrees of fixation above the horizontal meridian. ii) Includes resection of any amount of forehead skin and upward brow advancement required to correct the functional deficit. iii) For upper lid skin excess secondary to severe brow ptosis as opposed to primary upper lid skin excess. iv) Not paid with 06125 or 61025 on the same patient, same date of service.			
	Tenotomy			
	NOTES: i) Tenotomy fees paid once per tendon only. Two repairs on the same tendon will be paid as one repair. ii) Restricted to Plastic Surgery, General Practice, Orthopaedics, General Surgery and Emergency Medicine.			
	Flexor – primary or secondary repair			
61363	– first tendon	1500.00	2	377.06
61364	– second to sixth tendon repair (extra)	750.00	2	188.53
61365	– seventh to eleventh tendon repair (extra)	375.00	2	94.27
61366	– twelfth and over tendon repair (extra)	188.00	2	47.14
	Extensor – primary or secondary repair			
61368	– first tendon	943.00	2	237.02
61369	– second to sixth tendon repair (extra)	473.00	2	118.51
61370	– seventh to eleventh tendon repair (extra)	235.00	2	59.24
61371	– twelfth and over tendon repair (extra)	118.00	2	29.62
	Tenoplasty – tenodesis, tenovaginitis, shortening or lengthening, stenosing tenosynovitis:			
06186	– one tendon, any location	922.00	2	231.62
06187	– two or more tendons	1500.00	2	377.06
06188	Tenolysis	1560.00	2	392.14
06189	– each additional, to a maximum of three (extra) (operation only)	579.00	2	145.44

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06185	Tendon graft	2807.00	2	705.63
06203	Tendon transfer in hand and wrist	1784.00	2	448.72
06204	– each additional, to a maximum of three (extra)	651.00	2	163.48
06175	Pollicization	4575.00	4	1150.59
06176	Digital transplant	2775.00	5	952.71
S61230	Needle Aponeurectomy - Dupuytren's Disease	574.00		151.13
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery and Orthopaedics. ii) Not paid in addition to fee items 06193 and 06194. iii) Bilateral services paid at 150%.			
57270	Plantar Fascia: open release or partial excision, uni- or bilateral	1048.00	2	270.75
06193	Extensive palmar – fasciectomy involving one or more digits	1725.00	2	433.71
06194	– with skin grafting	2232.00	2	561.51
	NOTES: i) 06193 and 06194 are applicable only for open techniques which require removal of the disease (operative report may be requested). ii) Localized, charge under items 61313, 61314 or 61315.			
06195	Silastic rod prior to tendon grafting	1839.00	3	462.17

CAVITY GRAFTING

06055	Eye socket	1754.00	3	441.02
06056	– with mucosa	2689.00	3	675.68
06057	Nose	1567.00	3	393.90
06060	Mouth	2082.00	3	523.79
06061	Lining pedicle flaps	1197.00	3	300.67
06062	Bone cavity over 7.5 cm in diameter in large bone, e.g.: femur	1754.00	4	441.02
06065	Bone cavity up to 7.5 cm in diameter in large bone	1238.00	3	311.13
06064	Bone cavity in small bone, e.g.: hand or foot	1013.00	2	254.92
06066	Operation for congenital absence of vagina (McIndoe) plastic surgery and care	2317.00	4	582.45

BURNS (WITH OR WITHOUT GENERAL ANESTHESIA – PER OPERATION)

General care, severe only:

06083	– first hour	1013.00		254.92
06084	– subsequent hour (per hour)	811.00		203.93
Item	– subsequent visits	Per Visit		
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Local care:			
	Minor burns – per visit:			
06078	– dressing (in-hospital care only)	228.00	4	57.62
06079	– surgical debridement – for each 5% of body surface (operation only)	487.00	5	122.35
06080	– subsequent debridement – for each 5% of body surface (operation only)	120.00	5	30.37
06081	Surgical excision of burnt tissue prior to immediate skin grafting – for first 5 percent of body surface, extra (operation only)	1043.00	5	376.08
06082	– for each subsequent 5 percent of body surface, extra (operation only)	811.00	5	203.93

OSTEOMYELITIS

06087	Incision subperiosteal abscess (operation only)	1013.00	2	254.92

REGIONAL MANDIBULO - FACIAL

Guidelines for Compounded Facial Fractures:

1. (a) When fractures of the zygoma, the orbital floor and medial wall are compounded into the sinuses, no additional fee should be paid for these fractures.

   (b) When fractures of the maxilla and mandible involve the dento-alveolar tissues and are compounded, no additional fee should be paid. (This would include fractures into the tooth socket where a tooth is lost, or a fracture into a partially erupted wisdom tooth, or a diastasis to two teeth at the fracture site where the compounding component does not extend further than the dento-alveolar area).

2. Significant external compounding of facial fractures is recognized as a factor which compromises the treatment and possible outcome of patients with these injuries. Treatment of these fractures should be billed at 150% of the pertinent listed fee. Operative notes should accurately describe such an injury to support these billings when submitted to MSP.

3. Fractures of the maxilla and mandible with intraoral compounding beyond the dento-alveolar bone, therefore exposing basal bone, complicates treatment and possible outcome. These injuries should be billed at 150% of the listed fee (e.g.: degloving of the maxilla or mandible).

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Fracture - Mandible:			
06240	Interdental and intermaxillary wiring	1492.00	6	445.96
06241	Wiring with Gunning splints or dentures	1821.00	6	457.87
	Open reduction:			
06242	– unilateral	2230.00	6	662.31
06243	– bilateral	3040.00	6	866.25
	Open reduction and intermaxillary wiring:			
06244	– unilateral	2637.00	6	764.28
06245	– bilateral	3446.00	6	968.21
06246	Removal of sutures, intra-oral splints, etc. (under general anesthetic) - operation only	476.00	4	301.47
	Fracture-Maxilla (Central Mid-Third):			
06250	Le Fort I - horizontal fractures	3446.00	6	968.21
06251	Le Fort II - pyramidal fractures	3852.00	6	1070.17
06252	Le Fort III - cranio-facial dysjunction	4421.00	6	1213.31
06253	Open reduction and internal or external craniomaxillary wire suspension with or without intermaxillary fixation	4421.00	6	1111.81
	Fracture-Zygomatic (Lateral Mid-Third) Zygomatico-Maxillary (including Orbital Floor):			
06260	Temporal elevation - operation only	1013.00	3	328.22
06261	Open reduction and interosseous wiring (to include antral packing where necessary)	2510.00	4	637.40
06262	Reduction via transantral approach and antral packing - operation only	1013.00	4	457.93
	Zygomatic Arch:			
06265	Temporal elevation - operation only	1013.00	3	356.42
06266	Open reduction and interosseous wiring	1370.00	4	446.25
	Orbital Floor Fractures (Blow-out Fractures):			
06270	Open reduction (to include antral packing where necessary)	2637.00	4	743.98
	Fracture - Alveolus:			
06271	Alveolar fracture with one tooth extraction - operation only	510.00	3	128.20
06272	– each additional tooth - operation only	318.00	3	79.71
06273	Arch bar fixation of teeth	1227.00	3	409.62
	Temporo-mandibular Joint:			
06280	Meniscectomy	1370.00	3	446.25

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06281	Condylectomy	2031.00	3	510.65
06282	Arthroplasty	2886.00	3	726.12
	Mandibular Resection:			
06291	Tumours - enucleation, partial or complete resection	2412.00	4	606.54
06292	– with bone graft	3424.00	4	860.78
	Bone graft to jaw or face:			
06293	– autologous	2155.00	4	541.89
06294	– non-autologous	1987.00	4	499.88

MAXILLO-FACIAL

	Osteotomies:			
C06300	Le Fort I - horizontal	4494.00	6	1130.11
C06301	Le Fort II - pyramidal	5566.00	6	1399.45
C06302	Le Fort III - intracranial	11561.00	8	2907.70
C06303	Le Fort III - extracranial	9849.00	7	2476.77
C06310	Unilateral orbital advancement, intracranial approach	11135.00	8	2799.96
C06311	Intracranial orbital advancement and correction of hypertelorism	12419.00	8	3123.16
C06312	Intracranial correction of hypertelorism	14988.00	8	3769.56
61380	Bilateral orbital advancement – intracranial approach for correction of hypertelorism when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	5430.00	8	2235.25
61381	Unilateral orbital advancement – intracranial approach when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	5038.00	8	2073.65
61382	Bilateral orbital advancement – intracranial approach - when done as a team procedure with a Neurosurgeon and Plastic Surgeon	6741.00	8	2773.64
C06313	Unilateral orbital expansion by osteotomy for macrophthalmia	11990.00	8	3015.43
06314	Canthopexy	2244.00	3	564.52
C06304	Malar maxillary	5137.00	6	1291.71
	Mandibular - for prognathism, micrognathism, malocclusion, etc.:			
C06305	– unilateral with intermaxillary fixation	3208.00	6	806.91
C06306	– bilateral with intermaxillary fixation	3851.00	6	968.51
C06307	Premaxillary set back	3208.00	6	806.91
	Mandibular osteotomy with rigid internal fixation:			
C06308	– unilateral	3273.00	6	823.07
C06309	– bilateral	4709.00	6	1183.97

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
NOSE AND SINUSES				
	Cryosurgical treatment of turbinates:			
02298	– unilateral	559.00	3	153.09
02299	– bilateral	692.00	3	191.35
02306	Submucous resection of septum	601.00	3	165.83
	Rhinoplasty			
06109	Removal of hump	948.00	3	238.09
06118	Bone graft to nose -autologous	2389.00	3	601.15
06119	– non-autologous	1963.00	3	493.41
06115	Forehead rhinoplasty - 2 operations	3649.00	3	917.68
	NOTE: Partial forehead rhinoplasties, charge under item 61339, 61340 or 61341.			
02351	Nasal refracture requiring lateral osteotomies	1295.00	3	357.19
02352	Reconstruction of nasal tip, ala and columella	1527.00	3	420.98
02353	External reconstruction of nasal tip, ala and columella (such as for cleft lip or open trauma)	2046.00	3	563.88
02354	Complete rhinoplasty with S.M.R. to include nasal hump removal, nasal refracture and reconstruction of nasal tip without skin grafting	2220.00	3	612.35
02355	Complete rhinoplasty with S.M.R. to include nasal hump removal, nasal refracture and external reconstruction of nasal tip without skin grafting	2814.00	3	776.17
06116	Composite graft	1316.00	3	331.03
06117	Rhinophyma	1334.00	3	335.05
	Fractures:			
06123	Comminuted nasal fractures - transosseous wire plate fixation	1221.00	3	307.05
06124	Naso-orbital fractures - open reduction and interosseous wiring or transosseous wire plate fixation	2121.00	3	533.27
	Nasal Fracture:			
02364	– simple reduction - operation only	229.00	3	63.76
S02365	– reduction and splinting - operation only	465.00	3	127.57
EARS				
06131	Outstanding ears - unilateral otoplasty	1263.00	3	317.82
61031	Outstanding ears - bilateral otoplasty	1896.00	3	476.72
06132	Microtia or loss of ear - partial - per stage	1500.00	3	377.06
06133	– total - major stage	3732.00	3	938.36
06134	– total - minor stage	1221.00	3	307.05
06130	Accessory auricle (operation only)	1013.00	3	254.92
06135	Preauricular sinus - simple	1013.00	3	254.92
06180	– complicated	937.00	3	304.33

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
MOUTH				
06181	Lip adhesion procedure for cleft palate	1563.00	3	393.22
06146	Lip shave - vermilionectomy	1588.00	3	399.13
06136	Plastic repair - e.g.: Abbe operation - 2 stages	2549.00	4	641.12
06137	Full lip thickness transfer by rotation flap	2183.00	4	548.93
06139	Unilateral cleft lip	2219.00	4	558.04
06138	Bilateral cleft lip - complete	4220.00	4	1061.16
06144	– incomplete	2985.00	4	750.90
06140	Wedge resection of lip - vermilion (operation only)	446.00	3	200.57
06141	– to sulcus	936.00	3	250.72
06142	Pharyngoplasty or pharyngeal flap	2160.00	6	542.97
06143	Push-back of palate with pharyngeal flap or similar procedure	2985.00	6	750.90
06145	Cleft palate	2203.00	6	553.74
06147	Bone graft to palatal cleft	2437.00	4	612.99
ORBIT				
06153	Bone graft to orbit - autologous	2437.00	4	612.99
06154	– non-autologous implant	1839.00	4	462.17
BREAST				
	NOTE: See Preamble regarding cosmetic surgery.			
06150	Reduction mammoplasty - for hypermastia - unilateral	2100.00	4	527.85
	NOTE: For ptosis - cosmetic only.			
61050	Reduction mammoplasty for hypermastia - bilateral	3148.00	4	791.76
	NOTE: For Ptosis, cosmetic only.			
61045	Immediate Breast Reconstruction – extra	425.00		202.31
	NOTES: i) Payable only to Plastic Surgeons. ii) Must be performed under the same anesthesia as a mastectomy (07471, 07498, 07472, 07473) done by a different surgeon. iii) Paid only in addition to breast reconstruction surgery done by same surgeon. iv) Maximum of one whether unilateral or bilateral.			
61046	Biologic tissue for breast reconstruction – extra	637.00		303.46

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable only in addition to fee items 06164 or 06165. ii) Also payable in addition to fee item 06085 when a patient requires post mastectomy radiation and there is a concern for the long term pliability of the mastectomy flap(s), (BC Cancer Agency registration number must be provided in the note record). iii) Paid at 100% for unilateral and 150% for bilateral reconstruction. iv) Payable only to Plastic Surgeons.			
P61047	Filling of tissue expander	164.00		43.77
	NOTES: i) Not payable on same day as fee items 06085 and 06086. ii) Maximum of 1 per patient per day regardless of number of fills or unilateral/bilateral. iii) Not paid with a visit fee.			
06085	Tissue expansion – major areas – breast scalp and tibial areas, regions of major joints	2012.00	3	559.83
C61158	Myocutaneous flap or fascia cutaneous flap rotated on its vascular or neurovascular pedicle involving major muscles	3033.00	5	765.60
	NOTE: The following muscle flaps are payable under this item: i) biceps femoris flap ii) deltoid flap iii) external oblique flap iv) gastrocnemius flap v) gluteus maximus flap vi) gracilis flap vii) latissimus dorsi flap viii) pectoralis major flap ix) rectus abdominous flap x) rectus femoris flap xi) soleus flap xii) trapezius flap xiii) temporalis flap xiv) tensor fascia lata flap xv) triceps flap xvi) vastus lateralis flap xvii) vastus medialis flap			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
C06159	TRAM Flap reconstruction of mastectomy defect.....	4064.00	5	1021.77
	NOTE: i) Includes preparation of site to be grafted, harvesting and insertion of the graft, closure of donor defect, with or without mesh. ii) Reconstruction of both breasts (bilateral) with <u>two</u> pedicled TRAM flaps is payable at 150%.			
C06220	Free flap, including closure of defect at donor site	12359.00	5	3108.09

CELL-ASSISTED LIPOTRANSFER FOR SOFT DEFECTS (ASPIRATION AND INJECTIONS)

Cell-assisted Lipotransfer – Aspiration

PS61250	– Volume less than 20 ml.....	325.00	3	81.88
PS61251	– Volume between 21-60 ml	405.00	3	102.34
PS61252	– Volume greater than 60 ml.....	568.00	3	143.28

NOTES:

i) Lipoaspiration and lipo injection components are paid together at 100%. Subsequent lipo injection procedures to anatomically discrete sites, completed during the same session, are paid at 50%

ii) When performed with another procedure (e.g.: breast reduction, mastopexy) during the same date of service, the surgical preamble rules will apply.

iii) As with other medically necessary procedures for alteration of appearance, pre-approval is required.

iv) These fees are not intended to accompany any liposuction procedures. Lipoaspiration is only to be followed by lipo injection.

v) Restricted to Plastic Surgery.

vi) Aspirate from multiple sites is pooled for a total amount; only one aspirate fee is paid per session, for the aggregate amount.

vii) Volume harvested is the total usable fat cells after processing and does not include the oil or aqueous layers.

Cell-assisted Lipotransfer – Injection

Non-Functional area:

PS61270	– less than 20 ml.....	405.00	3	102.34
PS61271	– 21 to 60 ml	568.00	3	143.28
PS61272	– greater than 60 ml.....	730.00	3	184.23

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) For the purpose of cell-assisted fat injection, functional area will be restricted to the head and neck, hands, perineum and groin, as well as in the direct vicinity of major joints. The breast is considered a non-functional area for this indication. ii) Non-functional areas are defined as: posterior or anterior trunk (including breasts), arm (above elbow), forearm (below elbow), thigh, leg (below knee). iii) Facial subunits such as eyelid and lip are considered part of one aggregate fee for the face. Injections of multiple subunits of the face are still considered one aggregate area, the face. iv) Bilaterally symmetrical sites, as in breasts or axillary regions are considered separate areas.			
	Mastectomy:			
V70478	– for gynecomastia	912.00	3	305.89
P61053	Bilateral breast construction in the context of gender affirming surgery, male to female (MtF)	2895.00	3	772.73
	NOTES: i) Requires MSP approval for transgender services. ii) Patient must meet the clinical criteria for MtF surgery; and unless contraindicated, patient must complete 18 months of hormone therapy. iii) Please refer to Preamble D. 9. 4. Gender Affirming Surgery.			
61054	Bilateral mastectomy in the context of gender affirming surgery, female to male (FtM) – (to include bilateral subcutaneous mastectomy, nipple-areolar reconstruction and chest wall reconstruction)	5870.00	3	1476.26
	NOTES: i) For MSP-approved, transgender patients meeting the clinical criteria for FtM surgery. ii) Not billable in addition to V07498 (Mastectomy, subcutaneous), 06157 (nipple-areolar reconstruction), and 61330, 61331 or 61332 (local tissue shifts, multiple). iii) Otherwise subject to General Preamble rules for multiple surgery.			
	Prosthetic breast replacement in unilateral agenesis or following mastectomy:			
06164	– unilateral	1175.00	3	405.66

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06165	– bilateral	1875.00	3	608.76
61166	Mastopexy, balancing unilateral (isolated procedure)	1277.00	3	458.02
61167	Mastopexy, balancing — when performed at same time as contralateral breast surgery	956.00	3	305.44
06178	Excision of breast implant and associated pathologic capsule	1376.00	2	410.00
06179	Excision of breast implant only (operation only)	503.00	2	245.70
06157	Nipple-areolar reconstruction	1350.00	2	339.52
	NOTE: This procedure is to result in a pigmented areolar complex using pigmented epithelium.			
61057	Nipple areolar reconstruction and tattooing	1820.00	2	457.84
	NOTES: i) Fee includes initial tattooing whether done at time of the reconstruction or as a staged procedure, and one additional tattooing ii) Subsequent tattooing is not payable by the Plan.			

LEG

06127	Lymphoedema of limbs - excision and grafting - entire leg	2782.00	3	700.04
06128	– entire lower extremity	4161.00	3	1046.58
06167	Treatment of lymphoedema using the Thompson procedure - upper extremity forearm	1409.00	4	353.91
06168	– arm	937.00	4	235.39
	(Total of $577.96 whether one or two stages)			
06169	– lower extremity leg	2352.00	4	591.48
06170	– thigh	2352.00	4	591.48
	(Total of $1,160.18 whether one or two stages)			

MICROSURGERY

06259	Microsurgical removal of neoplasm - digital or palmar	1337.00	2	336.04
	Microneural Surgery:			
	Neurolysis:			
06210	– external	1146.00	2	288.08
06211	– intraneural	1747.00	2	438.94
	Microfascicular neurorrhaphy, primary:			
06212	– digital or palmar	1146.00	2	288.08
06213	– major nerve	2444.00	2	614.93
	Interfascicular nerve graft (to include harvest of graft):			
06214	– digital or palmar	1716.00	2	533.59
06215	– major nerve	4998.00	4	1600.00

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
03207	Microsurgical removal of neoplasm - major peripheral nerve……..	2313.00	3	815.19
	Microvascular Surgery:			
06216	Artery or vein - primary repair (to include operative report)	2688.00	6	675.48
	NOTE: If a major artery in trunk, anesthetic IC level 9.			
P61210	Certified Plastic Surgeon Assist - Complex Case (extra). Time after 1 hour of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof	109.00		50.58
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Plastic Surgery. ii) Paid only for assisting microsurgical surgeries; fee items 06217 or 06220. iii) Paid in addition to fee items 70020 and 00198. iv) Maximum payable is 20 units per surgery. v) Any additional assistants, if required, are paid under fee items 00197 and 00198 only. vi) This fee is intended for plastic surgeons in active practice to compensate for lost office or operating room time in taking the day to assist a colleague on complex procedures. Fellowship trainees and short term locums (<6 months) are not eligible. vii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			
C06220	Free flap, including closure of defect at donor site	12359.00	5	3108.09
	Microreimplantation:			
C06217	Digit or extremity (to include operative report)	11566.00	4	3108.88
	AMPUTATIONS			
06218	Transmetacarpal	1013.00	2	254.92
06219	Finger, any joint or phalanx - operation only	1013.00	2	254.92
	BONE GRAFTING			
06221	Metacarpal, phalanx	1013.00	2	254.92
	FRACTURES			
06222	Finger phalanx, requiring reduction (operation only)	503.00	2	126.70
06223	Metacarpal, requiring reduction (operation only)	503.00	2	126.70
61222	CRIF of phalangeal (middle or proximal) or metacarpal fracture	778.00	2	196.24

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
61223	ORIF of phalangeal (middle or proximal) or metacarpal fracture ..... Note: Multiple fractures paid in accordance with Preamble D. 6.	1061.00	2	267.69
61224	Open (compound) hand fractures—Primary wound management (operation only)..... NOTES: i) Includes management of soft tissue component of open fracture, including wound excision, debridement, irrigation and implementation of antibiotic beads. ii) Payable in addition to 06224, 06225, 61223 iii) Payable at same percent as applies to fracture fee iv) Payable only when procedure performed in operating room	164.00	2	41.11
61225	Open (compound) hand fractures—Secondary Wound Management - operation only..... NOTES: i) Repeat primary management of soft tissue component of open fracture, including wound excision, debridement, irrigation, implementation of antibiotic beads at a second sitting, or return to the O.R. for delayed primary closure. Not payable in addition to closure with skin grafts and/or local skin flaps. ii) includes removal of beads iii) This listing is exempt from the 14-day rule (Preamble D. 5. 2.) iv) Payable only when procedure performed in operating room	326.00	2	82.15
	Distal phalanges open reduction and wiring:			
06224	– first	600.00	2	150.64
06225	– each additional (extra) - operation only.....	503.00	2	126.70

JOINTS – INTERPHALANGEAL OR METACARPOPHALANGEAL

06228	Arthroplasty of metacarpophalangeal or interphalangeal (hand) joint.....	1370.00	2	344.75
06229	Arthrodesis of metacarpophalangeal or interphalangeal (hand) joint.....	1221.00	2	344.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06231	Reconstruction of rheumatoid hand joints, multiple, e.g.: synovectomy, intrinsic release, repositioning of extensor tendons, each hand, fee for service, at any one operative session—up to Note: Only applicable when performed on more than 2 joints	3945.00	3	992.21
06232	Finger joint prosthesis - first joint	1033.00	2	259.64
06233	– subsequent joints same sitting - each (operation only)	587.00	2	147.59
06234	Synovectomy - of flexor or extensor tendons in wrist and hand for rheumatoid disease	1397.00	2	351.20
06235	Intrinsic release	1013.00	2	254.92
	Dislocations:			
06236	Metacarpophalangeal or interphalangeal joint – closed reduction (operation only)	291.00	2	125.35
06237	– open reduction - operation only	1013.00	2	254.92

NERVES

	Peripheral nerve:			
06255	Minor, digital, primary suture or secondary	1013.00	2	254.92
06256	Repair of palmar nerve	1013.00	2	254.92
06257	Major, primary suture	1604.00	3	403.31
S06258	Exploration of peripheral nerve and neurolysis NOTE: Multiple neurolyses are paid in accordance with Preamble, Clause D. 5. 3. to a maximum of 4 neurolyses per sitting.	1020.00	2	256.65
S03196	Exploration, mobilization and transposition	798.00	2	281.48
03198	Neurectomy of major nerve	628.00	2	222.43
03200	Secondary suture including transposition	1631.00	3	575.24
03201	Secondary suture of major nerve	1244.00	3	437.73
03205	Nerve graft	1221.00	3	431.81
06156	Transplant of neuroma	1013.00	2	254.92

TATTOOING SURGERY (FOR HAEMANGIOMATA, VITILIGO, LENTIGINES, ETC.)

	Facial area:			
S06200	Less than 1/4 of face - operation only	456.00	3	114.69
S06201	1/4 to 1/2 of face	937.00	3	235.39
S06202	Full face	1409.00	4	353.91

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Nonfacial area:			
06205	Less than 6.5 sq. cm - operation only	237.00	2	59.75
S06206	Less than 65 sq. cm - operation only	472.00	2	118.31
S06207	Less than 650 sq. cm	937.00	2	235.39
	NOTE: Fee items 06205-06207 are not payable for nipple areolar tattooing.			

SALIVARY GLAND AND DUCTS – EXCISION

07522	Local excision of parotid tumour, without nerve dissection - operation only	544.00	3	203.62

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	Trauma:			
	Repair of injury of major vessel in extremity:			
77330	– suture	1643.00	6	583.75
77335	– graft	2113.00	6	750.88

ELBOW, PROXIMAL RADIUS AND ULNA

	Incision – Therapeutic, Release:			
53250	Decompression, neurolysis, nerve	938.00	2	242.74
53255	Decompression, neurolysis, submuscular; transposition of nerve	1568.00	2	406.12
	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
53520	Biceps tendon, longhead, tenodesis	1048.00	2	270.75

SHOULDER GIRDLE, CLAVICLE AND HUMERUS

	Repair, Revision, Reconstruction (Soft Tissue):			
52555	Tendon transfer, transplant	1983.00	3	513.50

PSYCHIATRY

PREAMBLE

1. Time Units

Some psychiatry fee item descriptions specify nominal time units of 15/30/45/60 minutes. For these listings to be applicable, the psychiatrist must spend at least 12.5 out of each 15 minutes actually engaged in the designated activity for that fee (i.e. 25 out of 30 minutes, 37.5 out of 45 minutes, 50 out of 60 minutes). The designated activities are:

Psychiatric treatment, family therapy and group psychotherapy:

- actual patient/group contact time;
- billing for individual therapy is permitted for only one person within a specified time frame;
- psychiatric treatment or counselling by telephone is not an insured service; and
- psychoanalysis is not an insured benefit under the Plan.

Patient management conference:

- actual meeting time.

For all time-based Out-patient claims, start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. In recognition of the nature of In-Patient or Institutional psychiatry, the start time of the first patient seen and the end time of the last patient seen each day must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. Physicians must ensure that the patient's chart contains enough information about time spent with the patient and how this time was billed to allow independent confirmation that there is no overlap in reimbursement received from different payment modalities (e.g.: FFS, APP).

For example:

If a patient was seen on five occasions for between five and ten minutes at 8:30 (10 min.), 9:45 (5 min). 10:00 (5 min), 11:00 (10 min) and 11:30 (5 min), the claim could be appropriately submitted as 1 x 00650 as the total time was 35 minutes. However, any other claims from the same physician for services provided between the hours of 8:30 and 11:35 (all payment modalities) cannot exceed a total of the balance of time of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Like other specialists with possible Alternative Payment Plan (APP) funding, there must not be any time overlap in fee items billed by psychiatrists under FFS and APP/sessional contract or arrangements (see also General Preamble C. 24).

2. Psychiatric Treatment

Psychiatric treatment is defined as a series of medical interventions carried out by a psychiatrist trained to treat mental, emotional, and psychosomatic illness through a relationship with the patient in an individual, group, or family setting, utilizing verbal or non-verbal communication with the patient.

Psychiatric treatment always entails continuing medical diagnostic evaluation and responsibility and may be carried out in conjunction with drug and other physical treatments. Psychiatric treatment/group psychotherapy recognizes that the psychological and physical components of an illness are intertwined and that at any point in the disease process psychological symptoms may give rise to, substitute for, or run concurrently with physical symptoms and vice versa.

Family/conjoint therapy and group psychotherapy are defined as psychiatric treatment rendered to a family or other group.

Where a therapy session extends beyond one (1) hour in a day, a written explanation of need is required by the Plan. Typical situations are:

a) patient is from out-of-town;
b) emergency or like situation;
c) extended time required due to nature of clinical problem (explanation needed in each such case); and
d) a particular type of psychiatric therapy is being rendered requiring extended sessions.

Approval from the Plan will be necessary in each such case.

Psychiatric treatment/psychotherapy sessions in excess of two (2) hours in any one week require an explanation of need to the Plan and approval from the Plan in each such case. Typical situations are:

a) patient is from out of town;
b) emergency or like situation;
c) patient in an acute care facility.

3. Prolonged Time-Intensive Psychiatric Treatment

The BC Psychiatric Association has adopted the following principle:

Due to the unmet demand for psychiatric services, prolonged time-intensive psychiatric treatment must be provided only to the extent that it is justified and cost-effective in the context of limited psychiatric treatment resources and waiting lists.

4. Referral For Prolonged Psychiatric Treatment

1. Continuation of payment of specialist fees beyond six (6) months is dependent on re-referral by a physician. This procedure is required in all specialties and is, in fact, a requirement of the BC Medical Association rather than of the Medical Services Commission who, however, have agreed to accept this as an adequate procedure for ensuring the need for continuing medical care by the specialist.

2. While the judgment concerning the medical necessity of continuation of psychiatric treatment may, in effect, be that of the psychiatrist, the referring physician must concur to ensure continued payment at specialist rates. In practice, it would be advisable for the specialist who sees the need to continue treatment beyond six (6) months to ensure that the referring physician is contacted just prior to that time and to maintain contact with the referring physician's office until he/she is sure that a referral has been sent.

3. Re-referral at the six (6) month interval does not necessarily require a visit by the patient to the referring physician, who can, in effect, send in a "no charge" re-referral. It is obvious; however, that the referring physician must be aware of the need for continuing care by the specialist, and this would be best achieved by the specialist sending the referring physician a written report of his/her treatment, of the present status of the patient and of the prognosis.

4. In cases where confusion is likely to arise; for example, where the patient has changed his/her general physician from the time of the original referral, or when the specialist is unable to ensure that a re-referral is being made, it would be advisable for the specialist to cover the situation by writing directly to the Medical Advisor of MSP concerned, indicating the circumstances and supplying whatever information he/she thinks necessary to ensure continued payment at specialist rates.

5. Rural Retention Program Premium Adjustments

The Rural Retention Program applies a fee premium based on a community's isolation points. This fee premium is adjusted for Psychiatric fee codes by a factor of 1.782.

PSYCHIATRY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
FULL CONSULTATIONS			
	Individual: Diagnostic interview or examination, including history, mental status exam and treatment recommendation and written report.		
00610	Private office or hospital out-patient	483.00	241.18
00611	Extended Adult Psychiatry Consultation > 68 minutes	705.00	316.81
	NOTES: i) Payable only to patients 18 years of age and older. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
00615	Hospital/institution in-patient or home	532.00	241.18
00613	Geriatric consultation (patients 75 years or older)	738.00	364.75
00622	Emotionally disturbed child: Diagnostic interview or examination, including mental status and treatment recommendation, assessment of parents, guardian or other relatives and written report	828.00	430.67
00623	Multiple disturbed family: (3 or more members) - Simultaneous diagnostic interviews or examination, including mental status of the members, their interactions and written report	1011.00	430.68
REPEAT OR LIMITED CONSULTATIONS			
	Where a formal consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.		
00625	Individual (see 00610 & 00615)	242.00	127.83
00614	Geriatric (see 00613)	411.00	182.38
00626	Emotionally disturbed child (see 00622)	420.00	215.32
00627	Multiple disturbed family (see 00623)	506.00	215.34
PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT			
00607	Office visit to include services such as chemotherapy management and/or minimal psychotherapy	117.00	54.21
00608	Hospital visit	128.00	54.21
00609	Home visit	160.00	72.96

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00605	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums)	322.00	141.88
	NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.		
	Individual: (office or hospital out-patient)		
00630	– per 1/2 hour	231.00	107.42
00631	– per 3/4 hour	323.00	153.32
00632	– per 1 hour	413.00	194.70
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Individual: (hospital or institution in-patient or home)		
00650	– per 1/2 hour	259.00	107.42
00651	– per 3/4 hour	357.00	153.32
00652	– per 1 hour	459.00	194.73
	NOTE: The start time of the first patient seen and the end time of the last patient seen each day must be entered in the billing claims and the patient's chart should have sufficient documentation around the timing of the patient interaction (see Psychiatry Preamble 1.).		
	Family/conjoint therapy: (2 or more family members)		
00633	– per 1/2 hour	204.00	107.42
00635	– per 3/4 hour	302.00	153.32
00636	– per 1 hour	403.00	194.70
00638	– per 1 ¼ hour	441.00	253.15
00639	– per 1 ½ hour	523.00	303.78
	NOTES: i) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. ii) A note record is required for sessions longer than one hour.		
	Group Psychotherapy: (fee per patient), per 1/2 hour		
00663	– three patients	69.30	48.09
00664	– four patients	53.90	38.41
00665	– five patients	44.30	33.39
00666	– six patients	39.10	29.70
00667	– seven patients	34.70	27.10
00668	– eight patients	31.45	25.16
00669	– nine patients	29.20	23.60
00670	– ten patients	27.05	22.34
00671	– eleven patients	28.35	19.59
00672	– twelve patients	26.60	18.40
00673	– thirteen patients	24.75	17.05
00674	– fourteen patients	24.10	16.73
00675	– fifteen patients	23.35	16.06
00676	– sixteen patients	22.50	15.58

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00677	– seventeen patients	21.55	14.93
00678	– eighteen patients	21.15	14.70
00679	– nineteen patients	20.50	14.07
00680	– twenty patients	19.85	13.72
00681	– Greater than 20 patients (per patient)	19.20	13.26

NOTES:

i) A separate claim should be submitted for each patient.

ii) Where two co-therapists are involved in a group of eight (8) or more patients, the group should be divided for claims purposes, with each co-therapist claiming the appropriate rate per patient for the reduced group size. Each claim should indicate “co-therapy” and also identify the other co-therapist.

iii) Where a group psychotherapy session extends beyond two hours or involves more than twenty patients, a written explanation of need is required by the Plan.

iv) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

MISCELLANEOUS

00624	Clinical evaluation/interview of family member/close acquaintance/knowledgeable professional involved in the patient’s care - per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof	105.00	52.80

NOTES:

i) When not the direct interactive focus of the interview, the patient may be present (e.g.: child or geriatric patient).

ii) Payable in addition to other services when performed consecutively, not concurrently.

iii) Maximum of one hour (4 units) may be claimed per patient per day.

iv) This fee is payable when the interview occurs in person or by telephone.

v) Start and end times must be included in the time fields.

00641	Electroconvulsive therapy	187.00	89.17
00645	Patient Management Conference - meeting by specific appointment to discuss/plan patient management with third parties, including referring physicians or allied hospital staff (if an in-patient) or relatives, and/or community agency representatives/providers including psychologists, counsellors, case managers, home or specialty-care nurses, social workers or other medical specialists or family practitioners – per 15 minutes or major portion thereof	104.00	52.77

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Not to exceed a maximum of four hours per patient, per psychiatrist, per calendar year. ii) A written record of the meeting must be maintained and/or a report generated by the psychiatrist. iii) If multiple patients are discussed, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods. iv) Not payable unless the patient has been seen by the Psychiatrist in the preceding 180 days. v) Names and positions of other participants in the Patient Management Conference must be recorded in the patient's chart. vi) This fee is payable when the case conference occurs in person or by phone. vii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
A00643	Environmental intervention by the physician on a psychiatric patient's behalf with agencies, employers or institutions - per 1/2 hour	160.00	
A00644	Environmental intervention by the psychiatrist on a disturbed child's behalf with agencies, schools or institutions - per 1/2 hour	160.00	
A00655	Interpreting or explaining results of psychological psychiatric or other medical examinations and procedures to family or other responsible persons or advising them how to assist patient - per 1/2 hour	160.00	
96301	*Mental Health Act* second opinion, performed by specialist - first assessment	178.00	
96302	*Mental Health Act* second opinion, performed by specialist - follow-up	81.40	
96201	*Mental Health Act* second opinion, performed by general practitioner - first assessment or follow-up NOTE: Submit claims for 96301, 96302 and 96201 to MSP. Do not bill privately.	59.00	
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
	Full Telehealth Consultations		
60610	**Telehealth Individual Consultation:** Diagnostic interview or examination, including history, mental status exam and treatment recommendation, with written report	483.00	241.18
60613	Telehealth Geriatric consultation (patients 75 years or older)	738.00	364.75

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
60622	**Telehealth consultation:** Emotionally disturbed child: Diagnostic interview or examination, including mental status and treatment recommendation, assessment of parents, guardian or other relatives and written report	828.00	430.67
	Repeat or Limited Telehealth Consultations: Where a formal consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.		
60625	Telehealth–Individual consultation	242.00	127.83
60614	Telehealth–Geriatric consultation	411.00	182.38
60626	Telehealth–Emotionally disturbed child	420.00	215.32
	Telehealth Psychiatric Treatment		
60607	Telehealth office visit to include services such as chemotherapy management and/or minimal psychotherapy	117.00	54.21
60608	Telehealth hospital in-patient visit	115.00	54.21
	Individual Telehealth Psychiatric Treatment		
60630	– per 1/2 hour	231.00	107.42
60631	– per 3/4 hour	323.00	153.32
60632	– per 1 hour	413.00	194.70
	NOTE: Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
	Family/conjoint Telehealth Therapy: (two or more family members):		
60633	– per 1/2 hour	204.00	107.42
60635	– per 3/4 hour	302.00	153.32
60636	– per 1 hour	403.00	194.70
60638	– per 1 ¼ hour	441.00	253.15
60639	– per 1 ½ hour	523.00	303.78
	NOTES: i) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart. ii) A note record is required for sessions longer than one hour.		
	Telehealth—Miscellaneous		
60624	Telehealth clinical evaluation/interview of family member/close acquaintance/knowledgeable professional involved in the patient’s care - per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof	105.00	52.80

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) When not the direct interactive focus of the interview, the patient may be present (e.g.: child or geriatric patient).
ii) Payable in addition to other services when performed consecutively, not concurrently.
iii) Maximum of one hour (4 units) may be claimed per patient per day.
iv) This fee is payable when the interview occurs in person or by telephone.
v) Start and end times must be included in the time fields.

60645	Telehealth Patient Management Conference - meeting by specific appointment to discuss/plan patient management with third parties, including referring physicians or allied hospital staff (if an in-patient) or relatives, and/or community agency representatives/providers including psychologists, counsellors, case managers, home or specialty-care nurses, social workers or other medical specialists or family practitioners – per 15 minutes or major portion thereof.....	104.00	52.77

NOTES:
i) Not to exceed a maximum of four (4) hours per patient, per psychiatrist, per calendar year.
ii) A written record of the meeting must be maintained and/or a report generated by the psychiatrist.
iii) If multiple patients are discussed, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods.
iv) Not payable unless the patient has been seen by the Psychiatrist in the preceding 180 days.
v) Names and positions of other participants in the Patient Management Conference must be recorded in the patient’s chart.
vi) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

RESPIROLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
32010	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	570.00		225.91
32012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	287.00		119.23
32014	Prolonged visit for counselling (maximum four (4) per year applies to MSP and WSBC only) NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.	287.00		82.05
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
32006	Directive care	105.00		66.35
32007	Subsequent office visit	111.00		72.13
32008	Subsequent hospital visit	80.90		56.82
32005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums) NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	327.00		101.87
RESPIRATORY MEDICINE ASSESSMENT				
PG32011	Complex Respiratory Medicine Assessment, for patients with advanced multi-system disease, per 15 minutes or greater portion thereof	150.00		68.00

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Restricted to Respiratory Medicine specialists who provide care in the following clinics:
Adult Cystic Fibrosis: St. Paul's and Royal Jubilee Hospital
Interstitial Lung Disease: Vancouver General and Saint Paul's
Severe Asthma: Vancouver General, Saint Paul's and Surrey Memorial
Lung Transplant Clinic (includes pre and post lung transplant assessment)
Pulmonary Hypertension: Vancouver General and Saint Paul's.

ii) Maximum of 7 hours per day, per physician.

iii) When consult, repeat or limited consult or visit is charged in addition to G32011, for billing purposes, the consultation fee shall constitute the first ½ hour and the repeat or limited consult or visit will constitute the first 15 minutes of the time spent with the patient.

iv) Includes time spent in multidisciplinary case conferencing and teleconferencing with other health care providers and/or patients.

v) A written consultation report is required for each patient seen in the clinic.

vi) Start and end times must be included on claims.

vii) Paid to a maximum of one service per patient per visit.

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

32110	**Telehealth Consultation**: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report..	570.00		225.91
32112	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant that consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee.	287.00		119.23
32114	Telehealth prolonged visit for counselling (maximum four per year).....	287.00		82.05

NOTES:

i) See Preamble D. 3. 3.

ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
32106	Telehealth directive care	105.00		66.35
32107	Telehealth subsequent office visit	111.00		72.13
32108	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	80.90		56.82

PROCEDURES INVOLVING VISUALIZATION BY INSTRUMENTATION

S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscopy – procedural fee	288.00	4	117.42
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy – procedural fee	531.00	4	207.08
10700	Endobronchial cautery - extra	193.00	6	76.47

NOTES:
i) To a maximum of 3 lesions.
ii) Second and third lesion payable at 50%
iii) Payable only with S00700 or S00702 and 10702, 10703, S00736
iv) Not payable with 10739 or 02450

10702	Endobronchial cryotherapy - extra	193.00	6	76.47

NOTES:
i) To a maximum of 3 lesions
ii) Second and third lesion payable at 50%
iii) Payable only with S00700 or S00702 and 10700, P10703, S00736
iv) Not paid with 10739, 02450 and 02422

10703	Transbronchial Needle Aspiration (TBNA)	127.00	6	69.64

NOTES:
i) To a maximum of 3 separate stations or lesions
ii) Second and third station or lesion payable at 100%
iii) Payable with S00700, S00702 or 10739 and 10700, 10702, S00736
iv) Paid at 100% with other diagnostic procedures.

PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection on contrast material.

S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) – procedural fee (extra)	288.00	4	66.73
10739	Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS)	959.00	6	387.16

NOTES:
i) Not payable with S00700, S00702, 02450, 10700 or 10702
ii) Fee item 10703 an S00736 payable in addition

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES OR ENDOSCOPY				
S00818	Oesophageal pH study for reflux, extra – professional fee	177.00		40.82
S00817	– technical fee	54.40		12.44
	Polysomnogram			
	Overnight home oximetry (continuous recording of oxygen and pulse):			
S00910	– professional fee	114.00		27.90
S00911	– technical fee	60.40		15.62
	NOTE: Fee items S00910 and S00911 are limited to Category III pulmonary function diagnostic facilities and/or polysomnography diagnostic facilities with the established personnel qualifications for such facilities.			
S11915	Standard polysomnography – professional fee	448.00		167.40
S11916	Standard polysomnography – technical fee	1037.00		387.02
S11919	Multiple sleep latency test (MSLT) – professional fee	223.00		83.70
S11920	Multiple sleep latency test (MSLT) – technical fee	518.00		193.51
S11925	Four channel home polysomnography – Professional fee	210.00		83.61
S11926	Four channel home polysomnography – Technical fee	210.00		83.86
PULMONARY INVESTIGATIVE AND FUNCTION STUDIES				
	Diagnostic Procedures			
S00928	Peak expiratory flow rate with FVC, FEV(i) and FEV(i)/FVC ratio using a portable apparatus - without bronchodilators	55.30		12.77
S00929	Peak expiratory flow rate before and after bronchodilators	82.90		18.90
S00931	Lung volumes - all subdivision of lung volume, to include vital capacity plus measurement of FRC and residual volume – professional fee	63.40		14.18
S00932	– technical fee	63.40		14.18
S00933	Spirometry - forced expiratory spirogram to include FVC, FEV(i), FEV/FVC ratio MMEFR, etc. - without bronchodilators – professional fee	49.15		11.61
S00934	– technical fee	49.15		11.11
S00935	– before and after bronchodilators – professional fee	55.30		13.27
S00936	– technical fee	63.40		14.18
S00937	Spirometry - flow volume loops - without bronchodilators – professional fee	49.15		11.61

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S00938	– technical fee	82.90		18.20
S00940	– before and after bronchodilators – professional fee	63.40		14.68
S00941	– technical fee	119.00		26.92
S00942	Diffusion studies with carbon monoxide - at rest or exercise – professional fee	67.10		15.11
S00943	– technical fee	39.90		12.87
	Detailed Pulmonary Function Studies			
S00945	– professional fee (includes S00931, S00935 and S00942)	185.00		42.06
S00946	– technical fee (includes S00932, S00936 and S00943)	176.00		40.29
	NOTE: Fee Items S00931 - S00936, S00942, S00943 will be paid at 100%.			
	Exercise Studies			
	NOTE: No more than one exercise study item may be billed for a single patient on any one day without written explanation.			
S00950	Progressive exercise test with at least three workloads, measuring ventilation and electro-cardiographic monitoring – professional fee	96.40		22.10
S00951	– technical fee	145.00		32.59
S00954	Exercise in a steady state at two or more workloads with measurements of ventilation, O_2 and CO_2 exchange, and electro-cardiographic monitoring – professional fee	355.00		91.95
S00955	– technical fee	228.00		59.06
S00956	Exercise in a steady state at two or more workloads with measurements of ventilation, O_2 and CO_2 exchange, electrocardiographic monitoring, arterial blood gases, measurement of Aa gradients and physiological dead space – professional fee	424.00		109.46
S00957	– technical fee	300.00		70.32
	Miscellaneous Pulmonary Tests			
S11960	Oximetry at rest, with or without oxygen – professional fee	18.25		4.72
S11961	– technical fee	19.65		5.10
S11962	Oximetry at rest and exercise, with or without oxygen – professional fee	39.40		10.21
S11963	– technical fee	61.70		15.94

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Sputum induction for the assessment of inflammatory cells, preparation & staining of sputum, for patients 12+ years:			
SY11964	– professional fee	37.65		20.57
SY11965	– technical fee	160.00		44.36
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Respirologists. ii) Maximum of one assessment per patient per day. iii) Annual maximum four per year. Two additional tests will be considered if accompanied by a note record. iv) Not payable in addition to bronchoscopy 00700, 00702.			
S00964	Plethysmography and airway resistance – professional fee	57.40		13.47
S00965	– technical fee	119.00		26.92
S00968	Inhalation challenge - assessed by serial flow measurements, per day – professional fee	159.00		36.41
S00969	– technical fee	159.00		36.41
S00972	CO_2/O_2 responsiveness of respiratory centres by steady state test or rebreathing test – professional fee	82.90		18.20
S00973	– technical fee	49.15		11.11
S00974	Inspiratory and expiratory muscle strength – professional fee	47.75		12.25
S00975	– technical fee	47.75		12.72
	Miscellaneous			
10320	Insertion of permanent pleural drainage catheter	543.00	5	231.19
	NOTES: i) Not to be billed for simple thoracocentesis or placement of a temporary pigtail drainage catheter. ii) Not paid with S32031, 00749, 00759, 07924 and 08646.			
10321	Removal permanent pleural drainage catheter	287.00	2	68.71
	NOTE: Not paid with S32031, 00749, 07924 and 08646.			
S32031	Closed drainage of chest (operation only)	428.00	4	136.94

RHEUMATOLOGY

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES			
31010	**Consultation**: To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, and additional visits necessary to render a written report	416.00	210.32
31012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation**: Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	279.00	120.96
31014	Prolonged visit for counseling (maximum, four (4) per year)	209.00	49.06
	NOTES: i) See Preamble D. 3. 3. ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.		
PG31050	Extended Consultation – exceeding 53 minutes (actual physician time spent with patient). To consist of examination, review of history, laboratory, x-ray findings, necessary to initiate care.	671.00	270.47
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Rheumatology. ii) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. Paid with the following diagnostic codes: a. Diffuse Diseases of Connective Tissue (710), Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (710.0), Systemic Sclerosis (710.1), Sicca Syndrome (710.2), Dermatomyositis (710.3), Polymyositis (710.4), Other (710.8), Unspecified (710.9);		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

b. Rheumatoid Arthritis and other Inflammatory Polyarthropathies (714), Rheumatoid Arthritis (714.0), Felty's Syndrome (714.1), Other Rheumatoid Arthritis with Visceral or Systemic Involvement (714.2), Juvenile Chronic Polyarthritis (714.3), Chronic Postrheumatic Arthropathy (714.4), other (714.8), Unspecified (714.9);

c. Polyarteritis Nodosa and Allied Conditions (446), Polyarteritis Nodosa (446.0), Acute Febrile Mucocutaneous Lymphnode Syndrome (MCLS) (446.1), Hypersensitivity Angiitis (446.2), Lethal Midline Granuloma (446.3), Wegener's Granulomatosis (446.4), Giant Cell Arteritis (446.5), Thrombotic Microangiopathy (446.6), Takayasu Disease (446.7);

d. Ankylosing Spondylitis and Other Inflammatory Spondylopathies (720), Ankylosing Spondylitis (720.0), Spinal Enthesopathy (720.1), Sacroiliitis, not Elsewhere Classified (720.2), Other Inflammatory Spondylopathies (720.8), Unspecified Inflammatory Spondylopathy (720.9);

e. Psoriasis and Similar Disorders (696), Psoriatric Arthropathy (696.0), other Psoriasis (696.1), Parapsoriasis (696.2), Pityriasis rosea (696.3), Pityriasis Rubra Pilaris (696.4), Other Unspecified Pityriasis (696.5), Other (696.8).

f. Arthropathy associated with infections (711)

g. Polymalgia rheumatic (725)

iii) Paid to a maximum of one per patient within six months of the last visit.

iv) Not paid in addition to 31010, 31012, 31006, 31007, 31008, 31110, 31112, 31106, 31107 or 31108.

v) Start and end times must be recorded on claim and in the patient's chart.

vi) Not paid when there is no change in condition from previous assessment.

31015	Rheumatology Management of Complex Joint(s) requiring Aspiration and/or Injection	63.70	25.29

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Rheumatologists.
ii) For patients with severe degenerative diseases or inflammatory diseases, rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis. It is not intended for disorders such as bursitis/tendonitis or soft tissue injections.
iii) Maximum of one service per patient, per day.
iv) Maximum of four services per patient, per calendar year.

Continuing Care by Consultant:

31006	Directive care	123.00	104.90
31007	Subsequent office visit	107.00	87.40
31008	Subsequent hospital visit	58.50	51.57
31005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premium) Note: Claim must state time service rendered.	235.00	97.21

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

31110	**Telehealth Consultation:** To consist of an examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings and additional visits necessary to render a written report.	416.00	210.32
31112	**Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative services do not warrant a full consultative fee	279.00	120.96
31106	Telehealth directive care	123.00	104.90
31107	Telehealth subsequent office visit	114.00	87.40
31108	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	58.50	51.57

MISCELLANEOUS

PG31055	Rheumatology Immunosuppressant Review	102.00	30.00

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Rheumatology.
ii) Applicable only to patients with chronic systemic inflammatory diseases requiring aggressive immunosuppression.
iii) Applicable only to patients prescribed immunosuppressant medication.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Not applicable for patients prescribed hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine, or anti-inflammatories. v) Annual maximum – one per patient. vi) Immunosuppressant tool must be recorded in patient's chart.		
PG31060	Multidisciplinary Conference for community-based patients. To consist of assessment, written treatment plan and any other counselling the patient needs for management of their particular diagnosis.....	560.00	225.96
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Rheumatology. ii) For the ongoing management of complex disorders of the musculoskeletal system, where the complexity of the condition requires the continuing management by a rheumatologist. It is not intended for the evaluation and/or management of uncomplicated rheumatologic disorders (e.g.: routine osteoarthritis, bursitis/tendonitis). iii) Only paid when a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse is present. iv) Applicable to patients with rheumatoid arthritis diagnoses or similar inflammatory disease. v) Maximum one per patient in a 6 month period. vi) Not paid in addition to 31010, 31012, 31007 or G31050. vii) Not paid if a consultation has been paid within 3 months prior by the same practitioner.		

UROLOGY

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PREAMBLE

In cases where conversion to open is necessary, bill the appropriate open fee, plus 50% of 04001.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES				
	NOTE: Consultation and office visit include aspiration of hydrocele/spermatocele, and prostatic massage if required.			
08010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report	324.00		89.01
08012	**Repeat or limited consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	185.00		50.66
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
08007	Subsequent office visit	130.00		35.53
08008	Subsequent hospital visit.....	157.00		42.86
08009	Subsequent home visit	218.00		59.66
08005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums) ..... NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	447.00		122.90
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient				
08070	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report. ...	324.00		89.01
08072	Telehealth repeat or limited consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for the same condition within six months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	185.00		50.66
08077	Telehealth subsequent office visit	130.00		35.53

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
08078	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	157.00		42.86

KIDNEY AND PERINEPHRIUM

08100	Drainage of perinephric abscess	1760.00	5	484.34
08117	Nephrolithotomy and/or pyelolithotomy	2754.00	5	758.42
08118	Nephrolithotomy or pyelolithotomy with x-ray control with or without nephroscopy	2544.00	5	768.15
08119	Nephrolithotomy or pyelolithotomy with renal cooling, with or without x-ray control, with or without nephroscopy	2685.00	6	739.23
08104	Partial nephrectomy	4907.00	5	1350.91
08105	Nephrectomy	4536.00	5	1248.95
08106	– ectopic kidney	3182.00	5	875.87
08108	– thoraco-abdominal	4814.00	8	1325.42
08109	– radical with gland dissection	4628.00	6	1274.43
C81104	Laparoscopic partial nephrectomy for suspected renal malignancy, with or without ipsilateral adrenalectomy, includes excision of perinephric fat. .. NOTE: Restricted to Urologists.	7082.00	5	1950.06
C81105	Laparoscopic radical nephrectomy for suspected renal malignancy, with or without ipsilateral adrenalectomy, includes excision of perinephric fat. .. NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists. ii) Not paid with open nephrectomy fee items (08105, 08106, 08108, 08109).	5554.00	7	1529.46
08110	Nephro-ureterectomy to include bladder cuff	5463.00	6	1503.98
C81110	Laparoscopic nephroureterectomy (including excision of bladder cuff) NOTE: Not paid with 08105, 08106, 08109, 08110, C81104, C81105.	6827.00	6	1879.95
08112	Open renal biopsy (as independent procedure)	1149.00	5	316.22
08113	Symphysiotomy and nephropexy or nephrectomy in horseshoe kidney	1579.00	5	434.81
08114	Pyeloplasty including management of aberrant vessels and nephropexy	3147.00	5	866.47
C81114	Laparoscopic pyeloplasty, with or without insertion of ureteral stent, includes management of aberrant vessels and nephropexy, cystoscopy or retrograde pyelogram. NOTES: i) Includes nephrolithotomy (08117) if done at same time.	4743.00	7	1352.04

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	ii) Fee item 08155 paid at 75% when retrograde approach is required. iii) Not paid with open pyeloplasty (08114). iv) Repeat pyeloplasty within three months is included in the original fee.			
08116	Ruptured or lacerated kidney - repair or removal	4592.00	6	1264.25
S08123	Extra-corporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) (operation only)	809.00	4	222.55

ENDOUROLOGY

S08146	Ureteroscopy and basket manipulation of ureteral calculus with or without lithopaxy (operation only)	1867.00	3	513.90
S08155	Insertion of internal ureteral stent to include C&P and ureteroscopy (operation only) NOTE: Additional stents to be paid at 50%.	468.00	3	128.46
08168	Nephroscopy and stone removal - to include lithopaxy (operation only) NOTE: Not payable in addition to 00800.	2249.00	4	618.92
PS08185	Endoscopic Treatment of upper Tract Transitional Cell Carcinoma NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists. ii) Includes fee items 00704, 00800, 08146 and 08155. iii) Not payable with 08168, 08117, 08118 and 08119.	3269.00	6	900.00

URETER

S08145	Subureteric endoscopic injection for vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) NOTES: i) Includes cystoscopy. ii) Includes injection of one or both ureters, whether done at the same time or on two separate days. iii) Maximum of 3 injections per lifetime.	647.00	2	177.87
08147	Ureterotomy - ureteral lithotomy - upper and lower	1489.00	5	409.61
08151	Ureterotomy or removal of stump	1928.00	5	530.87
08152	Uretero-vesical reanastomosis - unilateral	3147.00	5	866.47
08148	– bilateral	3674.00	5	1011.34
08153	Unilateral ureteral tailoring - extra to 08152 or 08148	845.00	5	232.58
08154	Bilateral ureteral tailoring - extra to 08148	1195.00	5	328.66
08156	Uretero - ureterostomy	2408.00	5	662.77
08157	Uretero-cutaneous-anastomosis - unilateral	1338.00	5	368.09
08158	Ureteral sigmoid anastomosis - bilateral	2297.00	5	632.05

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
08159	Ureterolysis	2001.00	5	550.61
08160	Reconstruction lower segment ureter by bladder flap	3333.00	5	917.67
08161	Transurethral manipulation of ureteral calculus with recovery of calculus	790.00	3	217.40
08163	Ureterovesical anastomosis in the presence of ureterocele or ureteral duplication	2847.00	5	783.72

URINARY DIVERSION AND CYSTECTOMY

08170	Preparation of intestinal segment and reanastomosis.	1874.00	5	515.76
08174	– and ureteral transplantation (same surgeon)	3857.00	6	1061.94
08177	Cystectomy and ileal loop diversion (includes preparation of intestinal segment and ureteral transplantation - same surgeon)	5925.00	6	1985.38
08178	Radical cystectomy and ileal loop urinary diversion (to include preparation of intestinal segment and ureteral transplantation - same surgeon)	7406.00	7	2391.99
08184	Cystectomy (isolated procedure), with or without urethrectomy	2020.00	6	1212.48
08173	Radical cystectomy with pelvic lymphadenectomy (isolated procedure)	4040.00	7	1906.51
08181	Bladder augmentation with bowel segment	4408.00	5	1213.49
08182	Continent urinary diversion	4307.00	6	1481.31
	NOTE: When a second urologist with expertise in continent diversion performs the continent urinary diversion, both surgeons shall be paid in full.			
08183	Radical cystectomy and continent urinary diversion (includes preparation of intestinal segment and ureteral transplantation - same surgeon)	9367.00	7	2790.74

BLADDER

S08200	Bladder fulguration with cystoscopy	575.00	2	158.13
08201	Cystostomy (isolated procedure)	801.00	2	220.24
S08202	– by trochar (isolated procedure) - operation only	371.00	2	101.96
08203	Cystolithotomy	1111.00	2	305.89
08204	Cystectomy - partial for tumour or diverticulum	2120.00	5	711.34
PS08205	Intravesical botulinum toxin injection(s)	1035.00	2	285.00
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists and approved Urogynecologists. ii) To a maximum of 3 services per patient per year. iii) Includes fee items 00704, 00705, 08232 and 08200.			
08207	Ruptured bladder repair	2592.00	5	713.74

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
08255	Closure of fistula - suprapubic, vesico-vaginal, vesico-rectal or vesico-sigmoid	2592.00	5	713.74
	Endoscopy:			
S08250	Transurethral resection of bladder or urethral tumour and adjacent muscle and electro-coagulation as necessary	1169.00	3	321.78
S08251	Transurethral resection bladder neck, female	625.00	3	201.30
S08257	Transurethral removal of foreign body (excluding ureteric stents) NOTE: Removal of ureteric stents is paid under fee item S00704.	883.00	3	242.75
S08256	Transurethral resection of external urinary sphincter	1010.00	3	278.07
08253	Y-V vesical neck plasty	1249.00	4	343.81
S08254	Litholapaxy and removal of fragments	1019.00	2	280.41

URETHRA

S08232	Periurethral collagen injections NOTES: Includes cystoscopy. i) Applicable for females only. ii) Additional training at recognized centre required.	647.00	2	187.30
S08260	Urethrotomy, external or internal	745.00	2	204.95
S08261	Urethrostomy	808.00	2	251.70
S08262	Meatotomy and plastic repair - operation only	280.00	2	106.37
08263	Urethrectomy - total	1287.00	3	353.96
S08264	Stricture of urethra - office dilation - operation only	72.50		19.77
S08265	Stricture of urethra - dilation in hospital (isolated procedure) - with or without anesthesia - operation only	144.00	2	49.38
08266	– first stage plastic repair (excluding urethrostomy)	3889.00	3	1070.62
08259	– first stage plastic repair requiring pedicle graft	3703.00	3	1019.64
08267	– second stage plastic repair (excluding urethrostomy)	3703.00	3	1019.64
81159	Buccal mucosa graft harvest, extra NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists. ii) Paid only with fee item 08259 (stricture of urethra first stage plastic repair).	834.00		229.42
08268	Urethral diverticulectomy, male or female	1593.00	2	467.02
S08269	TUR posterior urethral valves	1286.00	2	353.92
08283	Retropubic or transvaginal tape (TVT) or transobturator tape (TOT) operation for urinary incontinence	1207.00	4	332.03

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
C81153	Male suburethral sling, including cystoscopy	2592.00	4	713.74
	NOTES: i) Daily maximum is one per patient. ii) Repeats within 30 days are paid at 50%. A note record is required.			
81154	Transection or removal of sub-urethral mesh sling	1523.00	4	510.47
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Urology specialists. ii) Fee items 00704, 00705 or 08232 not paid in addition.			
PS08271	Catheterization, complex-male patient (operation only)	741.00		203.93
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists and General Surgeons. ii) Procedure must involve the use of Filiforms and Followers, or introducers (stylet or catheter guide). iii) Not paid in addition to the critical care fees, or diagnostic urological procedures (e.g.: voiding cystourethrogram).			
08272	Urethral fistula (penile excision)	1111.00	2	305.89
08274	Hypospadias (excluding urethrostomy) - 1st stage chordee	1359.00	2	374.14
08275	– 2nd stage (penile)	1746.00	2	480.35
08276	– penoscrotal	3674.00	2	1011.46
08277	– epispadias plastic repair	2388.00	2	657.31
08278	Suprapubic cystostomy and primary repair of urethra.	1149.00	3	316.22
S08282	Excision prolapse of urethra or caruncle (includes cystoscopy) - operation only	432.00	2	168.07

PENIS

08300	Priapism - sapheno-cavernous shunt.....	1889.00	2	569.16
S08301	Dorsal slit (isolated procedure) - operation only.....	280.00	2	76.69
S08312	Circumcision (excluding clamp or bell technique) - operation only	698.00	2	204.77
	NOTE: Routine circumcision of the newborn for non-medical reasons is not a benefit under MSP.			
08305	Simple amputation of penis.....	1593.00	2	462.03
08299	Radical amputation of penis.....	2205.00	2	606.84
08306	Clitoral recession	920.00	2	252.82
08309	Excision of femoral and inguinal glands, with or without iliac glands - bilateral	4814.00	4	1325.53
08308	– unilateral	3333.00	4	917.67

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
08307	Excision of Peyronie's plaque, with replacement graft (tissue or synthetic)	2267.00	2	796.60
08296	Insertion of semi-rigid or self-contained inflatable prosthesis following traumatic or surgical injury	2222.00	3	611.78
08363	Revision of penile prosthesis (includes removal, correction of any mechanical failure, and replacement)	3133.00	3	862.64
	NOTE: 08296, 08363, in cases where impotence is not the direct result of surgery or trauma, prior authorization should be obtained from MSP.			
08297	Deep dissection of inter-crural region with ligation of deep dorsal and cavernosal veins, with or without ligation of crural veins (venous ligation for impotence)	1470.00	2	404.57
	NOTE: Must be preceded by colour flow Doppler or duplex sonogram.			

PROSTATE

Only one prostatectomy fee item is payable per date of service.

Item	Prostatectomy (including meatoplasty, dorsal slit, urethral dilation, panendoscopy, cystoscopy, retrograde pyelography, vasectomy or bladder neck surgery done while patient is under anesthetic for the prostatectomy):			
08311	- perineal, suprapubic, retropubic and transurethral approaches	1725.00	5	474.92
08314	– radical perineal retropubic prostateseminal vesiculectomy	4722.00	7	1380.84
	NOTE: No charge for repeat prostatectomies done within a period of three (3) months by the same operator, except where radical prostatectomy is required subsequently for cancer.			
08318	– radical to include lymphadenectomy	5000.00	7	1410.23
C81305	Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy	7555.00	7	2080.06
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Urologists. ii) Not paid for repeat prostatectomies done within a period of three months by the same operator, except where radical prostatectomy is subsequently required for cancer.			
C81310	Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy, with pelvic lymph node dissection (PLND)	8702.00	7	2396.16
	NOTE: Restricted to Urologists			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
S81311	Holmium laser enucleation of prostate (HoLEP)	3446.00	5	948.67
	NOTES: i) For bladder outlet obstruction secondary to benign prostate hypertrophy. ii) For prostates larger than 60 grams. iii) Holmium laser only (not intended for KTP a.k.a. green light). iv) Under the same anesthetic, includes meatotomy (S08262), dorsal slit (S08301), urethral dilation (08264, 08265), cystoscopy and panendoscopy (00704), retrograde pyelogram (08593), vasectomy (08345), and transurethral resection of bladder or urethral tumour and adjacent muscle and electrocoagulation (08250). v) Fee item 08254 will be paid at 50% when done with HoLEP.			
S08319	Balloon dilation of prostate (includes cystoscopy).....	827.00	2	227.26
08317	Anti-incontinence procedure (artificial urinary sphincter)	2801.00	4	771.28

TESTIS

S08329	Simple orchidectomy - operation only	804.00	2	242.52
08330	Orchidectomy via inguinal approach	1242.00	2	341.58
	NOTE: Includes excision of spermatic cord to level of internal inguinal ring.			
08322	Orchidopexy - one or two stages	1415.00	2	389.50
S08323	Exploration of scrotal contents - unilateral - operation only	741.00	2	223.25
08324	Exploration of undescended testicle, without orchidopexy.....	862.00	2	237.17
08328	Recurrent undescended testis	1379.00	2	379.23
S08325	Reduction of torsion of testis and spermatic cord, repair - bilateral	1482.00	2	407.86
08326	Ruptured testicle - repair.....	1011.00	2	406.85
S08327	Biopsy of testis.....	371.00	2	151.50
08349	Retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy for carcinoma of testis.....	7406.00	4	2039.27
08354	Retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy for carcinoma of testis, post chemotherapy node dissection only.....	8425.00	4	2319.68

EPIDIDYMIS

S08340	Abscess, incision, complete care - operation only	649.00	2	195.36
S08341	Spermatocele or hydrocele - excision	904.00	2	252.90
08342	Epididymectomy - unilateral.....	927.00	2	279.07

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
SA08343	Epididymovasostomy or re-anastomosis of vas - unilateral NOTE: MSP will pay only when a previous vasectomy has not been performed.	3570.00	2	778.03
S08345	Vasectomy - bilateral - operation only	370.00	2	101.51
S08344	Vas cannulation - unilateral or bilateral	461.00	2	126.41
08346	Varicocele - resection	1065.00	2	392.06
08347	Avulsion of penile skin and scrotum - repair	1149.00	2	365.11
08350	Urethro-vesical neck plasty for congenital incontinence	1723.00	4	517.76
08353	Plastic repair of exstrophy and plastic repair of bladder with skin	2297.00	5	689.95

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

08399	Doppler evaluation of penile blood flow wave from evaluation of dorsal and cavernosal arteries. (Blood pressure recordings and calculation of penile brachial index.)	173.00		47.43

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

Preamble: Real-time Ultrasound Fees may only be claimed for studies performed when a physician is on site in the diagnostic facility for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound supervision.

S00866	Dynamic cavernosometry and cavernosography NOTE: Includes interpretation of x-ray is included in technical portion and is not billable in addition to procedure.	288.00	2	79.05

MISCELLANEOUS

Surgical Assistance

81194	First Surgical Assist of the Day - Urology NOTES: i) Restricted to Urology Surgeons ii) Maximum of one per day per physician, payable in addition to 00195, 00196, 00197.	279.00		76.47

VASCULAR SURGERY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

Note: Asterisk Items (*) operation only – refer to the Orthopaedic Preamble 1.

Preamble

Complete understanding of the following paragraphs is essential to appropriate billing of the Vascular Surgery fees. These definitions should be interpreted with reference to the General Preamble.

Definitions

Preparation of the operative site

All pre-operative steps involved in reducing the risk of surgical site infection including: the administration of systemic antimicrobial therapy, hair removal with the use of clippers, reducing the endogenous microbial flora at a planned surgical incision site by the application of antiseptic solution, and the draping of the surgical field to minimize operative site contact.

Multiple Surgical Procedures (from General Preamble)

D. 5. 3. Multiple Surgical Procedures

i) When two or more similar procedures (including bilateral procedures) are performed under the same anesthetic, or when two or more procedures are performed in the same general area, whether through the same incision, an extension of that incision or through separate incisions, the procedure with the greater listed fee may be claimed in full and the fees for the additional procedure are reduced to 50 percent, unless otherwise indicated by the Schedule. However, additional incidental surgery performed en passant (i.e. surgery which would not have been performed in the absence of the primary procedure, such as an appendectomy during abdominal surgery, or incidental cystectomy during gynecological surgery) is considered to be included in the fee for the planned procedure and may not be charged.

Open surgical procedures are defined as:

All open surgical procedures required in optimizing perfusion and maximizing durability of the operation. Additional open surgical procedures are not considered preparation of the operative site. Additional open surgical procedures accompanying the first open surgical procedure will be limited to one per anatomically named vessel despite vessel continuity in series or in parallel.

Hybrid vascular surgery (open combined with endovascular procedures)

Open surgical procedures are considered separate billable procedures from endovascular procedures in the context of hybrid revascularization. The initial open procedures with the greater fee may be claimed in full and additional open surgical procedures are reduced to 50%. Additional endovascular procedures are billed at 50% of the listed fee for the first and 25% of the listed fee for the second. To a maximum of two angioplasties (77113, 77114) and/or two stents (10919).

Example:
In cases of combined endovascular procedures involving 77113 and 77114, the higher 77113 fee may be claimed in full and the lower 77114 fee is reduced to 50%.

When combined with open vascular procedures in the setting of hybrid revascularization, any subsequent 77113 or 77114 angioplasty and 10919 intraoperative stenting is to be paid at 50% for the first additional and 25% for the second additional anatomical named vessel to a maximum of two additional 77113 or 77114 and two additional 10919 per operation.

One or more angioplasty 77113 or 77114 or stent 10919 per anatomical named vessel will be considered as one angioplasty and stent of that anatomical named vessel despite vessel continuity in series or in parallel with other vessels requiring intervention.

The fee code includes any and all diagnostic imaging required to complete the procedure.

Endovascular surgery

When angioplasty 77113 or 77114 is performed as isolated endovascular procedure (not in combination with open surgery), multiple angioplasties done during the same procedure on different anatomical named vessels are paid as follows: the first is paid at 100%, the second at 50%, the third at 25% to a maximum of 3 endovascular interventions. Simultaneous stenting 10919 on differing anatomical named vessels is to be paid: the first at 100%, the second at 50%, and the third at 25% to a maximum of 3 stents.

One or more angioplasty 77113 or 77114 or stent 10919 per anatomical named vessel will be considered as one angioplasty and stent of that anatomical named vessel despite vessel continuity in series or in parallel with other vessels requiring intervention.

The fee code includes any and all diagnostic imaging required to complete the procedure.

Intraoperative open or percutaneous tibial artery angioplasty 77113 anatomical named vessels

Refers to the following four anatomical named vessels:
Anterior tibial artery
Posterior tibial artery
Peroneal artery
Tibioperoneal trunk

Intraoperative open or percutaneous angioplasty 77114 anatomical named vessels

Refers to angioplasty of the following anatomical named vessels with the exception of the 77113 named vessels as defined above.

Upper extremity vessels
Right brachial artery
Right radial artery
Right ulnar artery
Left brachial artery
Left radial artery
Left ulnar artery

Lower extremity vessels
Right common femoral artery
Right superficial femoral artery
Right profunda femoral artery
Right popliteal artery
Left common femoral artery
Left superficial femoral artery
Left profunda femoral artery
Left popliteal artery

Intra abdominal vessels
Abdominal aorta
Celiac axis
Hepatic artery
Splenic artery
Superior mesenteric artery
Inferior mesenteric artery
Right common iliac artery
Right external iliac artery
Right internal iliac artery
Left common iliac artery
Left external iliac artery
Left internal iliac artery
Right renal artery
Left renal artery

Thoracic vessels
Ascending thoracic aorta
Transverse thoracic aorta
Descending thoracic aorta
Brachiocephalic artery
Right common carotid artery
Right subclavian artery
Right vertebral artery
Left common carotid artery
Left subclavian artery

Left vertebral artery

Cervical vessels
Right common carotid artery
Right internal carotid artery
Right external carotid artery
Left common carotid artery
Left internal carotid artery
Left external carotid artery

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
REFERRED CASES (CONSULTATIONS OR VISITS)				
77010	**Consultation:** To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report.	339.00		136.64
77012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	159.00		70.97
77015	Pre-Operative Assessment	341.00		136.64
	NOTES: i) To be billed when a patient is transferred from one surgeon to another for surgery due to external circumstances. ii) Service to include a review of the medical records, performance of an appropriate physical exam, provide a written opinion, and obtain an informed consent. iii) Not payable to any physician who has billed a consult within 6 months prior for the same condition. iv) Maximum of one pre-operative assessment per patient per procedure. v) Only paid to the surgeon who performs the procedure.			
	Continuing Care by Consultant:			
77007	Subsequent office visit	66.90		25.96
77008	Subsequent hospital visit	57.30		22.17
77009	Subsequent home visit	117.00		44.63

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
77005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour premiums nor within 10 post-operative days from a surgical procedure) ..... NOTE: Claim must state time service rendered.	235.00		89.07
77006	Directive care in emergent surgical conditions, per visit..... NOTE: Fee item 77006 charged only where no other consultant is involved in directive care of this emergent condition. Use only where further resuscitation and assessment is medically required in preparation for surgery.	66.00		24.25
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient:			
77710	**Telehealth Consultation**: to include complete history and physical examination, review of X-ray and laboratory findings, if required, and a written report	339.00		136.64
77712	**Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation:** to apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within 6 months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgement of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.	173.00		70.97
77707	Telehealth subsequent office visit	66.90		25.96
77708	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	57.30		22.17

EMERGENCY CARE

1. 00081 is to be used for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of a critically ill patient who requires constant bedside care by the physician.
2. A critically ill patient may be defined as a patient with an immediately life threatening illness/injury associated with any of the following conditions (which are given as examples):
   (a) Cardiac Arrest;
   (b) Multiple Trauma;
   (c) Acute Respiratory Failure;
   (d) Coma;
   (e) Shock ;
   (f) Cardiac Arrhythmia with hemodynamic compromise;
   (g) Hypothermia; and
   (h) Other immediate life threatening situations.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	3. 00081 includes the following procedure items where required: defibrillation, cardioversion, peripheral intravenous lines, arterial blood gases, neogastric tubes with or without lavage and urinary catheters, intubation (as part of a cardiac arrest).			
	4. 00081 includes the time required for the use and monitoring by the physicians of pharmacologic agents such as inotropic or thrombolytic drugs.			
	5. All other procedural fee items not specifically listed in #3 above are not included in 00081. Below are listed some of the procedures that are not included and which, therefore, may be billed in addition when rendered. (NOTE: The time required for these procedures should be noted with the claim and deducted from the 00081 time):			
	(a) Endotracheal intubation as a separate entity, i.e. not part of a cardiac arrest or followed by an anesthetic			
	(b) Cricothyroidotomy			
	(c) Venous cutdown			
	(d) Arterial catheter			
	(e) Diagnostic peritoneal lavage			
	(f) Chest tube insertion			
	(g) Pacemaker insertion			
	6. 00081 is not intended for standby time such as waiting for laboratory results, or simple monitoring of the patient.			
	7. When a consultation fee is charged in addition to 00081, for billing purposes the consultation fee shall constitute the first half hour of the time spent with the patient.			
	8. When surgery is performed by the same doctor after prolonged emergency care, the surgical fee may be charged in addition to the appropriate emergency care fee.			
	9. When a second or third physician becomes involved in the emergency care of an acutely ill patient requiring continuous bedside care, item 00081 is applicable just as it is to the attending physician who is first on the scene.			
00081	Emergency care, per half hour or major portion thereof..	314.00		105.79
00082	Monitoring of critically ill patients (when modification of the care and active intervention is not necessary), per half hour or major portion thereof.....	156.00		63.47

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

OUT-OF-OFFICE HOURS PREMIUMS

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Explanatory Notes in the Out-of-Office Hours Premiums section of the Fee Guide.

CALL-OUT CHARGES

	Extra to consultation or other visits or to procedure if no consultation or other visits charged.			
01200	Evening (call placed between 1800 hours and 2300 hours and service rendered between 1800 hours and 0800 hours)	147.00		72.17
01201	Night (call placed and service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours)	206.00		101.35
01202	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (call placed between 0800 hours and 2300 hours)	147.00		72.17
	NOTE: Claims must state time service rendered.			

CONTINUING CARE SURCHARGES

a) **NON-OPERATIVE**

Applicable when an out-of-office hours call-out charge is applicable or when specially called for an emergency. Timing begins after the first 30 minutes for consultations, visits or anesthetic evaluations. Payment is based on one half hour of care or major portion thereof. Therefore, the first surcharge is billable after 45 minutes of continuous care. Applicable also, without the 30 minute time lapse and with timing continuing, to immediately subsequent patients seen on the same callout, under the following conditions:

i) As an emergency;
ii) To provide "top-ups" under fee item 01103 or for obstetrical epidural anesthesia; and
iii) To provide subsequent resuscitative care under fee code 01088.

Surcharges do not apply to time spent standing by and are based on the amount of time providing care, regardless of the number of patients attended or services provided.

01205	Evening (service rendered between 1800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	135.00		66.36
01206	Night (service rendered between 2300 hours and 0800 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	185.00		90.73

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
01207	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (Service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours) - per half hour or major part thereof	135.00		66.36
	NOTES: i) Claim must state start and end times. ii) Where timing is continuous, submit an account for each patient, indicating **"CCFPP"** (continuing care from previous patient). iii) Not applicable to full- or part-time emergency physicians or to on-site practitioners providing coverage in drop-in emergency clinics or hospital emergency rooms.			
	b) **OPERATIVE** Applicable only to emergency surgery or to elective surgery which, because of intervening emergency surgery, commences within the designated times. Applicable only to surgical procedure(s) requiring general, spinal or epidural anesthesia and/or requiring at least 45 minutes of surgical time.			
01210	Evening (1800 hours to 2300 hours) – 44.46% of surgical (or assistant) fee:			
	– minimum charge	131.00		64.32
	– maximum charge	905.00		443.67
01211	Night (2300 hours to 0800 hours) – 71.37% of surgical (or assistant) fee:			
	– minimum charge	185.00		90.32
	– maximum charge	1271.00		623.05
01212	Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (Service rendered between 0800 hours and 2300 hours) – 44.46% of surgical (or assistant) fee:			
	– minimum charge	131.00		64.32
	– maximum charge	905.00		443.67
	NOTES: i) The appropriate item for billing is determined by the period in which the major portion of the surgical time is spent. ii) State time surgery commenced.			

SURGICAL ASSISTANT OR SECOND OPERATOR

Total Operative Fee(s) for Procedures:

00195	Less than $317.00 inclusive	339.00		134.22
00196	$317.01 - $529.00 inclusive	477.00		189.24
00197	Over $529.00	624.00		260.35

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
00198	Time, after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof.....	71.30		28.52
	NOTES: i) In those rare situations where an assistant is required for minor surgery a detailed explanation of need must accompany the account to the Plan. ii) Where an assistant at surgery assists at two operations in different areas performed by the same or different surgeon(s) under one anesthetic, he/she may charge a separate assistant fee for each operation, except for bilateral procedures, procedures within the same body cavity or procedures on the same limb.			
70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour.....	1048.00		256.63
	NOTE: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.			
70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof.....	119.00		32.23
	NOTES: i) After 3 hours of continual surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof). ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.			

SECOND OPERATOR

77025	Second operator, synchronous combined bypass graft - extremities - operation only.....	848.00		300.19
77030	– trunk.....	848.00		300.19
	NOTE: Items 77025 and 77030 provide operative report by second operator when requested from payment agency.			

ABSCESS AND INFECTION

13605	Opening superficial abscess, including furuncle - (operation only).....	104.00	2	44.48
07041	Aspiration - abdomen or chest - operation only.....	192.00	2	76.01

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Abscess:			
07059	– deep (complex, subfascial, and/or multi-locular) with local or regional anesthesia - operation only	232.00	2	81.46
07027	– under general anesthesia - operation only	520.00	2	203.59
07061	– deep post-operative wound infection, under GA - operation only	331.00	2	203.37
07045	Anterior closed space abscess (operation only)	160.00	2	101.44
06028	Web space abscess (operation only)	284.00	2	71.53
06029	– under general anesthetic - operation only	1013.00	2	290.00
	Pilonidal cyst or sinus:			
07685	– excision or marsupialization (operation only)	1124.00	2	277.43
	Osteomyelitis:			
*52380	Osteomyelitis, acute, decompression	720.00	2	186.72
*52385	Osteomyelitis, debridement with or without reconstruction	1246.00	3	322.10
	NOTE: *52380 and *52385 include insertion of antibiotic beads or antibiotic loaded temporary prosthesis, if necessary.			
	Wounds - Simple:			
13610	Minor laceration or foreign body - not requiring anesthesia (operation only)	82.60		35.62
13611	Minor laceration or foreign body - requiring anesthesia (operation only)	156.00	2	66.35
06063	Removal of foreign body - requiring general anesthesia (operation only)	608.00	2	250.72
13612	Extensive lacerations over 5 cm (maximum charge 35 cm) (operation only), per cm	30.55		13.32

DEBRIDEMENT OF SOFT TISSUES FOR NECROTIZING INFECTIONS OR SEVERE TRAUMA

V70155	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue restricted to genitalia and perineum for necrotizing infection (Fournier's Gangrene) (stand alone procedure)	1754.00	5	411.80
V70158	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; up to the first 5% of body surface area	990.00	3	235.72
V70159	Debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	497.00		117.87
V70162	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1110.00	4	261.93

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
V70163	Debridement of skin, subcutaneous tissue and necrotic fascia OR muscle; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	559.00	3	130.96
V70165	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; up to the first 5% of body surface area	1228.00	4	288.10
V70166	Debridement of skin, fascia, muscle and bone; for each additional 5% of body surface area or major portion thereof – extra	431.00		144.06
70168	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissues for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area	331.00		78.57
	NOTES: i) Payable when rendered at the bedside but only when performed by a medical practitioner. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Applicable with or without anesthesia.			
70169	Active wound management during acute phase after debridement of soft tissue for necrotizing infection or severe trauma – per 5% of body surface area - operation only	386.00	4	125.72
	NOTES: i) Payable only when performed by a medical practitioner in the operating room under general anesthesia or conscious sedation. ii) Requires wound assessment and dressing change and may include VAC application. iii) Debridement not payable in addition.			
	Wounds - Avulsed and Complicated:			
06075	Lips and eyelids	1349.00	3	339.41
06076	Nose and ear	1696.00	3	426.36
06077	Complicated lacerations of the scalp, cheek and neck	1324.00	3	333.13
	NOTES: The following conditions are necessary for 06075, 06076 or 06077 to apply: i) A layered closure* is required and at least one of: i) Injuries involving necrotic tissue requiring debridement such that simple suture closure is precluded; or ii) injuries involving tissue loss such that simple suture is precluded; or iii) Wounds requiring tissue shifts for closure aside from minor undermining or advancement flaps; or			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Skived, ragged or stellate wounds where excision of tissue margins is necessary to obtain 90 degree closure; or v) Contaminated wounds that require excision of foreign material, or vi) Lacerations requiring layered closure and key alignment sutures involving critical margins of the eyelid, nose, lip, oral commissure or ear; or vii) Lacerations into the subcutaneous tissue requiring alignment and repair of cartilage and layered closure. viii) A note record indicating how the service meets the above criteria must accompany claims billed under these fee items. * A layered closure is required when the defect would require too much tension for an acceptable primary closure. It involves at least two layers of deep dissolving sutures to close off dead space and take tension off the wound. A deep cartilage closure is also considered a layered closure.			
V70150	Complicated lacerations of tongue, floor of mouth	1100.00	3	270.50
	Tumours of Skin - Removal not Requiring Skin Graft:			
	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for suspected malignancy:			
70023	– neck - operation only	541.00	3	203.62
V70024	– axilla	965.00	2	237.34
70025	– groin	331.00	2	203.37
	Excision of skin and subcutaneous tissue of hidradenitis suppurativa:			
07072	– axillary - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07075	– inguinal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07076	– perianal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
07082	– perineal - operation only	497.00	2	250.00
06166	Excision of axillary sweat glands for hyperhidrosis - unilateral	1293.00	4	325.14
	NOTES: i) Direct closure included when open procedure used. ii) Aggressive removal of apocrine sweat glands by any means.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Tenotomy:			
07073	– congenital torticollis	544.00	3	304.16
V07074	– resection	1052.00	3	257.99
	(Section of transverse carpal ligament - bill under S06258)			
13630	Paronychia (operation only)	82.40	2	35.53
13631	Removal of nail - simple (operation only)	82.40	2	35.53
13632	– with destruction of nail bed - operation only	165.00	2	71.89
13633	Wedge excision of one nail - operation only	147.00	2	63.44
V07053	Excision of nail bed, complete, with shortening of phalanx	563.00	2	137.99
	Biopsy of Nerve or Artery:			
07025	Temporal artery biopsy - operation only	322.00	2	140.69
07028	Biopsy of sural nerve	299.00	2	177.27

FREE SKIN GRAFTS AND MYELOPLASTY

	Split Thickness Grafts:			
	Non-functional areas: (total area treated, whether at one operation or at staged intervals):			
06046	– less than 6.5 sq. cm - operation only	413.00	2	250.72
06047	– 65 sq. cm - operation only	773.00	2	304.13
06048	– 650 sq. cm	1545.00	2	388.27
06049	For each 6.5 sq. cm over 650 sq. cm - operation only	29.45	3	7.42
	NOTE: Refrigerated graft - 50% of appropriate fee.			

VASCULAR ACCESS

	Broviac type catheter:			
07139	– insertion of	561.00	2	162.55
V07140	– insertion of - less than 3 months of age or less than 3 kg.	1096.00	4	269.03
07141	– removal of- operation only	157.00	2	126.79
	Totally implantable venous access port with subcutaneous reservoir (port-a-cath type device):			
07142	– insertion of	1027.00	2	255.98
V07143	– revision (removal and reinsertion)	1200.00	2	350.00
77142	Removal of totally implantable access device (e.g.: portacath), operation only.	341.00	2	127.95

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Not paid with 07143. ii) Tray fees are not applicable when the service is performed at a funded facility (e.g.: hospital, D&T Center, Psychiatric Institution, etc.)			
00526	Insertion of intravenous infusion line in children under 5 years - extra to consultation	216.00		56.94
07145	Intra osseous - access- operation only	164.00	2	101.29
V07134	Peritoneal venous shunt for ascites	1592.00	6	390.37
S00801	Intra-arterial cannulation (with multiple aspirations) - procedural fee	96.40		22.10
00319	Insertion of central catheter for total parenteral Nutrition - operation only	224.00	2	56.54

VENOUS

Chronic or Varicose Veins:

NOTE: Treatment of varicose vein pathology is a benefit under MSP only if the patient is symptomatic with varicose veins of at least 3 mm and has one or more of the following:

i) Pain, aching, cramping, burning, itching and/or swelling during activity or after prolonged standing severe enough to impair mobility.
ii) Recurrent episodes of superficial phlebitis.
iii) Non-healing skin ulceration.
iv) Bleeding from a varicosity.
v) Stasis dermatitis.
vi) Refractory dependent edema.

77045	Varicose veins, injection, each visit NOTE: Treatment for cosmetic purposes is not a benefit under MSP.	37.80		13.46
77046	Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy – initial	431.00		171.95
77047	Ultrasound directed (with image capture) foam sclerotherapy –repeat	431.00		171.95

NOTES:

i) 77046 and 77047 may each be charged only once per patient per leg per lifetime.
ii) One additional repeat per leg may be billed under fee item 77060 in the same 12 month period.
iii) Services in subsequent 12 month periods should be billed in accordance with the notes following fee item 77050 and 77060.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Compression sclerotherapy:			
77050	– initial	227.00	2	80.82
77060	– repeat	108.00	2	37.87
	NOTES: i) 77050 may be charged only once per 12 month period for each leg, and 77060 only twice in the same period. ii) If in the same 12 month period following fee item 77046 and 77047, only one additional repeat is payable per leg under fee item 77060.			
77065	High ligation, long saphenous	405.00	2	223.03
V07108	Stripping long saphenous	1046.00	2	263.88
V07109	Stripping short saphenous	602.00	2	228.30
	Multiple ligations and stripping tributaries:			
07110	– 3 to 5 incisions - operation only	449.00	2	278.91
V07111	– 6 or more incisions	784.00	2	304.28
V07112	Ligation of 2 or more perforators	811.00	2	278.91
77070	Complete fasciotomy with or without multiple ligations	899.00	2	319.25
	NOTE: For decompression fasciotomy, see 77360.			
77075	Re-exploration, groin and/or popliteal fossa	848.00	2	300.19
V07116	Multiple ligations, strippings and perforators; re-exploration of groin and/or popliteal fossa (to include complete fasciotomy)	2123.00	3	523.41
77077	Excision of ulcer and grafting - add full fee to venous procedures - operation only	339.00	3	120.28
77079	Venous crossover graft for iliac obstruction	1713.00	7	609.87
	Acute Venous:			
77082	Ligation of femoral vein	420.00	2	148.84
77084	Ligation or fenestration of inferior vena cava (requires laparotomy)	1393.00	5	495.27
77086	Thrombectomy for acute ilio-femoral thrombophlebitis	1748.00	5	620.60
V07146	Insertion of inferior vena cava filter; percutaneous placement or cutdown (e.g.: Kimray Greenfield filter)	1492.00	2	367.84
	Portosystemic Shunting:			
C77090	Spleno-renal shunt	2657.00	8	945.05
C77092	Porto-caval shunt	2657.00	8	945.05
	Mesocaval graft :			
C77094	– synthetic	2657.00	8	945.05
C77096	– autogenous	2827.00	8	1006.21

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

ARTERIAL

Repeat Vascular Surgery:

NOTES:

i) Same procedure within 24 hours - 75% of listed fee.

ii) Same procedure after 24 hours - see repeat surgery items 77043 and 77112 and applicable notes.

Removal of Synthetic Graft :

77100 – without replacement (payable at 100% of current fee listed for the initial insertion).

77102 – with replacement at the same site (payable at 50% of current fee listed for the initial insertion), extra to the replacement graft.

77104 – with replacement at a different site (payable at 75% of current fee listed for the initial insertion), extra to the replacement graft.

NOTES:

i) 77100, 77102 and 77104 are payable only where more than 21 days have elapsed since insertion and where more than 50 % of the graft is removed.

ii) 77043 is not payable in addition to 77100, 77102, 77104, or to the replacement graft where removal also is claimed.

iii) Initial graft procedure fee code should be submitted with claim as a note record.

iv) Anesthetic procedural fee should be claimed in equity with that listed for the initial insertion (for 77100), and in equity with that listed for the replacement graft (for 77102 and 77104).

REPEAT SURGERY

Groin Dissection:

C77110	Re-exploration of groin for bleeding or hematoma - operation only	355.00	4	125.47
77112	Re-dissection of groin (after 21 days) - extra NOTE: Not payable with fee items 77100, 77102, 77104 or 77043.	372.00	4	132.47

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Re-operation:			
77043	Re-dissection of artery/vein at site of previous anastomosis, arteriotomy or venotomy (after 21 days) - extra. Payable at 25% of listed fee for open surgery performed.			
	NOTES: i) Payable once per side only. ii) Not payable with fee items 77100, 77102, 77104, or 77112.			

CARDIO-VASCULAR PROCEDURES

S00919	Impedance plethysmography - professional fee.....	24.20		6.89
S00920	– technical fee	119.00		34.55

ARTERIAL PROCEDURES

Therapeutic procedures utilizing radiological equipment

10900	Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair using endovascular stent graft - second operator	2380.00		509.83
	NOTES: i) Intraoperative renal artery angioplasty payable in addition at 50% of fee item 00982 when done. ii) Intravascular stent placement – extra (10919) paid in addition under 10919 at 100%. iii) This fee will not be paid to the primary operator.			

Thrombectomy, Embolectomy:

S77113	Intraoperative open or percutaneous tibial artery angioplasty	1654.00	2	697.42
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Vascular Surgeons. ii) When S77113 is combined with another vascular surgery, multiple angioplasties will be paid as follows: 50% for the first, 25% for the second and 12.5% for the third angioplasty. iii) When angioplasty is performed as an isolated procedure, multiple angioplasties done during the same procedure are paid as follows: the first is paid at 100%, second at 50%, third at 25%. iv) Payable to a maximum of 3 angioplasties. v) Any and all diagnostic imaging required to complete the procedure is considered included.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
PS77114	Intraoperative open or percutaneous angioplasty	1539.00	3	589.40
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Vascular Surgeons. ii) When PS77114 is combined with another vascular surgery, multiple angioplasties will be paid as follows: 50% for the first angioplasty, 25% for the second angioplasty and 12.5% for the third angioplasty. iii) When angioplasty is performed as an isolated procedure, multiple angioplasties done during the same procedure are paid as follows: first is paid at 100%, second at 50%, third at 25%. iv) Payable to a maximum of three angioplasties. v) Any and all diagnostic imaging required to complete the procedure is considered included. vi) When done with 77177, payable once, to either the primary or second operator.			
C77115	Thrombectomy with or without angioplasty	1566.00	5	556.73
C77120	Embolectomy - trunk or extremities (subclassified by location and incision)	1748.00	5	620.60
C77125	– one side	1257.00	5	446.10
	Neck or Thoracic:			
	Bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thrombo-endarterectomy:			
C77130	– carotid arteries	1848.00	8	981.24
C77135	– inominate	2192.00	5	779.13
C77140	– subclavian	2089.00	5	846.50
C77145	Ligation of carotid artery	720.00	5	255.38
	Aortoiliac:			
	Bypass graft (synthetic or autologous vein) and/or thromboendarterectomy including extension onto femoral artery by either retroperitoneal or trans peritoneal approach Note: Harvest of autologous vein (77280, 77285, 77290 or 77295) paid at 100%.			
C77150	– aorta and/or iliac (unilateral)	2089.00	9	892.24
C77155	– aorta and/or iliac (bilateral)	2436.00	9	1400.80
C77160	– aorto-femoral and/or ilio-femoral (unilateral)	2436.00	9	866.39
C77165	– aorta-femoral and/or ilio-femoral (bilateral)	2790.00	9	1400.80

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Aneurysm:			
	NOTE: Peripheral aneurysm - charge associated bypass graft procedure.			
77170	Arteriovenous aneurysm	1393.00	9	495.27
C77175	Abdominal aneurysm, with grafting	2790.00	9	1397.15
77177	Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair using endovascular stent graft – vascular surgery component	2736.00	9	1397.15
	NOTES: i) In order to bill 77177, vascular surgeon must be present throughout the entire procedure. ii) Includes the femoral endarterectomy/femoral artery repair. iii) Fem-fem crossover payable in addition at 50% of 77230 or 77235 when done. iv) When done with 77177, if second operator present, primary operator cannot bill 00982, 77114 or 10919.			
C77180	Resection of abdominal aneurysm with associated femoral dissection - one or both sides (extra fee to be added to procedure) - operation only.	350.00	9	124.11
	NOTE: Peripheral aneurysm - charge associated bypass graft procedure.			
C77185	Ruptured aneurysm, with grafting	3302.00	10	1598.26
	Mesenteric:			
C77190	Superior mesenteric bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	2262.00	7	892.23
C77195	Superior mesenteric bypass graft (autogenous vein)	2262.00	7	892.23
	Renal:			
C77200	Renal bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	2433.00	7	892.23
C77205	Renal bypass graft (autogenous vein)	2433.00	7	892.23
	Axillo - Femoral:			
	Axillo-femoral bypass graft and/or thromboendarterectomy:			
C77210	– unilateral	2089.00	7	979.23
C77215	– bilateral	2436.00	7	1269.39
	Femoral Crossover:			
C77230	Femoro-femoral crossover bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy	1748.00	5	930.69

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
C77235	Femoro-femoral crossover bypass graft (autogenous vein)	1953.00	5	930.69
	Infrainguinal:			
C77240	Femoral bypass graft (synthetic) and/or thromboendarterectomy (common or superficial endarterectomy)	1393.00	5	858.35
C77245	– popliteal (endarterectomy)	1909.00	5	679.59
C77250	– popliteal (synthetic)	1746.00	5	620.53
C77255	– anterior, posterior tibial or peroneal	2089.00	5	742.29
	Bypass Graft (Autogenous Vein):			
C77260	– femoral	2017.00	5	859.23
C77265	– popliteal	2017.00	5	1072.16
C77270	– anterior, posterior tibial or peroneal	2368.00	5	1115.63
C77275	– in situ vein graft (extra)	619.00	7	257.02
77280	– non-ipsilateral long saphenous graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77285	– short saphenous graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77290	– superficial femoral vein graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77295	– arm vein graft (extra)	718.00	7	254.66
77300	– A-V fistula with bypass graft in limb salvage (extra)	522.00	7	185.56
	Profunda thromboendarterectomy:			
77310	Profunda thromboendarterectomy without patch repair	1553.00	5	553.02
77315	Profunda thromboendarterectomy with patch repair (synthetic or autologous)	2113.00	5	750.88
	Trauma:			
	Repair of injury of major vessel in extremity:			
C77330	– suture	1643.00	6	583.75
C77335	– graft	2113.00	6	750.88
	Repair of injury of major vessel in trunk:			
C77340	– suture	2465.00	9	876.21
C77345	– graft	3289.00	9	1168.71
77350	Supra-renal aortic cross-clamp - extra to abdominal vascular or major trauma cases - operation only NOTE: Operative report required.	322.00		114.21
V07447	Repair of mesenteric injury NOTE: Trauma fee item 07447 is to be charged in cases of blunt and/or penetrating abdominal injury. It does not apply to incidental intraoperative injury to abdominal structures.	2330.00	6	572.71

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Operative repair – arteriography – for iatrogenic injury during percutaneous endovascular aortic valve implantation:			
77352	Repair of major vessel in extremity – suture	1601.00	6	563.58
77353	Repair of major vessel in extremity – graft	2061.00	6	724.93
77354	Repair of major vessel in trunk – suture	2404.00	9	845.95
77355	Repair of major vessel in trunk – graft	3207.00	9	1128.31
	Fasciotomy:			
77360	Decompression fasciotomy - subcutaneous NOTE: 77360 includes secondary closure.	692.00	3	334.57
	Tibial Metaphysis (Distal), Ankle and Foot: Incision - Therapeutic, Release (Fasciotomy & Nerve Release):			
57250	Decompression, neurolysis, nerve (isolated procedure)	1151.00	2	298.77
*57260	Fasciotomy, compartment syndrome	830.00	2	214.73
*57269	Fasciotomy, secondary wound closure	720.00	2	186.72
	Miscellaneous:			
77370	Release of popliteal entrapment syndrome NOTE: Not to be paid if full femoral popliteal bypass is performed.	812.00	3	334.57
S00722	Arteriography, operative - procedural fee	308.00		75.51

RENAL ACCESS

77380	Insertion permanent peritoneal catheter (procedure fee only)	536.00	3	190.68
77385	Removal by dissection of chronic peritoneal catheter (operation only) NOTE: For removal of Tenckhoff type chronic peritoneal catheter not requiring surgical dissection, use visit fees.	372.00	3	132.26
77395	Creation of internal arterio-venous fistula	1045.00	4	414.93
77400	Synthetic AV graft for hemodialysis NOTE: Not paid with 77295, 77395, 77396 and 77402.	1288.00	4	707.49
77396	Revision of AV fistula	1260.00	5	505.58

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Restricted to Vascular and General Surgeons ii) Not paid with renal access fees (77380, 77385, 77395, 77400, 77402, 77403, 77405). iii) Not paid with the following vein graft fees (C77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77300). iv) 77043 not paid with this fee.			
77402	Creation of brachiobasilic arteriovenous fistula with vein transposition Note: Not paid with 77260, 77265, 77270, 77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77330, 77395 and 77400.	1885.00	5	707.74
77403	Arm revascularization with distal revascularization and interval ligation (DRIL) Note: Not paid with C77260, 77265, 77270, 77275, 77280, 77285, 77290, 77295, 77300, 77395, and 77396.	1763.00	5	707.73
77405	Thrombectomy of arterio-venous fistula	984.00	3	349.01

SYMPATHECTOMY

77420	Lumbar sympathectomy - unilateral	1045.00	4	371.15
77422	Cervical sympathectomy - unilateral	1287.00	5	501.87
77424	Preganglionic sympathectomy; upper dorsal region - unilateral	1287.00	7	458.38
77426	Lumbo-dorsal sympathectomy and splanchnic neurectomy - unilateral	1287.00	7	458.38
	Lumbar sympathectomy with abdominal procedure:			
77428	– unilateral (extra)	350.00		124.12
77430	– bilateral (extra)	697.00		248.26

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

V07361	TB glands - radical removal	1096.00	4	269.03
V07363	Radical femoral, inguinal and/or iliac dissection	2186.00	5	536.76
V07360	Splenectomy	2631.00	6	808.57
VC07366	Laparotomy and staging of lymphoma to include splenectomy	3174.00	6	909.86
VC07365	Isolated limb perfusion to include groin dissection and laparotomy	3822.00	5	938.97

LYMPHOEDEMA - LEG

	Lymphoedema of Limbs - Excision and Grafting:			
06127	Entire leg	2782.00	3	700.04

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
06128	Entire lower extremity	4161.00	3	1046.58

ABDOMINAL SURGERY

Miscellaneous:

V07603	Resuture abdominal wound evisceration	1096.00	5	406.03
V07451	Thoracic extension of abdominal incision (extra)	1161.00	8	285.69
V07600	Exploratory laparotomy to include biopsy	1410.00	5	405.81

TRANSPLANTATION

Implantation of Kidney Graft:

77440	Vascular surgeon	2355.00	7	836.46

AMPUTATION

Hand and Wrist:

06218	Transmetacarpal	1013.00	2	254.92
06219	Finger, any joint or phalanx - operation only	1013.00	2	254.92

Pelvis, Hip, and Femur:

55983	Above knee	2524.00	4	653.54
55980	Hemicorporectomy	9448.00	6	2446.08
55981	Hemipelvectomy	5263.00	6	1363.10
55982	Hip disarticulation	4004.00	6	1036.32
55984	Knee disarticulation	2524.00	4	653.54
*55998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	4	102.26
*55999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	4	186.72

Femur, Knee Joint, Tibia and Fibula:

56980	Below knee	2002.00	3	518.18
*56998	Open injury, primary wound care	363.00	3	102.26
*56999	Open injury, secondary wound management	720.00	3	186.72

Tibial Metaphysis (Distal), Ankle and Foot:

57981	Midtarsal	1896.00	2	490.15
57982	Transmetatarsal	1578.00	2	406.12
57983	Single metatarsal/Ray resection	1368.00	2	354.78
57980	SYME	2057.00	2	532.14
57984	Toe	727.00	2	186.72
*57998	Open injury, primary wound care	179.00	2	51.13
*57999	Open injury, secondary wound management	363.00	2	93.37

THORACIC OUTLET SYNDROME

Ribs and Chest Wall:

79125	Cervical rib resection	805.00	5	359.33

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
79130	Trans-axillary resection of first rib	1259.00	5	865.45

		Non-MSP - Insured Fee $	A Tech Fee $	B Prof Fee $	C Total Fee $
DOPPLER STUDIES					
	NOTE: The Doppler Vascular listings are applicable to hospital-based, accredited and approved ultrasound vascular studies (laboratories only).				
08660	Abdominal duplex of native or transplant liver and/or kidney	299.00	87.80	34.33	122.13
	Peripheral Arterial:				
08664	Resting arterial assessment - To include multiple wave form and/or segmental pressure analysis, calculation and ankle/arm index.....	151.00	48.65	11.54	60.19
	NOTE: Not chargeable when done in conjunction with 08665 or 08666.				
08665	Treadmill stress examination with or without ECG monitoring - To include sequential post stress measurement and calculations - with monitoring physician present	264.00	60.51	46.20	106.71
08666	– without monitoring physician present...	175.00	60.66	11.53	72.19
08668	Vasospastic assessment - To include digital pressures and/or plethysmography - cold and hot stress responses and/or multiple extremity wave form analysis.....	175.00	60.66	11.53	72.19
08669	Sympathetic tone response - To include resting arterial assessment plus plethysmography and/or impedance monitoring and/or digital wave forms, response to Valsalva maneuvres or other stimuli.....	109.00	32.43	11.53	43.96
	NOTE: 08669 not chargeable when done in conjunction with 08668.				

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble (Applicable in full for Certified Radiologists).

* Service is payable to Certified Radiologists only.

COLUMN A: This fee only for technical services that include the cost of materials, labour, equipment, general office expenses, etc.

COLUMN B: This fee only for professional services of a certified diagnostic radiologist for supervision, direction and participation in the radiological examination. This includes consultation with the referring physician and rendering of a radiological report.

COLUMN C: This fee for the radiological examination and includes both A and B above, but does not include procedural fees listed separately in the Guide.

NOTE: Payment agencies accept billings under Column C (Total Fee) only.

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY TELEMETRY

Definition: The electronic transmission of radiological images from one site to another for interpretation.

For diagnostic radiology telemetry services to be considered as benefits under the Medical Services Plan:

- the transmitting and receiving sites must be located within Diagnostic Accreditation Program accredited diagnostic facilities;
- the services are rendered to out-patients
- the services are billed in accordance with the Telemetry Billing Guidelines

Telemetry Billing Guidelines:

a) Services must be billed by the facility where the image was taken using the practitioner number of the physician who did the interpretation.

b) Facility number field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was taken

c) Sub-Facility field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was interpreted
– zeros if interpreted at the same site where the image was taken

d) Service charges (fee items 01200 – 01202) are only billable when a physician is required to travel from home to hospital in order to perform a telemetry service for an outpatient and when the *MSC Payment Schedule* criteria are met.

e) The original site should ensure that only one interpretation is billed to MSP.

f) In those rare cases when a second radiological opinion is requested by the referring physician, a radiologist may bill for the service using fee item 08628, provided written radiological report is sent to the referring physician.

			MSP and WSBC		
		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
HEAD AND NECK					
08500	Skull - routine	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23
08501	Skull - special studies additional	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08503	Paranasal sinuses	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08504	Facial bones - orbit	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08505	Nasal bones	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08506	Mastoids	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23
08507	Mandible	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08508	Temporo-mandibular joints	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08509	Salivary gland region	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08510	Sialogram	127.00	41.15	13.77	54.92
08511	Eye - for foreign body	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08512	– for foreign body localization - additional	127.00	35.00	17.70	52.70
08513	Dacryocystogram	85.10	26.19	8.63	34.82
08514	Nasopharynx and/or soft tissue, neck - single lateral view	42.85	16.96	5.89	22.85
08515	Laryngogram (excluding procedural fee)	127.00	34.99	17.72	52.71
08518	Pre-MRI view(s) of orbits to rule out metallic foreign body	58.30	18.22	5.99	24.21
UPPER EXTREMITY					
08520	Shoulder girdle	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08521	Humerus	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08522	Elbow	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08523	Forearm	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08524	Wrist	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08525	Hand (any part)	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08526	Special requested views in upper extremity	42.85	13.17	4.57	17.74
LOWER EXTREMITY					
08530	Hip	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
08531	Femur	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08532	Knee	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08533	Tibia and fibula	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08534	Ankle	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08535	Foot (any part)	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08536	Leg length films - whatever method	98.50	26.62	14.83	41.45
08537	Special requested additional views for lower extremity	42.85	13.17	4.57	17.74
SPINE AND PELVIS					
08540	Cervical spine	105.00	31.32	10.82	42.14
08541	Thoracic spine	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08542	Lumbar spine	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23
08543	Sacrum and coccyx	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08549	Spine - requested additional views (flexion, bending views, etc.) NOTE: Fee item 08549 is not intended to cover normal oblique projections.	79.80	24.42	8.73	33.15
08544	Pelvis	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08545	Sacro-iliac joints	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08546	Scoliosis films - single AP or lateral - 14 x 36 film taken at 6 feet	111.00	31.76	14.30	46.06
08547	Pelvis and additional requested views, i.e. sacroiliac joints, hip, etc.	104.00	31.32	10.82	42.14
08548	Myelogram and/or posterior fossa positive contrast (excluding procedural fee)	255.00	63.76	40.49	104.25
CHEST					
08550	Thoracic viscera	86.90	26.29	8.63	34.92
08551	Thoracic inlet	86.90	26.29	8.63	34.92
08552	– additional requested views	42.85	13.17	4.57	17.74
08553	Fluoroscopy, when requested	42.85	12.03	5.84	17.87
08554	Ribs - one side	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08555	– both sides	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23
08556	Sternum or sterno - clavicular joints	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08557	Sternum and sterno - clavicular joints	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23
ABDOMEN					
08570	Abdomen	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08571	Abdomen, multiple views	127.00	39.90	13.33	53.23

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GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACTS					
08572	Esophagus, only	151.00	43.03	16.99	60.02
08573	Esophagus, stomach and duodenum	210.00	58.28	27.46	85.74
08574	Small bowel	215.00	66.94	18.80	85.74
08576	Colon or double contrast air studies	220.00	59.48	37.15	96.63
08577	Hypotonic duodenography	215.00	64.05	21.69	85.74
08578	Pancreatography (excluding procedural fee)	127.00	39.68	12.77	52.45
08579	Glucagon assisted contrast study (in addition to routine fee)	92.60	30.60	7.13	37.72
GALL BLADDER					
08581	Intravenous cholangiogram	196.00	53.76	22.35	76.11
08582	Operative cholangiogram (transhepatic also)	144.00	40.06	17.15	57.21
08583	Direct post-operative cholangiogram or pyelogram	151.00	36.60	25.10	61.70
08584	Removal of biliary calculi by Burhenne technique or equivalent including necessary cholangiogram and fluoroscopy (excluding procedural fee)	159.00	48.01	16.44	64.45
GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM					
08590	K.U.B	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08591	Pyelogram - intravenous	215.00	59.22	20.07	79.29
08593	Pyelogram - retrograde or antegrade	127.00	39.51	13.19	52.70
08594	Intravenous pyelogram with voiding cystourethrogram	259.00	75.63	28.62	104.25
08595	Cystogram or retrogradeurethrogram (not including catheterization)	127.00	39.51	13.19	52.70
08596	Hysterosalpingogram (excluding injection)	215.00	64.05	21.69	85.74
08597	Pelvimetry	172.00	52.56	20.16	72.72
08599	Voiding cystourethrogram	215.00	58.86	28.25	87.11

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
MISCELLANEOUS					
08575	Video Fluoroscopy - 50% to be added to fee items 08572 and 08573.....				
	NOTES:				
	i) Applicable to the following indications only: complicated oesophageal motility, aspiration, abnormal swallowing, dysphagia or webs.				
	ii) A note record of the indication is required.				
08601	Radiographic study of sinus, fistula, etc. with contrast media, including injection and fluoroscopy, if necessary.....	160.00	36.34	29.91	66.25
08602	Body section radiography - Applies to all tomographic procedures (including polytomography when done in one plane-per plane series, including orthopantogram).....	122.00	36.18	14.02	50.20
08603	Bone age - whatever method	88.10	26.46	10.42	36.88
08604	Bone survey - first anatomical area.....	85.10	26.48	8.72	35.20
08605	– each subsequent anatomical area	42.85	13.17	4.57	17.74
08606	Arthrogram - shoulder (excluding injection of contrast).....	92.60	26.46	11.41	37.87
08607	hip (excluding injection of contrast).....	85.10	26.20	8.63	34.83
08608	knee (excluding injection of contrast).....	191.00	56.12	18.61	74.73
08609	ankle (excluding injection of contrast)	85.10	26.20	8.63	34.83
08631	wrist (excluding injection of contrast)	79.40	26.20	8.63	34.83
08637	elbow (excluding injection of contrast) ...	79.40	26.20	8.63	34.83
08610	Mammography - unilateral	137.00	75.72	27.32	103.04
08611	– bilateral	220.00	108.14	36.26	144.40
	NOTES:				
	i) Indications for Unilateral Mammograms				
	a) New symptoms within one year of a previous bilateral mammogram.				
	b) Work-up of an abnormal screening mammography.				

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	c) Short-term follow-up of an abnormality, within one year of a previous bilateral mammogram.				
	d) Follow-up of surgery/radiotherapy, within one year of a previous bilateral mammogram.				
	e) Absence of other breast.				
	f) Visualization for fine wire localization or stereotactic biopsy.				
	ii) All other requests for mammograms should be bilateral. However, there may be instances where a bilateral mammogram is requested inappropriately and is converted to a unilateral mammogram.				
08615	Cerebral angiography - unilateral	330.00	94.22	40.88	135.10
08616	– bilateral	570.00	150.47	81.34	231.81
08617	Peripheral angiography (arteriography and venography) - unilateral	170.00	52.52	17.41	69.93
08618	– bilateral	259.00	78.36	25.89	104.25
08620	Aortography (aortography plus peripheral angiography)	444.00	133.80	45.83	179.63

The entry "Thoracic or abdominal angiogram" is intended to include the following:

Thoracic aortogram
Mediastinal angiogram
Angiocardiogram
Retrograde aortogram
Pulmonary arteriogram
Coronary arteriogram
Bronchial arteriogram
Lumbar aortogram
Ilio-femoral arteriogram
Renal arteriogram
Celiac arteriogram
Mesenteric arteriogram
Pelvic arteriogram
Splenoportogram
Superior or inferior vena cavogram
Pelvic venogram
Ascending lumbar venography, etc.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	Thoracic or abdominal angiogram (cine or videotape surcharge not applicable)				
08626	– using multiple sequential views - non-selective	353.00	100.07	37.20	137.27
08627	– using multiple sequential views - selective	330.00	94.22	40.88	135.10
*08628	Interpretation of submitted films - per examination NOTE: This item to be charged only in those situations where a third party requests a second written radiological opinion, and is billable only when medically required.	119.00	0.00	51.39	51.39
*08629	Radiologist performing fluoroscopy for various clinical procedures NOTES: i) Applicable only when no other radiology fees billed for procedure for which fluoroscopy is performed. ii) May be billed when fluoroscopy is used as the only imaging method during a procedure such as: small bowel biopsy; insertion of pacemaker; orthopaedic manipulation; foreign body localization or fluoroscopically-guided lumbar puncture; biopsy; and injection or aspiration. iii) This item may be billed in facilities, either hospital or non-hospital, which are accredited to perform fluoroscopy.	71.30	17.75	22.97	40.72
*08630	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	756.00	299.41	17.96	317.37

RADIOLOGY ASSISTANT FEE

*08632	Radiology assistant fee - first hour or fraction thereof	259.00	0.00	112.52	112.52
*08633	– each 15 minutes or fraction thereof after one hour	73.60	0.00	28.16	28.16

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)

NOTE: *08632 and *08633 may be applicable:

i) When a radiology assistant is required in conjunction with 00738, 00979, 00980, 00981, 00982, 00995, 00997, 00998, 10913, 10914 and 10915;
ii) In lieu of 08629 performed in conjunction with endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP).
iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

BONE MINERAL DENSITOMETRY USING DEXA TECHNOLOGY

08688	Bone density - single area	164.00	50.86	18.15	69.01
08689	Bone density - second area	114.00	29.07	18.14	47.21
08696	Bone density - whole body	297.00	85.65	38.60	124.25

NOTES:

i) Please refer to the May 1, 2011 Guideline “Osteoporosis: Diagnosis, Treatment and Fracture Prevention” to determine if service is payable by MSP. Claims for males and females <50 require written explanation indicating risk factor.
ii) Altering patient care requires one of the following:
   a) prescribing bisphosphonates (i.e. Fosamax)
   b) weaning patient off glucocortico-steroids (i.e. prednisone)
   c) adequate ongoing monitoring (in cases of primary hyperpara-thyroidism)
iii) Not payable for the following indications:
   a) chronic back pain
   b) kyphosis
   c) menopause
   d) Routine bone density screening

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
v) Restricted to certified radiologists or nuclear medicine physicians and individuals who have received approval from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC) to perform these tests, and the tests are provided in a DAP accredited and MSC approved facility.				
vi) Repeat scans are not billable within three years of a previous scan, except for indications outlined in the guidelines, which must be accompanied by written explanation.				
vii) Claims for whole body bone density must be accompanied by written explanation of need.				
viii) Includes any lumbar and/or hip radiographs taken as a part of the procedure. Medically necessary lumbar and/or hip radiographs for other disease processes may be billed when accompanied by written explanation.				
ix) Restricted to certified radiologists or nuclear medicine physicians and individuals who have received approval from Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) to perform these tests, and the tests are provided in a DAP accredited and MSC approved facility.				

COMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY

*08690	Head scan - without contrast	127.00	0.00	45.79	45.79
*08691	– with contrast	185.00	0.00	63.86	63.86
*08692	– double scan or 2 planes	235.00	0.00	82.48	82.48
*08693	Body scan - one region without contrast	264.00	0.00	91.38	91.38
*08694	– one region with contrast	288.00	0.00	101.00	101.00
*08695	– double scan or 2 regions	389.00	0.00	138.07	138.07

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
83090	Cardiac CT/CT Coronary Angiography, professional fee	252.00	0.00	169.63	169.63

NOTES:

i) Paid once daily per patient.

ii) Includes cardiac gating and 3D imaging post-processing, cardiac structure and morphology and computed tomographic angiography of coronary arteries including native and anomalous coronary arteries, coronary bypass grafts and requires imaging without contrast material followed by contrast materials.

iii) Includes supervision of oral beta blockers and/or IV injection.

iv) Paid only for a minimum of a 64-detector CT scanner.

v) Restricted to Radiologists with a minimum of Level 2 CCTA; or other duly qualified Specialists with a minimum of Level 2 CCTA who also meet the American College of Radiology standards of competency in Performing and Interpreting Diagnostic Computed Tomography, and Performance of (Adult) Thoracic Computed Tomography.

vi) Paid only for the following indications:

   a) Diagnosis of obstructive CAD in symptomatic patients with an intermediate pre-test likelihood of CAD; or symptomatic patients with equivocal/inclusive stress test results.

   b) Assessment of patency or course of coronary bypass grafts.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	c) Exclusion of obstructive CAD in low risk patients who require invasive coronary angiography. d) Identification or definition of the course of anomalous coronary arteries. e) Assessment of LV or RV size, volume, and function when alternative imaging modalities are unavailable or inconclusive. f) Assessment of pulmonary venous anatomy before and after pulmonary vein isolation for arterial fibrillation. Assessment of coronary venous anatomy prior to cardiac resynchronization therapy. g) Assessment of cardiac and extra-cardiac structures (e.g.: aorta, pericardium and cardiac masses) and non-cardiac structures (e.g.: lungs, pleura, spine, mediastinal structures (esophagus, lymph nodes), ribs and chest musculature. vii) Not paid for coronary calcium scoring. viii) Not paid with 08693, 08694 or 08695. ix) Not paid with a consult or a visit on the same day.				
83096	CT Colonography, professional fee (extra) *(see notes on next page)*	134.00	0.00	61.99	61.99

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Paid only as a diagnostic procedure, only in circumstances where optical colonoscopy is not technically possible, or clinically unsafe. ii) Restricted to Radiologists iii) Restricted to referrals by Gastroenterologists, General Surgeons and General Internal medicine specialist. iv) Rural GP's (in RSA communities) can refer patients for this procedure in communities where a specialist referral is not available. v) Paid on out-patients only. vi) Paid in addition to 08695, same patient, same day. Maximum one per patient per day.				

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

	Note: The following fees are specific to physicians' professional fees for the following services:				
83000	Interventional Radiology Consultation – to include pertinent patient history, regional physical examination, review of laboratory and radiological findings and generation of a written report	207.00			83.73
	NOTES: i) Payable only to physicians with appropriate training in interventional radiology. ii) Must be initiated by written request by another physician. iii) Payable only when patient is referred for an interventional radiological procedure which requires extensive discussion and review of all available data.				

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	iv) Includes all patient visits necessary. v) Repeat consultation not applicable for same condition same patient within 6 months. vi) The IR consultation fee is not applicable for simple biopsies or aspirations or in situations where a consultation is not warranted. vii) The routine task of obtaining an informed consent for a procedure does not constitute and IR consultation.				

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
83070	Telehealth Interventional Radiology Consultation: To include pertinent patient history, regional physical examination, review of laboratory and radiological findings and generation of a written report.....	207.00		83.73
	NOTES: i) Payable only to physicians with appropriate training in interventional radiology. ii) Must be initiated by written request by another physician. iii) Payable only when patient is referred for an interventional radiological procedure which requires extensive discussion and review of all available data. iv) Includes all patient visits necessary. v) Repeat consultation not applicable for same condition same patient within 6 months. vi) The IR consultation fee is not applicable for simple biopsies or aspirations or in situations where a consultation is not warranted. vii) The routine task of obtaining an informed consent for a procedure does not constitute and IR consultation.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

S00978	Percutaneous nephrostomy - procedural fee.....	631.00	2	300.12
S00979	Percutaneous nephrostomy, with dilatation of tract for endoscopic urological manipulation - procedural fee	834.00	2	400.08
S00980	Transhepatic biliary drainage procedure (includes fee item S00857)	883.00	3	423.99
S00981	Therapeutic radiological embolization	883.00	3	423.99
S00982	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	842.00	2	404.15
	NOTES: i) Includes one step procedure involving inflation and deployment of a stent. ii) 10919 payable following angioplasty with stent insertion.			
S00983	Percutaneous abdominal abscess drainage by catheter insertion	514.00	2	276.05
00995	Embolization of brain and spinal cord AVM's	5094.00	3	2091.29
	NOTES: i) Tolerance testing (e.g.: super selective Amytal test) performed during embolization is included. ii) Includes functional testing in the awake patient.			
S00997	Detachable balloon embolization.....	3502.00	3	1307.68
	NOTES: i) To include all balloons placed during the procedure. ii) Repeat procedures billable at 100%.			
00998	Embolization of head, neck and spinal vascular lesions	4321.00	3	1612.74
	NOTES: i) 00995, S00997, and 00998 include the consultations associated with the procedure performed, preparation of the embolizing agent(s) and catheter(s), catheterization(s) and follow-up care of the patient by the radiologist. ii) 00995, S00997 and 00998 are billable only by physicians with appropriate training in interventional neuroradiology. iii) 00995, S00997 and 00998 are payable once per day, regardless of the number of embolizations or catheterizations performed, or balloons inserted.			

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) 00995 and 00998 include: a) Diagnostic angiograms done during the procedure. b) Angiograms performed as a separate procedure before or after the embolization are billable. c) Physicians may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted embolization procedure. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of $1,700. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected. d) Repeat procedures performed by the same physician and done within 30 days of the original procedure will be paid at 75% of the original fee. v) Includes 10913 if performed on same day as 00995, S00997 or 00998.			
10900	Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair using endovascular stent graft – second operator.....	2380.00		509.83
	NOTES: i) Intraoperative renal artery angioplasty payable in addition at 50% of fee item 00982 when done. ii) Intravascular stent placement – extra (10919) paid in addition under 10919 at 100%. iii) This fee will not be paid to the primary operator.			
10901	Percutaneous image-guided catheter directed thrombolysis of peripheral vein/artery	1443.00	2	587.65
	NOTES: i) Includes any medically necessary angiographies, any necessary imaging, all necessary catheter repositioning and ongoing assessment and care throughout the patient's active treatment phase. ii) Payable at 100% for the first 12 hours of care and 50% for each additional 12 hours of care, up to 36 hours. iii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.			

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10902	Peripherally inserted image-guided central venous catheter line (PICC) NOTES: i) Not applicable if performed via other than peripheral access ii) Includes placement, venogram/angiogram, and all medically required image guidance. iii) May not be delegated.	273.00	2	111.94
10903	Percutaneous hemodialysis graft thrombolysis NOTES: i) Includes declotting and treatment of underlying cause of access failure ii) Includes angioplasty and all necessary imaging and intervention.	1443.00	2	587.65
10904	Percutaneous transcatheter arterial chemo-embolization (TACE) NOTES: i) Fee is per session/sitting regardless of number of lesions treated ii) Includes all associated imaging necessary to complete procedure.	1443.00	3	587.65
10905	Cerebral intra-arterial thrombolysis and/or thrombectomy NOTES: i) Payable only once, regardless of number of arterial territories treated ii) Includes all diagnostic and superselective angiograms performed during procedure and immediate post procedure CT scans. iii) Not payable with fee item 00998.	3288.00	5	1307.68
10906	Image-guided percutaneous vertebroplasty – first level	959.00	4	363.79
10907	– each additional level (to a maximum of 3) NOTES: i) Payable only when rendered on in-patient or day-care basis in acute care facility. ii) Payable for osteoporotic fractures only if conservative therapy shows no or minimal improvement after 4-6 weeks and pain remains incapacitating. iii) Includes all associated diagnostic imaging, including post procedural CT scan necessary to complete the procedure.	225.00	4	83.96

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10908	Percutaneous image-guided tumour ablation – first lesion	1443.00	3	528.39
	NOTES: i) Payable only for non-resectable liver, kidney, lung tumours; colorectal metastases and osteoid osteoma. ii) Payable to a maximum of 3 lesions treated at the same session – 100% for first lesion, 50% for second lesion and 50% for third lesion. iii) Includes all CT and ultrasound guidance necessary to complete the procedure. iv) Paid at 50% if repeated within 30 days.			
10909	Percutaneous intravascular/intracorporeal medical device/foreign body removal	959.00	3	391.78
	NOTES: i) All angiography, angioplasty and/or intravascular stenting included. ii) If a second or third foreign body/medical device is removed, payable at 50% each to a total maximum of three.			
10911	Selective salpingography/fallopian tube recanalization (FTR)	959.00	2	391.78
	NOTES: i) Hysterosalpingogram not payable in conjunction with the procedure ii) Paid at 2/3 of the fee if unilateral iii) FTR is not an insured benefit when it is used to correct scarring of the fallopian tubes after reversal of tubal ligation iv) Any imaging related to the procedure is inclusive.			
10912	Transjugular liver/renal biopsy	959.00	2	391.78
	NOTES: i) Ultrasound guidance, venous puncture, central access catheter are included in the fee ii) Payable only for uncorrectable coagulopathy iii) The first biopsy is payable at 100%, the second and third at 50% up to a maximum of three per patient per day. iv) If repeated within 6 months, payable at 50%.			

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10913 Cerebral arterial balloon occlusion tolerance test.....	1695.00	5	796.15
NOTES: i) Payable for procedures performed on cerebral, carotid or vertebral arteries; ii) Radiological assists payable under fee items 08632 and 08633. iii) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, any diagnostic angiography done immediately prior to or during the procedure; iv) Payable once per day, regardless of the number of balloon catheters inserted; v) Repeats within 30 days included in payment for original procedure. vi) Included in payment for endovascular obliteration of an aneurysm using the GDC technique (10915) or embolization (00995, S00997, 00998) if performed on the same day.			
10914 Percutaneous balloon angioplasty for cerebral vasospasm	2172.00	9	1023.28
NOTES: i) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, diagnostic cerebral angiography done during the procedure and any necessary imaging performed at the time of the procedure; ii) Includes catheterization of any and all cerebral arteries. iii) Payable once per day regardless of number of vascular territories or times treated. iv) Medically necessary extra cranial angioplasty and stenting required to enable access for balloon angioplasty payable at 50% of S00982. v) Radiological assists are payable under fee items 08632 and 08633. vi) Physician may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted 10914. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of 75% of fee item 10914. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected. vii) Not payable with fee item 10905.			

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
10915 Endovascular obliteration of aneurysms using Guglielmi detachable coil (GDC) technique	4239.00	7	1990.40

NOTES:

i) Includes all neurological exams done in association with the procedure, any diagnostic angiography performed at time of procedure and any necessary imaging performed at the time of the procedure;
ii) Includes 10913 when performed on same day;
iii) Separate micro catheterization included if required;
iv) Multiple aneurysms paid as follows: 2nd - 50%; 3rd - 25% (to a maximum of three aneurysms);
v) Radiological assists are payable under fee items 08632 and 08633;
vi) Fee item 08629 not payable in addition.
vii) Physician may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted 10915. Each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of 75% of fee item 10915. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected.

10918 Percutaneous sclerotherapy of head and neck vascular lesions under fluoroscopic guidance.....	996.00	6	468.33

NOTES:

i) Payable once per day, regardless of the number of lesions treated on head or neck;
ii) Fee item 08629 not payable in addition.
iii) Includes necessary post-operative visits by physician performing procedure
iv) Compression sclerotherapy listings (fee items 77050-77060) not payable with 10918).

10919 Intravascular stent placement - extra.....	308.00		129.12

NOTES:

i) Includes all diagnostic imaging associated with stent placement.
ii) Payable once only when contiguous vessels are stented and/or where more than one stent is used per site.
iii) Payable when follows angioplasty procedure (S00982) where stent is not initially deployed.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	iv) Placement of second stent in non-contiguous site payable at 50%. v) Procedures repeated within 30 days are payable at 50%. vi) Not payable for Coronary stent placement. vii) When done with 77177 (EVAR), payable to either the primary or second operator.			
10920	Intracorporeal stent placement - extra	308.00		129.12
	NOTES: i) Includes all diagnostic imaging associated with stent placement. ii) Includes all associated tract dilation(s). iii) Second procedure same day payable at 50% iv) Removal of stent within 6 months of insertion payable at 50%. v) Payable only when stents are placed in the same organ and/or where more than one stent is used per site or when repositioning of stent required. vi) Placement of second stent in non-contiguous site payable at 50%.			
10921	Transjugular Intrahepatic Porto-systemic shunt (TIPS)	3026.00	8	1109.62
	NOTES: i) Includes all medically necessary catheters/guidewires/stenting. ii) Includes all diagnostic and/or procedural imaging. iii) 2nd TIPS procedure performed within 24 hours payable at 50%. iv) Replacement of previously inserted TIPS payable at 50%. v) Radiological assists are payable under fee items 08632 and 08633.			
10922	Embolization in the management of Epistaxis without vascular lesion or tumour	1427.00	3	628.08

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Includes the procedure performed, preparation of the embolic agent(s), catheter(s), catheterization(s), and follow-up care of the patient by the radiologist.

ii) Billable only by physicians with appropriate training in interventional radiology.

iii) Payable once per day regardless of the number of embolizations or catheterizations performed, or balloons inserted.

iv) 10922 include:

a) Diagnostic angiograms done during the procedure.

b) Angiograms performed as a separate procedure before or after the embolization are billable.

c) Physicians may bill under miscellaneous fee code 00999 for each angiogram when done as part of an aborted embolization procedure. each separate vessel injected will be considered a separate angiogram. Payment will be made at 100% for the first angiogram and 50% for subsequent angiograms, to a maximum of $1,700. Claims must be accompanied by written details of vessels injected.

d) Repeat procedures performed by the same physician and done within 30 days of the original procedure will be paid at 75% of the original fee.

v) Includes 10913 if performed on same day.

CARDIO-VASCULAR PROCEDURES

S00880	Portal pressures - hepatic vein wedge pressure - by duly qualified specialist	242.00		65.66
S00881	– percutaneous splenic portal pressure	200.00	2	52.55
10916	Complex diagnostic neuroangiography for the assessment of complex vascular tumours or vascular malformations - up to 4 hours procedural time	3107.00	5	1170.81
10917	– after 4 hours (extra to 10916)	637.00		292.72

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

NOTES:
i) Includes injection of six or more intracranial or extracranial vessels in the head, neck and/or spine, or if procedure requires use of microcatheters, injection of four or more vessels.
ii) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.
iii) This listing is not payable when performed concurrently with other interventional radiology procedures.
iv) Subsequent consecutive interventional radiology procedures are payable at:
a) 50% if performed by same operator;
b) 100% if performed by different operator.

BREAST

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Incision

70041	Fine needle aspiration of solid or cystic lesion – operation only	177.00	2	46.33
70042 –	each additional cyst or lesion (maximum of 3) – operation only	44.95	2	11.60

Stereotactic or ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy:

70472 –	1 to 5 core samples – operation only	331.00	2	87.38
70473 –	6 to 10 core samples – operation only	469.00	2	123.36

Post biopsy marker

P83045	Post biopsy radiological marker (clip) placement	337.00		150.00

NOTES:
i) Restricted to Radiologists who work at approved Community Imaging Clinics only.
ii) Paid only in addition to 86047; or 86048 when combined with 86047.
iii) Maximum two clips per patient per day, either unilateral or bilateral.

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	1043.00	2	275.79

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Anes. Lev.	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

08697	Standard 2-sequence or 2-plane study	841.00	
08698	– additional sequences or planes	349.00	

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

NOTES: Payment agencies accept billings under Column C (Total Fee) only.

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND TELEMETRY

Definition: The electronic transmission of diagnostic ultrasound images from one site to another for interpretation.

For diagnostic ultrasound telemetry services to be considered as benefits under the Medical Services Plan:

- the transmitting and receiving sites must be located within Diagnostic Accreditation Program accredited diagnostic facilities;
- the services are rendered to out-patients
- the services are billed in accordance with the Telemetry Billing Guidelines

Real time ultrasound fees may only be claimed for studies performed by telemetry when

- The facility currently holds a remote site designation from the Medical Services Commission. (Facilities should recognize that once the volume of services justifies full-time radiologist's coverage remote site designation may be removed.); and,
- The use of telemetry will not negatively affect the existing on-site visit; schedules of the radiologists; and,
- The majority of scans will continue to be scheduled when the visiting radiologist is on-site for the purpose of ultrasound supervision.

Telemetry Billing Guidelines:

g) Services must be billed by the facility where the image was taken using the practitioner number of the physician who did the interpretation.

h) Facility number field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was taken

i) Sub-Facility field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was interpreted
– zeros if interpreted at the same site where the image was taken

j) Service charges (fee items 01200 – 01202) are only billable when a physician is required to travel from home to hospital in order to perform a telemetry service for an outpatient and when the *MSC Payment Schedule* criteria are met.

k) The original site should ensure that only one interpretation is billed to MSP.

l) In those rare cases when a second radiological opinion is requested by the referring physician, a radiologist may bill for the service using fee item 08628, provided written radiological report is sent to the referring physician.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
HEAD AND NECK					
A08480	Transcranial Doppler……	131.00			
08641	Ophthalmic B-scan (immersion and contact)…	247.00	56.51	44.31	100.82
	NOTES: i) No additional charge for second eye when both eyes examined concurrently. ii) Includes 22399 when done at the same sitting.				
08642	B-scan – soft tissues of neck……..	164.00	37.04	31.50	68.54
	NOTE: To include thyroid, parathyroid, parotid and submandibular glands.				
HEART					
08638	Echocardiography – real time……..	269.00	59.48	42.38	101.86
08644	Ultrasonic guidance for pericardio-centesis…..	267.00	68.82	40.88	109.70
08662	Exercise echocardiography with pre and post-exercise echocardiogram of left ventricle with use of continuous loop and quad screen format analysis.....	654.00	132.87	101.59	234.46
	NOTE: Where the exercise stress test (00530, 00531, 00535, 01730, 01731, 01732, 33034, 33035 and 33036) and exercise echocardiogram (08662) are performed by the same physician, the stress test will be paid at 50 percent.				
THORAX					
08645	B-scan	210.00	54.86	31.52	86.38
08646	Ultrasonic guidance for thoracentesis.....	241.00	68.63	31.54	100.17
	Breast Sonogram:				
86047	– unilateral.....	137.00	42.30	27.61	69.91
86048	– additional side	67.60	21.31	13.94	35.25

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Additional side billable only when a localized area of interest is present in each breast. Sonography of the additional breast is not billable for comparison purposes only. ii) Indications for breast ultrasound are: – evaluation of mammographic abnormalities – evaluation of palpable masses – evaluation of other localized breast symptoms – evaluation of suspected implant complication – guidance for fine needle aspiration biopsy, core needle biopsy or fine wire localization – follow-up of solid nodules with benign characteristics which are not visible at mammography.				
ABDOMEN					
08648	Abdominal B-scan, complete	267.00	65.44	44.28	109.72
08649	Renal B-scan NOTE: 08649 not chargeable when done in conjunction with 08648 and/or 08653.	247.00	54.86	31.52	86.38
08650	Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy or cyst puncture	257.00	79.11	42.66	121.77
08684	Prostate scan using rectal probe	267.00	65.42	44.28	109.70
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY					
08651	Obstetrical B-scan - 14 weeks gestation or over	257.00	65.42	44.28	109.70
08655	– under 14 weeks gestation NOTE: Where an obstetrical B-scan (08651, 08655 or 86055) has been done within the two weeks immediately prior to an amniocentesis, a repeat obstetrical scan done in conjunction with amniocentesis is not chargeable.	208.00	50.76	31.54	82.30
86051	Obstetrical B scan (14 weeks gestation or over) (for multiples – each additional fetus)	219.00	43.96	37.67	81.63
08652	B-scan I.U.D. localization	137.00	33.02	22.10	55.12

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
08653	Pelvic B-scan (male or female) to include uterus, ovaries, testes and ovarian/scrotal Doppler	267.00	65.42	44.28	109.70
	NOTES: i) 08653 billable in conjunction with 08658 when specifically requested by the referring physician. ii) 08651 and 08655 not billable in conjunction with 08653.				
08657	Ultrasonic guidance for chorionic villus sampling	267.00	68.26	42.04	110.30
86055	Obstetrical B scan less than 14 weeks with Nuchal Translucency measurement (for singles)	335.00	73.42	53.12	126.54
	NOTES: i) Limited to one per pregnancy. ii) Only paid for scan between 11 weeks and 13 weeks and 6 days gestation. iii) Not paid with 08655. iv) Not paid for women under 35 years of age, at time of delivery, with the following exceptions: a) Paid for women with multiple gestation pregnancies. b) Paid for women who have a history of a previous child or fetus with Down syndrome (trisomy 21), trisomy 8, or trisomy 13. c) Women who are HIV positive. d) Women pregnant following invitro fertilization with intracytoplasmatic sperm injection.				
86056	Obstetrical B scan less than 14 weeks with Nuchal Translucency measurement (for multiples – each additional fetus)	296.00	53.12	41.77	94.89
BRAIN					
08659	B-scan	257.00	60.61	44.28	104.89
EXTREMITIES					
08658	Extremity B-scan	145.00	37.14	22.26	59.40

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Includes, but not restricted to, assessment of tendons, joint infusions, soft tissue masses and foreign body localization, unilateral. ii) Fee items 08670 or 08664 may be claimed in addition, if applicable. iii) May be claimed bilaterally if specifically requested by physician, except when billed with 08670 or 08664.				

DOPPLER STUDIES

	NOTE: The Doppler Vascular listings are applicable to hospital-based, accredited and approved ultrasound vascular studies, diagnostic facility only.				
08660	Abdominal duplex of native or transplant liver and/or kidney	299.00	87.80	34.33	122.13
	Peripheral Arterial:				
08664	Resting arterial assessment - To include multiple wave form and/or segmental pressure analysis, calculation and ankle/arm index NOTE: Not chargeable when done in conjunction with 08665 or 08666.	151.00	48.65	11.54	60.19
08665	Treadmill stress examination with or without ECG monitoring - To include sequential post stress measurement and calculations - with monitoring physician present	264.00	60.51	46.20	106.71
08666	– without monitoring physician present	175.00	60.66	11.53	72.19
08668	Vasospastic assessment - To include digital pressures and/or plethysmography - cold and hot stress responses and/or multiple extremity wave form analysis	175.00	60.66	11.53	72.19
08669	Sympathetic tone response - To include resting arterial assessment plus plethysmography and/or impedance monitoring and/or digital wave forms, response to Valsalva manoeuvres or other stimuli NOTE: 08669 not chargeable when done in conjunction with 08668.	109.00	32.43	11.53	43.96

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC A Tech Fee ($)	B Prof Fee ($)	C Total Fee ($)
	Peripheral Venous:				
08670	Diagnostic facility assessment for deep venous system	109.00	32.95	11.73	44.68
	Heart:				
08679	Doppler echocardiography	121.00	28.46	18.27	46.73
	Extracranial:				
	Carotid imaging: To include delineation of extra cranial vessels on both sides of the neck:				
08676	Duplex scanning of neck vessels to include Doppler flow assessment	269.00	87.64	34.32	121.96
08677	Periorbital assessments, either oculoplethysmography (OPG) or photoplethysmography (PPG) and/or Doppler directional determination with extracranial artery compression manoeuvres	109.00	32.95	11.73	44.68
08678	Subclavian or vertebral assessment, including assessment of subclavian steal - To include directional Doppler determination of flow direction in vertebral arteries with or without arm compression and other manoeuvres	152.00	49.00	12.21	61.21

LABORATORY MEDICINE

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These fee items may not be billed by Laboratory Medicine physicians who are being compensated under a service contract, sessional or salary agreement with a Health Authority for the same period of time in which the consultation/visit service is rendered. Further, no Laboratory Medicine physician who is being compensated under a service contract, sessional or salary agreement for a full time equivalent shall be entitled to bill these fee items. Special authority must be received from Doctors of British Columbia before Medical Services Plan will consider honouring accounts submitted for these fee items.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	CONSULTATIONS AND VISITS		
94010	**Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history and laboratory findings with a written report	282.00	148.18
94012	**Repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for the same illness is repeated within six (6) months of last visit by consultant or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	158.00	82.34
	Continuing Care by Consultant:		
94006	Directive care	62.40	31.31
94007	Subsequent office visit	62.40	32.01
94008	Subsequent hospital visit	62.40	31.90
94009	Subsequent home visit	124.00	63.62
94005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hour charges)	251.00	127.08
	NOTE**:** Claim must state time service rendered.		
	Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient		
94070	**Telehealth Consultation:** To consist of examination, review of history and laboratory findings with a written report	282.00	148.18
94072	**Telehealth repeat or Limited Consultation:** Where a consultation for same illness is repeated within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant or where, in the judgment of the consultant, the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	158.00	82.34
94076	Telehealth directive care	62.40	31.31
94077	Telehealth subsequent office visit	62.40	32.01
94078	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	62.40	31.90

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP & WSBC Fee ($)
	The following test is payable in a physician's office (when performed on their own patients) and/or on a referral basis:		
93120	E.C.G. tracing, without interpretation, (technical fee)	40.75	16.90

NON-INSURED ITEMS ONLY

PREAMBLE

The fee schedule addresses the direct service performed and the additional activities involved in the provision of each item. These additional activities include the time spent interacting with technologists and transcriptionists, telephoning other health professionals, attending rounds, conferences and continuing education. These activities do not include the administrative services provided by Anatomic Pathologists to the facilities they serve.

SURGICALS

Categorization Microscopically:

Except for Category I specimens which are submitted to the laboratory for identification and documentation of the type and source of the tissue or material, surgical specimens are ordinarily submitted for histological examination. Consequently, the categorization of specimens in Categories II to VI should be made after microscopic examination. The categorization depends on the final diagnosis and should be determined by the pathologist.

One Fee Per Consultation:

One fee per consultation is the general guide as the majority of consultations represent one specimen and one specimen container. It is traditional to accession all biopsied material from one patient for any day, under one laboratory accession number. When multiple specimens are submitted the following conventions apply:

1. **Multiple specimens from pathologically unrelated sites in one container**. Any number of biopsies that are submitted in one container, and not separately identified by the submitted physician, are interpreted as one specimen and one fee. This would apply to six endoscopic biopsies from the stomach in one specimen container. However, if two skin biopsies were submitted in one container and the history stated “larger lesion right cheek, query melanoma; smaller lesion left temple, query actinic keratosis”, these lesions would be treated individually as two distinct specimens and would warrant two billings. (Submitting multiple specimens in this manner is bad practice and should be discouraged).

2. **Multiple specimens from pathologically unrelated sites in separate containers.** Multiple tissue samples submitted in separate containers from separate body sites are regarded as separate specimens and are billed separately. For example, a hysterectomy for fibroids received along with an anterior resection of colon for cancer in separate containers are separately billable items despite the convention of lumping them under one accession number and one report.

3. **Multiple specimens from pathologically identical or closely related sites in separate containers.** Based on the principle that these represent one consultation and in general one disease, these are billed as one fee. When four or more biopsies of Category IV are processed separately, they may be billed as one complex specimen of Category V. This would include multiple needle core biopsies of breast or prostate, multiple skin dysplastic nevi, multiple bronchopulmonary biopsies, multiple gastrointestinal biopsies and multiple

bladder biopsies. Similarly, if a hysterectomy for uterine cancer with one attached adnexa is submitted in one container and the second detached adnexa in a second container, the two specimens are billed as one Category VI item since both adnexae are regarded as components of the radical hysterectomy specimen.

4. **Special histochemical and immunohistochemical stains and immunofluorescence.** Simple histochemical or immunohistochemical stains performed to confirm a histologic diagnosis should not be reflected in the fee (e.g.: PAS or Giemsa for skin or GI biopsies). Complex histochemical or immunohistochemical stains requiring extensive pathologic assessment are reflected in the classification of the specimen within the categories below (e.g.: AFB and fungal stains for granulomatous lymphadenitis, multiple IHC stains for malignant lymphoma, immunofluorescence and electron microscopy for primary diagnosis of glomerulonephritis).

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*** Does not include technical component.**

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee* ($)
CONSULTATIONS		
Consultation fees are designed for a formal consultation from an outside laboratory on a case which requires evaluation of clinical information, reading of slides and submission of a formal written report. Procedures that may be required (e.g.: special stains) are not included in this professional fee.		
Referred histology slides for opinion and letter	A94504	156.00
– Multiple or complex specimens (Category VI specimens)	A94505	314.00
Intra-operative Consultation:		
Operative consult with or without frozen section - first	A94500	195.00
– each additional (no limit)	A94502	61.50
NOTES:		
This fee is billed in conjunction with fee A94500 when:		
i) The surgeon requests consultation on second or subsequent specimens when more than one specimen is obtained during one operative procedure (e.g.: multiple biopsies to identify parathyroid gland tissue at parathyroidectomy), or		
ii) Multiple sequential specimens must be obtained to confirm diagnosis (e.g.: confirmation of intracranial tumour).		
AUTOPSY		
Autopsy - complete	A94506	1195.00
Autopsy - partial	A94508	362.00

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	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee* ($)
NOTE: To be billed when an autopsy examination is limited either by signed family consent, or by choice of the pathologist, to one organ system or one body cavity (e.g.: thoracic cavity only). Includes both gross and microscopic examination.		

SURGICAL

Category I - Identification by gross examination only..... NOTE: Specimens submitted to the Pathology Laboratory for identification and documentation of the type and source of the tissue of specimens removed (e.g.: amputated fingers or toes; aneurysm contents; atheromatous plaque; bone for identification; calculus; foreskin from children (under age 16); intervertebral disc fragments; meniscus; nasal cartilage; other plastic procedures; prosthesis; skin from rhitidectomy; teeth; tonsils (under age 16); varicose veins; etc.). If the pathologist deems that microscopic examination is required, the specimen will not belong here.	A94510	15.25
Category II - Confirmation of normality ..... NOTE: Small specimens submitted for confirmation of normality by gross and microscopic examination (e.g.: appendix, incidental removal; brain/meninges from traumatic injury; carpal tunnel tissue; cartilage shavings; fallopian tube, sterilization; fingers/toes, amputation, traumatic, requiring histology; hernia sac, any location; hydrocele sac; intervertebral disc; joint loose body, meniscus; nerve, vagotomy; products of conception - therapeutic abortion; skin, plastic repair; spleen, traumatic injury; sympathetic ganglion; tendon; testicular appendage; testis, castration for carcinoma prostate; vaginal mucosa, incidental to vaginal repair; vas deferens, sterilization; vein and varicosity; etc.).	A94512	46.35
Category III - Confirmation of common degenerative and inflammatory conditions and common benign tumours. ..... NOTE: Specimens submitted to pathology for confirmation of the clinical diagnosis of a wide variety of common degenerative and inflammatory conditions as well as common benign tumours (e.g.: abscess; aneurysm - arterial/venous; appendix, other than incidental; artery, atheromatous plaque requiring histology; Bartholin's gland cysts; bone fragment(s) and exostoses, other than pathologic fracture; bursa/synovial cyst; cholesteatoma; colon, colostomy stoma; conjunctiva for pterygium; cornea; diverticulum - esophagus/small bowel; Dupuytren's contracture tissue; femoral head, nontumour; fingers and toes - nontraumatic amputation;	A94514	59.40

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	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee* ($)
fissure/fistula in ano; foreskin - other than newborn; gall bladder; ganglion cyst; heart valve; hematoma; hemorrhoids; hydatid of Morgagni; material passed per vaginum or other orifice; mucocele - salivary; neuroma - Mortons/traumatic; pilonidal cyst/sinus; polyps, inflammatory - nasal/sinusoidal; products of conception - missed/spontaneous abortion; skin - cyst/tag, debridement; or common benign neoplasm (seborrheic keratosis, basal cell carcinoma, benign intradermal nevus); soft tissue - debridement; soft tissue - lipoma; spermatocele; thrombus or embolus; tonsil and/or adenoids (over 16 years of age); varicocele; etc.).		
Category IV - Small specimens for diagnosis ..... NOTE: Small specimens for diagnosis to include all endoscopic biopsies as well as small organs removed for benign conditions (e.g.: artery, biopsy; bone fragments for metastatic tumour; breast biopsy, needle core; breast, reduction mammoplasty; bronchus, biopsy; cell block, any source; cervix, biopsy; endocervix, endometrium, curettings/biopsy; esophagus, biopsy; extremity, amputation, traumatic; fallopian tube, ectopic pregnancy; femoral head, metastatic tumour; GI biopsy; gingiva/oral mucosa, biopsy; larynx, biopsy; leiomyomas(s), uterine myomectomy - w/o uterus; lip, biopsy/wedge resection; lung, transbronchial biopsy; lymph node, biopsy for metastatic tumour; nasal mucosa, biopsy; nasopharynx/oropharynx, biopsy; odontogenic/dental cyst; omentum, biopsy; ovary w/wo tube, non-neoplastic; ovary, biopsy/wedge resection; pancreas, biopsy; parathyroid gland, biopsy; peritoneum, biopsy; placenta; pleura/pericardium - biopsy/tissue; polyp, cervical/endometrial; polyp, colorectal; polyp, stomach/small bowel; prostate, needle biopsy (less than 5 specimens); prostate, TUR; salivary gland, biopsy; sinus, paranasal, biopsy; skin, for dysplastic/atypical nevi, melanomas, inflammatory processes, other tumours, wide excisions; soft tissue, benign tumours; synovium; testis, other than tumour/biopsy/castration; thyroglossal duct/branchial cleft cyst; tongue, biopsy; trachea, biopsy; urogenital tract, biopsy or TUR; uterus w/wo tubes and ovaries, for prolapse; vagina, biopsy; vulva/labia, biopsy; etc).	A94516	111.00
Category V - Complex biopsies or small whole organs..... NOTE: These specimens include specialized biopsies and excisions. (Specimens of Category IV that are multiple (4 or more) may be elevated to this Category). Examples include: adrenal, resection; bone-biopsy/curettings, for primary bone tumours;	A94518	156.00

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	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee* ($)
bone marrow, biopsy; brain, biopsy; brain/meninges, spinal cord, tumour resection; breast, lumpectomy alone; cervix, cone biopsy or LEEP; colon, segmental resection, other than for tumour; extremity, amputation, non-traumatic; eye, enucleation; kidney, biopsy for allograft rejection; kidney, partial/total nephrectomy; larynx, partial/total resection; liver, biopsy - needle/wedge; liver, partial resection; lung, wedge biopsy or wedge excision; lymph nodes, for hematolymphoid neoplasm or infectious process, or regional resection; mediastinum, mass; muscle, biopsy; nerve, biopsy; myocardial biopsy not requiring electron microscopy; neck dissection alone; odontogenic tumour, resection; ovary w/wo tube, neoplastic; pituitary tumour, biopsy; prostate, sextant biopsies or simple prostatectomy; salivary gland, major; skin with immunofluorescence; small intestine, resection, other than for tumour (e.g.: Crohn's ischemia); soft tissue mass, malignant tumour; stomach - partial gastrectomy other than for tumour; testis, tumour resection; thymus, tumour; thyroid, lobectomy or total thyroidectomy without neck dissection; ureter, resection; uterus, w/wo tubes and ovaries; other than neoplastic/prolapse.		
Category VI - Large complex organ requiring extensive gross dissection and microscopic assessment ..... NOTE: Specimens in this category include: bone tumour, resection; breast, mastectomy (partial or full, w/wo regional lymph nodes); colon, segmental resection for tumour; colon, total resection; esophagus, partial/total resection; extremity, disarticulation; fetus, w/dissection; kidney, nerve, muscle, liver or myocardial biopsy requiring electron microscopy, for primary diagnosis; larynx, partial/total resection for tumour - with regional lymph nodes; lung - total/lobe/segment resection; pancreas - total/subtotal resection; prostate, radical resection; small intestine, resection for tumour; soft tissue tumour, extensive resection or amputation; stomach - subtotal/total resection, tumour; thyroidectomy plus neck dissection; tongue/tonsil - resection for tumour, complex resection with lymph nodes; urinary bladder, partial/total resection; uterus w/wo tubes and ovaries, neoplastic; vulva - total/subtotal resection.	A94520	314.00

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Prof. Fee ($)	Non-MSP-Insured Total Fee ($)
FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY			
Forensic toxicological testing includes a number of distinct areas: postmortem toxicological testing, human performance drug testing and other forensic drug testing. In all instances, there is a requirement for attention to the legal ramifications such as chain of custody, expert testimony and acceptability of scientific evidence that exceeds that required for clinical practice.			
Postmortem Toxicology:			
Post mortem toxicological testing usually involves multiple specimens. Testing may involve multiple analytic procedures depending on the direction received from the coroner/pathologist. Consequently, billing is usually per procedure per case rather than per specimen. Legally acceptable criteria for identification usually require substance demonstration by two independent methods.			
Screening by radioimmunoassay for drug class without identification/quantitation	A94570	15.06	54.20
Screening by immunoassay for drug class without identification/quantitation	A94572	15.06	54.20
Screening by gas chromatography (GC) for drug class (acidic drugs) with identification but not quantitation	A94574	15.06	73.10
Screening by gas chromatography (GC) for drug class (basic drugs) with identification but not quantitation	A94576	15.06	73.10
Screening by thin layer chromatography for drug class(es) with identification but not quantitation	A94578	15.06	164.00
Drug identification and/or quantitation by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) (applies primarily to basic drugs)	A94580	15.06	127.00
Drug identification and/or quantitation by Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LCMS) (applies to acidic drugs and to a large number of other drugs that will not go through a GCMS)	A94582	15.06	253.00
Comprehensive drug screen (includes screening by GC and radioimmunoassay and drug identification/quantitation by GCMS (applies primarily to basic drugs)	A94584	15.06	281.00
Ethanol	A94586	15.06	74.80
Carbon monoxide	A94588	15.06	157.00

SESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

These payment rates are applicable to all sessional arrangements compensated by funds provided by the Government of British Columbia. These rates are effective April 1, 2020.

SESSIONAL RATES

	Sessional Rate	Per hour Rate
General Practitioner	$509.77	$145.64
Specialist.....	$601.31	$171.80

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES COMMISSION RATE

	Psychiatric Services Rate	Per Hour Rate
General Practitioner	$552.92	$157.97
Specialist.....	$796.94	$227.69

NOTE:
A session, for the purpose of this agreement, is 3.5 hours of a physician's professional clinical services. A session may be an accumulation of lesser time intervals adding up to 3.5 hours or other amounts of a full quarter of an hour will be recognized.

ON-CALL/AVAILABILITY/CALL-BACK

1. "Call-back" is where a Physician is not on-call but is called in by the Agency to provide a service.

2. Sessional Physicians shall be entitled to on-call/call-back payments in accordance with the Working Agreement.

3. In addition to the payments described above, a Physician will be paid for the services provided while on-call or call-back at the appropriate hourly rate, but for not less than one hour.

WORKSAFE BC

SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Almost all Workers in BC are covered under the Worker's Compensation Act. WorkSafeBC provides coverage for the treatment of injuries and diseases that it has accepted as work caused. As such, medical services provided to Injured Workers covered and accepted under the Act are not insured by the Medical Services Plan.

1.2 Working with Physicians and employers in the community, WorkSafeBC's goal is to facilitate a safe, timely, and durable return to work for Injured Workers. Prolonged absences from the workplace often result in de-conditioning, a reduced likelihood of recovery, increased pressure on family and personal relationships and a loss of self-esteem, as well as costly uses of health care and social services.

1.3 The issue of causation is important to WorkSafeBC as the Act refers to personal injury, disease or death "arising out of and in the course of employment". Employment factors need not be the sole cause, or even the predominant cause, in order for the injury or disease to be accepted. In order for the injury or occupational disease to be compensable, the employment has to be of 'causative significance', which means it has to be more than a trivial or insignificant cause of the injury or disease.

1.4 To be considered work-related, there must be a fifty-percent (50%) or greater probability that a condition arose out of work. It is not sufficient that it is "possible" that the condition arose out of work.

1.5 Doctors of BC recognizes the Physicians' role in rehabilitating Injured Workers and assisting WorkSafeBC in returning them to work. To this end, where reasonable, Physicians will advise Injured Workers that a safe and timely return to work may hasten their recovery. The concept of "hurt vs. harm" is important in occupational medicine.

1.6 It is not possible to provide a specific diagnosis in every case. It may, however, be possible to exclude serious or progressive conditions that may be worsened by work.

2.0 PHYSICIANS ROLE IN FACILITATING A RETURN TO WORK

2.1 Doctors of BC will encourage Physicians to assist Injured Workers in receiving benefits they are entitled to under the Act.

2.2 Physicians will provide care to Injured Workers under this Agreement and will support the principles of disability management with employers and Injured Workers to optimize recovery and facilitate a safe early return to work.

2.3 Physicians will provide appropriate support and encouragement to Injured Workers in order to facilitate their participation in appropriate rehabilitation programs, provided by employers or by WorkSafeBC, directed at early recovery and return to work.

2.4 Physicians will encourage Workers, with assistance of the Workers' employers, to recognize the evidence based principle that early return to their work or a modified version of their work (Therapeutic Return to Work) offers the most effective route to recovery from many injuries, in particular soft tissue injuries.

2.5 Physicians will endeavor to communicate effectively through established reporting mechanisms, and contact with WorkSafeBC staff and rehabilitation providers, to facilitate exchange of claim related information which is directed at achieving early return to work and providing necessary benefits to Injured Workers.

2.6 Physicians will, if making recommendations for job modification, take into account any detailed fitness assessment and job evaluation information made available to them and recognize that, in order of effectiveness:

1) return to original work with original employer,
2) return to modified work with original employer,
3) return to similar work with another employer,
4) return to modified work within the same industry,
5) are all options which should be beneficially explored before formal retraining to a new occupation is considered?

2.7 In most cases it is advisable for Physicians to limit recommendations they make with respect to suitability to return to other than the original employment, to factual statements about any physical limitations present or recommended restrictions of specific activities which may be necessary pending full recovery.

2.8 The return to work consultation (Fee Code 19950) is described in Schedule A, Article 8.0

3.0 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION

3.1 WorkSafeBC undertakes to liaise with Doctors of BC regarding occupational health care issues.

3.2 Rehabilitation initiatives will be discussed with Doctors of BC during development, providing Doctors of BC with an opportunity to contribute its expertise.

3.3 Advances in occupational medicine and changes to WorkSafeBC policies and procedures with respect to occupational diseases will be communicated to Doctors of BC in a timely manner.

3.4 WorkSafeBC will raise the profile of occupational medicine and ensure that it is represented in Continuing Medical Education within the Province.

4.0 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO INITIATE AND MANAGE A CLAIM

4.1 A Board Officer determines entitlement and acceptance of a claim. Entitlement decisions are reliant upon the prompt receipt of information in supporting documentation from:

Employer/Worker Information

Separate forms are completed by the employer and Worker.

- **Form 6** - Workers' Application for Compensation
- **Form 6** is completed and signed by the Injured Worker. If this report has not been sent to WorkSafeBC the claim may be suspended and may not be paid. WorkSafeBC provides Physicians with a supply of these forms upon request.
- **Form 7** - Employer Report

Physician Information

- **Form 8** – Physician Report (treating Physician) – first report of injury
- **Form 11** – Progress Report

5.0 ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Only one (1) Form 8 will be paid on a claim with payment being made to the first received. Any subsequent Form 8 will be paid at a Form 11 rate.

5.2 Any submitted Forms 8 and 11 that are missing mandatory field(s) or are illegible will be rejected without any cost to WorkSafeBC.

5.3 Fees will be reimbursed based on electronic submission or fax transmission and timeliness of receipt from date of service as described in Schedule B.

6.0 MEDICAL TREATMENT - FORMS, REPORTS AND SERVICES

6.1 Current service and submission requirements for Forms 8 and 11 are described at Schedule A – Article 5.0:

Form 8 - First Report of Injury

6.1.1 The Physician of first contact or attending Physician must complete a Form 8 where the Physician suspects the Worker may be disabled beyond the day of injury or if the claim is for a hernia, back condition, shoulder or knee strain/sprain, occupational disease or mental disorder.

6.1.2 The Parties agree that if WorkSafeBC requests a First Report of Injury (Form 8), when a Form 8 was not initially required, and/or a copy of other medical records after a patient is seen, WorkSafeBC will pay Fee Code 19927. The time limit for the submission of this form and/or medical records is ten (10) business days from the date the request is faxed or telephoned by WorkSafeBC.

6.1.3 WorkSafeBC will reimburse the Physician for a Form 8 and an office visit for the first visit where the Physician suspects the Worker may be disabled beyond the

day of injury or if the claim is for a hernia, back condition, shoulder or knee strain/sprain, occupational disease, or mental disorder.

6.1.4 Only one Form 8 shall be paid on a claim, with status paid to the first received not date of service. Any subsequent Form 8 will be paid at a Form 11 rate.

6.1.5 Form 8 shall not be billed by a specialist submitting an expedited consultation.

6.1.6 There will be no payment for forms received after the time limits described in this Agreement in Schedule B.

Form 11 - Progress Report

6.1.7 Follow-up examination visits shall be conducted by the attending Physician as medically necessary, as a result of Worker requirement or at the request of a Board Officer.

6.1.8 Form 11 will only be supplied for a change of medical condition or as an accompaniment to fee codes 19509, 19510, 19511 and 19950. A Form 11 where there is no change in the Worker's medical condition, treatment plan, or return to work status is not payable unless an interval of at least four (4) weeks has passed since the Physician last billed a Form 11.

6.1.9 Follow-up examination visits will be paid regardless of whether a Form 11 has been submitted.

6.1.10 There will be no payment for forms received after the time limits described in this Agreement as indicated in Schedule B.

7.0 EXPEDITED COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATION REPORT

7.1 Referrals for Initial and Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultations can be made to a Specialist Physician by WorkSafeBC or a referring physician.

7.1.1 Physicians With Areas of Expertise will receive referrals for Initial and Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultations only from WorkSafeBC.

7.2 Specialist Physicians and Physicians With Areas of Expertise are entitled to the Expedited Comprehensive Consultation fee if the following criteria are met:

7.2.1 Reporting Timeliness:

7.2.1.1 The Initial Expedited Comprehensive Consultation (includes Trauma and Emergency cases) report must be received by WorkSafeBC within fifteen (15) business days from the referral.

7.2.1.2 Referrals other than the Initial Consultation: The report must be received within fifteen (15) business days of the referral.

7.2.1.3 For any other Consultations: The report must be received within five (5) business days of the consultations.

7.2.1.4 Where following a consultation the physician concludes the Worker is fit to return to work, this information must be received within three (3) days of the consultation.

7.3 Initial Expedited Comprehensive Consultation:

7.3.1 The Physician is entitled to the Initial Expedited Comprehensive Consultation fee for the first consultation on each claim and a new Initial Expedited Comprehensive Consultation when both of the following conditions occur:

7.3.1.1 more than six (6) months lapsed since the physician last saw the Worker; **and**

7.3.1.2 the consultation is as a result of a new referral.

7.3.2 Where the consultation occurs as a result of an emergency (e.g.: trauma), the Specialist is entitled to receive the Initial Expedited Comprehensive Consultation fee.

7.4 Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation: The Physician is entitled to the Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation fee for one (1) repeat consultation when the repeat consultation occurs within twelve (12) weeks of the first Consultation following the referral. Any other repeat consultation is not entitled to expedited fees.

7.4.1 In the case of a post-operative consultation, that follow up visit and report are to be invoiced as the post-operative consultation service as described in Fee Schedule B, using fee code 19931. The post-operative consultation is not considered a Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation.

7.5 For expedited consultative services, only Specialists providing services within WorkSafeBC designated Visiting Specialist Clinic (the “VSC”) site(s) are able to bill sessionally; all others must bill fee-for-service for expedited consultation services.

7.6 Expedited consultations requiring diagnostic investigations will be expedited using WorkSafeBC services as required.

7.7 The Fees include the physical examination and report. No other report fees may be billed in addition.

7.8 Standards for reporting for an expedited comprehensive consultation shall contain the following core information:

- Purpose of examination;
- Nature of injury;
- Present complaints;
- Objective findings;
- Diagnosis or differential diagnosis;

- It is not possible to provide a specific diagnosis in every case. It may, however be possible to exclude serious or progressive conditions that may be worsened by work.
- Information regarding causation including risk factors other than work; and
- Recommendations regarding work restrictions as related to the work injury/disease.

7.9 If the report is found to be deficient in one of the core areas of information, WorkSafeBC shall return the report to the Physician promptly (within five business days of receipt) identifying the area(s) of deficiency. The Physician shall supply the deficient information within five (5) business days of WorkSafeBC's request.

7.10 WorkSafeBC reserves the right to discontinue payment for reports that do not meet WorkSafeBC requirements and standards and shall inform the Physician in writing of any decision to discontinue such payments.

8.0 RETURN TO WORK CONSULTATION (FEE CODE 19950)

8.1 A return to work consultation, to facilitate a safe, early return to work, may be billed under Fee Code 19950 on Fee Schedule B. The services compensated for by this Fee Code are for the express purpose of facilitating an early return to work through identification of suitable modified, gradual or transitional return to work opportunities in conjunction with the employer, taking into account the functional limitations of the Injured Worker, the nature of the Injured Worker's regular work and available alternatives in his/her workplace.

8.2 The consultation may be initiated by a Board Officer or delegate, Board Physician, employer or treating Physician. The steps included in the return to work plan are as follows:

8.2.1 Contact with WorkSafeBC Officer (may include Nurse Advisor, Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant, Medical Advisor or Claims Officer) by treating physician to initiate process and to obtain the employer's contact information.

8.2.2 Discussion between treating Physician and employer, or employer representative including discussion of the return to work plan.

8.2.3 Follow up with Injured Worker to discuss return to work plan.

8.2.4 A WorkSafeBC Nurse Advisor may coordinate, facilitate and document a return to work consultation between the physician, a WorkSafeBC representative and the employer.

8.3 Consultation and return to work plan must be documented and submitted on a Form 11.

8.4 In the event of an unsuccessful return to a modified, gradual or transitional return to work after this, one further consultation cycle may be approved by a WorkSafeBC Officer. This further consultation will be invoiced as Fee Code 19950.

8.5 This Fee Code includes visit and phone calls related to the direct evaluation and reporting in order to complete the return to work plan. A Form 11 is billable in addition to fee code 19950.

9.0 DISALLOWED/ SUSPENDED CASES

9.1 Where a claim for medical treatment is disallowed or suspended by WorkSafeBC, WorkSafeBC shall notify all attending/consulting Physicians in writing or electronically within three (3) days of such decision.

9.2 WorkSafeBC will pay for all accepted reports in respect of disallowed or suspended claims submitted by Physicians, up until the time the Physician is informed that the claim has been disallowed or suspended.

9.3 To avoid a possible suspension of a claim, Physicians' offices will be supplied with Forms 6 on request.

9.4 Interest will be paid in accordance with Article 7.8 on outstanding accounts pertaining to disallowed or suspended claims up to the time that the Physician is notified.

10.0 ACCOUNTS INITIALLY REJECTED BUT FOUND TO BE WORKSAFEBC RESPONSIBILITY (FEE CODE 19952)

10.1 Fee Code 19952, on Fee Schedule B, will be billable as an additional charge, upon resubmission, for an account submitted and initially rejected for payment by WorkSafeBC for one of the following reasons:

10.1.1 WorkSafeBC entitlement decision was delayed beyond twenty-two (22) days from date of injury for reasons unrelated to the Physician services provided;
10.1.2 Due to data entry errors in the original submission that were determined to be the responsibility of WorkSafeBC;
10.1.3 Due to incorrect application of payment rules by WorkSafeBC;
10.1.4 Any other reasons that are the fault of WorkSafeBC; or,
10.1.5 When WorkSafeBC has failed to provide notice in writing (including fax transmission) within seventy-two (72) hours of a decision to close, disallow or suspend a claim. Note: WorkSafeBC cannot be responsible for notification to consultants for services under this provision when documentation provided to WorkSafeBC does not identify the specialist.

10.2 It is the responsibility of the Physician to identify this claim and the reasons for it. Once such a claim has been filed WorkSafeBC will manually adjudicate it and, if necessary, it will be referred to the fee payment dispute resolution procedures of the Agreement for final resolution.

WORKSAFE BC
FEE ITEMS

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the WorkSafeBC Schedule A – Description of Services

		WSBC Fee ($)

SCHEDULE B FEE SCHEDULE FOR WORKSAFEBC UNIQUE FEES AND FORM FEES

This fee schedule includes fees for: Form Fees, WorksafeBC Unique Fees

1.0 FORM FEES

19937	Form 8 - Report of First Injury, received by WorkSafeBC within three (3) business days of date of service and transmitted electronically. Paid in addition to office visit.....	54.20
	If Form 8 is received by WorkSafeBC within four (4) to six (6) business days of the date of service and transmitted electronically, then a reduced fee is paid. Paid in addition to office visit.....	38.25
	If Form 8 is received seven (7) business days or later following the date of service, the fee paid is $0. The office visit will be paid.	
19900	Form 8 - Report of First Injury, received by WorkSafeBC within three (3) business days of date of service and submitted via fax transmission. Paid in addition to office visit.....	35.78
	If Form 8 is received by WorkSafeBC within four (4) to six (6) business days of the date of service and submitted via fax transmission, then a reduced fee is paid. Paid in addition to office visit.....	23.85
	If Form 8 is received seven (7) business days or later following the date of service, the fee paid is $0. The office visit will be paid.	
19927	First Report of Injury (Form 8) that is requested by WorkSafeBC after the Injured Worker is seen where the form is not initially required (See Form 8 Rules), received within ten (10) business days of the faxed or telephone request. Paid in addition to office visit.	59.64
	Submissions received after ten (10) business days of request will not be paid. Fee code 19904 may not be billed in addition as this fee includes copying of any existing reports or chart notes from an Injured Worker's file. The office visit will be paid.	
19940	Form 11 - Progress Report Physical Examination, received within three (3) business days of date of service by WorkSafeBC and transmitted electronically. Paid in addition to office visit ……..	44.20
	If Form 11 is received by WorkSafeBC within four (4) to six (6) business days of the date of service and transmitted electronically, then a reduced fee is paid. Paid in addition to office visit.....	20.07

		WSBC Fee ($)
	If Form 11 is received seven (7) business days or later following the date of service, the fee paid is $0. The office visit will be paid.	
19902	Form 11 - Progress Report Physical Examination, received within three (3) business days of date of service by WorkSafeBC and submitted via fax transmission. Paid in addition to office visit.	32.20
	If Form 11 is received by WorkSafeBC within four (4) to six (6) business days of the date of service and submitted via fax transmission, then a reduced fee is paid. Paid in addition to office visit.	16.09
	If Form 11 is received seven (7) business days or later following the date of service, the fee paid is $0. The office visit will be paid.	
	2.0 WORKSAFEBC UNIQUE FEES	
19904	WorkSafeBC request for copy of a consultation, operative, chart notes or other existing report – first twenty pages, received within three (3) business days of request. Not to be paid in addition to other Fee Codes except 19906	44.23
19905	WorkSafeBC requested copy of consultation, operative, or other existing report – first five (5) pages or less sent by mail	27.64
19919	Office Consultation with a WorkSafeBC Officer or designate (up to fifteen (15) minutes)	61.94
19906	Continuation of 19904 – over twenty (20) pages, additional per page	1.33
19907	A factual written summary or reasoned medical opinion upon written request from WorkSafeBC (19904 may not be billed in addition). If extractions included over five (5) pages – may bill 19906	282.04
19930	Telephone Consultation with WorkSafeBC Claims Adjudicator/Case Manager or designate or allied health care provider* in fifteen (15) minute increments (not to be billed for routine inquiries) up to a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes (i.e. to a daily maximum of three (3) units) per claim	55.30
	*Community allied health care providers include providers involved in the care of an Injured Worker, such as physiotherapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, WorkSafeBC-sponsored treatment program physician or other program staff.	
00129	Emergency call-out when a Physician (General Practice or Specialist) has to immediately leave his or her home or office (outside of hospital) to attend an Injured Worker. This fee is billed over and above medical service fees	74.31
19942	WorkSafeBC Job-site meeting	326.27
19922	Materials used in conjunction with sterile tray fees. Bill the actual cost of materials	Actual Cost
19908	Non-expedited specialist consultation report, initial or repeat, for consultation services that do not include a report in the fee item description. Report must be received by WorkSafeBC within seven (7) business days following date of service or following request by WorkSafeBC	29.85

		WSBC Fee ($)
19929	**EXCESSIVELY PROLONGED OR COMPLEX CASES**	
	Excessively prolonged or complex cases. At the request of WorkSafeBC, a Physician will review the file(s), examine the Injured Worker, and develop a report on an Injured Worker whose recovery is prolonged or complicated. The Parties agree that, unless it is not practical, such cases should be referred to the WorkSafeBC medical rehabilitation program for appropriate review, assessment and case planning. In situations where WorkSafeBC requires information about a Worker who is not under active treatment but who continues to have an injury claim, WorkSafeBC may request a Physician, who had treated the Worker, to review the file(s) and develop a report describing the details of the injury, diagnosis, and treatment. Report must be received within twenty (20) business days of service. Submissions received after twenty (20) business days will not be paid	177.94
19931	**POST-OPERATIVE CONSULTATION**	
	In recognition of WorkSafeBC's need to have surgeons involved in disability management, WorkSafeBC agrees to pay a post operative visit and a Form 11 or a consultation report fee for a total value as indicated on the right to assess a Worker's potential to return to work on a graduated or full time basis; or to refer the Worker to the appropriate treatment program in the WorkSafeBC continuum of care; or if neither are appropriate, to recommend a treatment plan with an estimate of recovery and return to work. This WorkSafeBC unique service would occur within the forty-two (42) day post-operative period, usually at four (4) weeks post surgery. Report must be received within five (5) business days of service. Submissions received after five (5) business days will not be paid.....	82.95

		WSBC Fee ($)
19950	**RETURN TO WORK CONSULTATION** Purpose is to facilitate a safe, early return to work. Can be initiated by WorkSafeBC Officer or delegate, WorkSafeBC Physician, employer or by treating Physician. Must include consultation by Physician with employer and WorkSafeBC Officer, and follow up to discuss RTW with Worker. Consultation and RTW plan must be documented and submitted on Form 11. One further consultation cycle may be billed if the initial attempt at RTW is unsuccessful. Fee all-inclusive	313.18
19952	Accounts initially rejected but found to be WorkSafeBC responsibility. Bill directly to WorkSafeBC by fax transmission	22.13
19953	**WorkSafeBC Request For Existing Report or Chart Notes - ISOLATING SPECIFIC INFORMATION** When WorkSafeBC requests a copy of an existing report or chart notes and where complying with that request requires the Physician to review the chart or report for the purpose of severing identified personal information not relevant to the claim prior to submission of photocopied material, or identifying previous injury or illness relevant to the current claim, or area of injury in question from prior records and separating that information from other clinical information prior to submission to WorkSafeBC. The Physician may bill Fee Code 19953. Fee Codes 19904, 19905 or 19906 may not be billed in addition to this Fee Code. Must be received within ten (10) business days of request of service and includes all courier charges	132.72
19976	Return to Work planning request. A request initiated by a WorkSafeBC Officer or designated rehabilitation provider to a Physician to endorse a one (1) page Return to Work planning request form	26.08
19508	Telephone consultation between a WorkSafeBC Medical Advisor and a community Physician which takes place within 24 hours of being initiated by the Medical Advisor	78.53
19509	Complex Spinal Cord Injury initial visit or yearly assessment. Visit to include a complete physical exam and updated care plan documented and presented on a form 8/11. Only payable once per patient per year, by noted regular physician. Form 8/11 will be paid in addition.	162.64
19510	Complex Spinal Cord Injury office visit, cannot bill in addition to a yearly assessment fee (19509) for one visit. Form 8/11 may be reimbursed if changes in condition.	108.43

		WSBC Fee ($)
19511	Complex Spinal Cord injury home visit. The physician must also complete and bill for a Form 8/11. This fee cannot be billed with office visit (19510)	216.86
19556	Image-guided diagnostic and therapeutic injection. New fee code to be billable only when the injection requires imaging guidance (e.g.: CT, fluoro, ultrasound) and is arranged at a WorkSafeBC-contracted private surgical facility, or where the physician utilizes their own imaging equipment within their own office.	240.47
19557	Use of physician's own imaging equipment for image-guided diagnostic and therapeutic injection. This fee code cannot be invoiced in addition to a surgical facility fee code. This item is billed in addition to the injection fee code 19556..	140.82

3.0 STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FEE

Standard Assessment Form is to be completed by Physician only when requested by WorkSafeBC or a surgeon. This Service is to be provided for specific assessments upon request. Standard Assessment Fee includes the physical examination and completion of the report form. Refer to the Physicians Reference Guide for guidelines on specific reports for unique assessment types.

The Physician shall not complete a Form 11 for the examination when a Standard Assessment form is requested. The Standard Assessment Form must be completed and received by WorkSafeBC and/or surgeon (if applicable) within fifteen (15) business days of the request.

		WSBC Fee ($)
19909	Standardized Assessment Form received by WorkSafeBC and surgeon (if applicable) within fifteen (15) business days of request by WorkSafeBC	82.94
19910	Standardized Assessment Form received by WorkSafeBC and surgeon (if applicable) after fifteen (15) business days of request by WorkSafeBC	77.42

4.0 MEDICAL-LEGAL MATTERS

The requirements for receiving fees 19932 and 19933 are as follows:

1. Medical-Legal Report is applicable to all medical Physicians.
2. Medical-Legal Opinion is applicable only to Specialists with relevant qualifications, or other Physicians with recognized expert knowledge.

3. These fees require prior approval by the Review Board or Appeal Division, or Senior Medical Advisor or Director of the Board or Client Service Manager.
4. These fees include examination, review of records, and other processes leading to completion of the written Opinion/Report.

		WSBC Fee ($)
19932	**Medical-Legal Report**: A report which will recite symptoms, history and records and give diagnosis, treatment, results and present condition. This is a factual summary of all the information about when the Injured Worker will be able to return to work and might mention whether there will be a permanent disability.....	946.73
19933	**Medical-Legal Opinion**: An opinion will usually include the information contained in the Medical-Legal Report and will differ from it primarily in the field of expert opinion. This may be an opinion as to the course of events when these cannot be known for sure. It can include an opinion as to long-term consequences and possible complications in the further development of the condition. All the known facts will probably be mentioned, but in addition there will be the extensive exercise of expert knowledge and judgment with respect to those facts with a detailed prognosis	1581.57

5.0 EXPEDITED CONSULTATIONS

		WSBC Fee ($)
19911	Initial expedited comprehensive consultation from Specialists in Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Physical Medicine, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Urology, Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology and Dermatology.	365.76
19912	Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation after 19911	177.72
19934	Initial expedited comprehensive consultation from an Anesthesiologist for diagnostic opinion and/or therapeutic management. To include a physical examination and a written report. If followed by a diagnostic or therapeutic nerve block, the consultation may be charged in addition to the nerve block fees on the first occasion	365.76
19935	Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation after 19934.	177.72
19936	Cancellation Fee – fee to be billed if an Expedited Consultation is cancelled by patient with less than 24 hours notice	55.30
19945	Initial expedited comprehensive consultation from a Physician With Areas of Expertise, only when requested by WorkSafeBC	292.32
19946	Repeat Expedited Comprehensive Consultation after 19945	142.16

SCHEDULE C SERVICES PROVIDED TO WORKSAFEBC ON A SESSIONAL AND EXPEDITED BASIS

1.0 SESSIONAL SERVICES

1.1 WorkSafeBC will seek appropriate solutions to address specific service needs under which WorkSafeBC will enter into agreements with individual Physicians to provide services to WorkSafeBC on a sessional basis.

1.2 WorkSafeBC has the sole responsibility to determine the programs, location, number and type of service arrangements according to caseload needs and to varying regional conditions affecting care.

1.3 The programs in number and scope shall be sufficient to meet the needs as determined by WorkSafeBC and notwithstanding Article 1.8 of Schedule C, Sessional Services agreed upon during negotiations for this Agreement with respect to Physicians, may include only non fee-for-service funding arrangements and individual contracts for services.

1.4 The specific terms and conditions for the provision of the services shall be described in the individual contract(s) between WorkSafeBC and the individual Physician or group of Physicians who are providing the service(s). Any Sessional Agreements entered into shall equal or exceed fee-for-service payment levels for comparable services delivered in similar settings.

1.5 Individual service contracts, while similar in detail, do not constitute identification of a group of Physicians.

1.6 The format, language, and content of individual agreements will be consistent with standard WorkSafeBC contracts.

1.7 Individual contracts must contain the following standard WorkSafeBC terms and conditions:

- A statement the individual contract is subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;
- Names and contact information for the Parties to the contract;
- The term of the contract, including any renewal option;
- Statement of services to be provided (by whom, where and when);
- Terms of payment and invoicing;
- A provision requiring WorkSafeBC, when it is defending against an action involving the contracted Physician, to take into consideration, and to take appropriate steps, to avoid any adverse impact on the professional status or reputation of the Physician(s) involved by its decision with respect to settlement;
- Language incorporating WorkSafeBC's policies and processes with respect to confidentiality and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, records and audit rights, technology and data requirements, criminal records check, conflict

of interest and harassment, right of set-off, occupational health and safety, threats and hazards, registration and assessment with WorkSafeBC, compliance with laws and regulations, insurance requirements, indemnification, force majeure, independence, assignment, scheduling, standards of conduct, dispute resolution, general notice, termination, laws, headings, singular/plural, survivability, severability, entire agreement, corporate ethics statement and a confidentiality agreement, privacy protection schedule;

1.8 WorkSafeBC shall pay the Physician a sessional rate based upon three and a half (3.5) hours per session, according to the WorkSafeBC-Doctors of BC Agreement in effect at the time the Physician provides Services. Each three and a half (3.5) hour session shall not include any breaks or meal periods.

1.9 For services provided that are greater or less than a 3.5 hour session, WorkSafeBC shall pay the Physician the prorated session rate to the nearest thirty (30) minutes for the actual period of time the Physician provides the services.

1.10 For services that are pre-arranged and agreed upon with a Physician prior to the scheduled sessions, WorkSafeBC shall pay the Physician the prorated session rate to the nearest thirty (30) minutes for the actual period of time the Physician provides the services.

1.11 Medical Advisors shall not deviate from the three and a half (3.5) hour session without prior approval from their direct report at WorkSafeBC. Upon approval, prorating detailed in Article 1.09 and 1.10 of Schedule C shall apply.

2.0 MEDICAL ADVISORS

2.1 WorkSafeBC will exercise its sole discretion in identification of the number and nature of Medical Advisor assignments.

2.2 Refer to Schedule E – Fee Schedule for Medical Advisors for the rate for Medical Advisors.

2.3 WorkSafeBC will determine the rate available for individual agreements with due consideration as to individual qualifications and the nature of the assignment of Medical Advisor services.

3.0 EXPEDITED SERVICES

3.1 <u>Scope of Services</u>

3.1.1 There are circumstances under which WorkSafeBC will enter into Sessional Agreements with individual Physicians that may include but not be limited to surgical, anaesthetic, diagnostic and medical services.

3.1.2 For those Physicians providing consultation and procedures to Injured Workers on an expedited basis (i.e. “visiting specialists”) rates may, with the

prior approval of WorkSafeBC, be “blended” in response to a combination of procedural and consulting services within one (1) sessional period.

3.1.3 Expedited surgical fees will be available to all interested community Physicians/surgeons. Non-VSC individuals will not be required to enter into an agreement with WorkSafeBC. They will however need to identify themselves and participate in the business processes so they can be educated in program parameters/requirements around documentation, billings and payment.

3.1.4 No additional surgical/consult fees will be levied to any WorkSafeBC Injured Workers during this Agreement.

3.1.5 For expedited consultation services, only Specialists providing services within WorkSafeBC designated VSC site(s) are able to bill sessionally; all others must bill fee-for-service for expedited consultation services.

3.2 Expedited Consultation Service Fees

3.2.1 Refer to Schedule D – Fee Schedule for Expedited Services, Article 1.0, for the expedited consultation sessional rate for VSC.

3.2.2 Refer to Schedule B – Fee Schedule for WorkSafeBC Unique Fees and Form Fees for the expedited consultation rate for non VSC Physicians.

3.2.3 Expedited consultation sessional payments for VSC Specialists shall be processed in the current WorkSafeBC format.

3.3 Expedited Surgical Service Requirements and Fees

3.3.1 Refer to Schedule D – Fee Schedule for Expedited Services, Article 2.0 for the expedited surgical procedural rate.

3.3.2 All expedited surgical procedures, with the exception of extensive spinal surgery, shall be compensated on a block billing basis and billed through Teleplan using a billing model consisting of two fee codes per surgery performed:

a) The appropriate MSP surgical fee code; and
b) A time based fee code as described in Fee Schedule D, Article 2.0 and listed by Fee Codes:
   Level 1 (surgery time up to 1.5 hours)
   Level 2 (surgery time 1.51 to 2.0 hours)
   Level 3 (surgery time 2.01 to 2.5 hours)
   Level 4 (surgery time 2.51 to 3.0 hours)
   Level 5 (surgery time 3.01 to 3.5 hours)
   Level 6 (surgery time 3.51 to 5.99 hours)
   Level 7 (surgery time 6.00 hours plus)

3.3.2.1. **NEW MODEL FOR EXPEDITED SURGICAL PROCEDURES:** The Parties agree to transition to a new model for expedited surgical procedures as referenced in Appendix B – Memorandum of Agreement. The current model shall remain in effect from April 1, 2014, until an implementation date for the new model has been identified. This implementation date may be adjusted by mutual agreement of the Parties.

- The new model shall incorporate applicable fee schedule increases. Effective thirty (30) days from the date of the system changes required, the applicable MSP surgical procedure fees shall receive a one hundred and ninety-four percent (194%) increase;
- The one hundred and ninety-four percent (194%) premium shall be automatically applied to payments only for surgeries that meet the expedited surgical timelines.
- With this new model Physicians may bill for multiple procedures that are consistent with the current practice of MSP billing for surgical procedure fee codes in the public system;
- The Parties agree that fee codes 19500 through 19506 shall be deleted upon implementation of the new expedited surgical model.

3.3.3 All surgical procedures that are performed on WorkSafeBC clients will be billable at the expedited procedural rate provided that:

- The prescribed Authorization for Surgery Form (Form 83D6 – Authorization Request for Surgery) is submitted within five (5) business days following WorkSafeBC's receipt of the comprehensive consultation report recommending expedited surgery.
- Expedited surgery is performed within twenty (20) business days from the date of the last consultation. Where it is not possible to schedule a surgery within the twenty (20) business days, the surgeon may seek approval from Health Care Services to extend the time frame in order to ensure that the surgery will be performed on an expedited basis and will be billable as such, if approved.

3.3.4 Procedures performed outside the limitation period as specified in Article 3.3.3 of Schedule C will only be billed at the MSP surgical fee code rates, unless the Health Care Services Program Manager determines otherwise.

3.3.5 Any surgery delayed due to the lack of return of the claims Authorization for Surgery form by WorkSafeBC may be directed to the Health Care Services Program Manager for adjudication of the expedited fee.

3.3.6 Only the first three (3) elective surgeries per patient will be considered for expedited payment per each surgeon. This applies only to repeat surgeries performed on the same site. Any subsequent surgical consideration for additional surgery requires a second opinion by a Richmond VSC Specialist and further surgery will require authorization from the Health Care Services Program Manager.

3.3.7 Expedited payment may be extended beyond the first three elective procedures for multiple non-emergent reconstructive procedures (both surgical and anesthesia services) when the following process occurs:

- A letter is submitted providing early identification of the complexity by outlining the patient details, volume and proposed procedures, and timeline to completion;
- A Surgical Authorization form is directed to the Claims Officer for entitlement approval; and

- A letter is directed to the Health Care Services Program Manager for payment approval and system activation.

3.3.8 Referrals for surgery from Family Physicians and not WorkSafeBC, must first be approved by WorkSafeBC. In that case WorkSafeBC approval will initiate the start date for calculating the number of business days till surgery. Refer to Article 3.3.3 of Schedule C for service timeliness requirements.

3.3.9 Expedited consultations requiring diagnostic investigations will be expedited using WorkSafeBC services as required.

3.3.10 The operative report must be received within twenty (20) business days of the date of surgery, and is a requirement for WorkSafeBC to process payment.

3.3.11 All appropriate out-of-office hour service and surcharges (as per MSP Guide to Fees) will apply to expedited billing payments.

3.3.12 For surgery scheduled in public facilities the surgeon will not displace a booked non-WorkSafeBC patient in order to comply with the business day limit constraint for expedited rates. Any surgeon found violating this principle would be excluded from this Agreement.

3.4 **Anaesthesia Expedited Fees**

3.4.1 Refer to Schedule D – Fee Schedule for Expedited Services, Article 3.0 for the procedural anaesthesiology rate. These fees shall be billed through Teleplan, except for Extensive Spine Surgery anaesthesia.

3.4.2 All expedited anesthesiology procedural services, with the exception of Extensive Spine Surgery and expedited chronic pain management services nerve blocks provided by anaesthesiologists under a personal services agreement shall be billed through Teleplan using a billing model consisting of two fee codes per surgery performed:

a) The appropriate MSP anesthesiology surgical fee code; and
b) A time based fee code as described in Fee Schedule D, Article 3.0.

3.4.3 WorkSafeBC shall pay expedited rates when an Anesthesiologist provides anaesthetic for an Injured Worker undergoing expedited surgery and the surgical procedure meets the timeline requirements in Article 3.3.3 of Schedule C. Otherwise, the anesthesiology services must be billed at the MSP anesthesiology code rates only, unless the Health Care Services Program Manager determines otherwise.

3.4.4 Anaesthesia consultations must be billed fee-for-service (Fee Code 19934). The consultative report shall be comprehensive.

3.4.5 The anaesthetic time includes a pre-operative assessment, as well as the time from induction until the Anaesthesiologist is no longer in attendance and the Injured Worker can be safely discharged for the postanesthetic recovery (PAR). If the pre-operative and PAR times are significantly longer than fifteen (15) minutes, respectively, or a total of thirty (30) minutes then an explanatory note shall accompany the record of anesthesia.

3.4.6 The Anaesthesiologist will provide the Record of Anaesthesia, and is a requirement for WorkSafeBC to process payment.

3.4.7 Notwithstanding the above, WorkSafeBC will pay only once for each surgical procedure except when the Injured Worker’s care warrants the attendance of more than one Anaesthesiologist. The Anaesthesiologist must support the

need with written statements to WorkSafeBC explaining why there was a medical requirement to have two (2) in attendance.

3.4.8 The Anaesthesiologist's fee covers all services rendered by the Anaesthesiologist during the procedure.

3.4.9 Except for life or limb threatening circumstances, an Anaesthesiologist may not bill for two (2) patients during the same time period. The Anaesthesiologist must support the need with a written statement to WorkSafeBC providing explanation as to the medical requirement for the circumstance.

3.4.10 Anaesthesiologists operating under a personal services agreement with WorkSafeBC for the provision of Expedited Chronic Pain Management services, at the request of WorkSafeBC, shall be compensated at a rate which is at least equivalent to the Anesthesiology expedited procedural rate.

3.5 Surgical Assist Fees

3.5.1 Refer to Schedule D – Fee Schedule for Expedited Services, Article 4.0, for the expedited surgical assist rate. These fees shall be billed through Teleplan, except for Extensive Spine Surgery surgical assist.

3.5.2 A list of procedures which WorkSafeBC approves for a Surgical Assist shall be maintained and posted on the WorkSafeBC internet site. If a procedure is not listed, the Physician must contact the Health Care Services Department for prior approval.

3.5.3 Surgical Assists are to be billed electronically through Teleplan and at the rates outlined in Schedule D Article 4.0. The Surgical Assists will invoice the applicable MSP surgical assist (related to procedure) fee code plus the applicable time-based WorkSafeBC fee code for one of the following levels:
Level 1 (surgery time up to 1.5 hours)
Level 2 (surgery time 1.51 to 2.0 hours)
Level 3 (surgery time 2.01 to 2.5 hours)
Level 4 (surgery time 2.51 to 3.0 hours)
Level 5 (surgery time 3.01 to 3.5 hours)
Level 6 (surgery time 3.51 to 5.99 hours)
Level 7 (surgery time 6.00 hours plus)

3.6 Expedited Extensive Spinal Surgery Fees

3.6.1 These fees are designed for surgeons performing difficult and extensive spinal procedures requiring stabilization or multilevel procedures or revisions discectomy (one level index discectomy is not meant to be covered by these fees).

3.6.2 Pre-approval by WorkSafeBC is required.

3.6.3 The business day limitations at Article 3.3.3 of Schedule C are waived for these services.

3.6.4 Refer to Schedule D – Fee Schedule for Expedited Services, Article 2.0, for the extensive spine surgical rates.

Fee Code	Description	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2017)	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2018)
1.0 EXPEDITED SESSIONAL SERVICES			
1150464	Initial Expedited Consultation Service Fees / Sessional Rate (VSC ONLY)..... NOTE: Bill as per contract.	2187.84	2220.66
1150465	Repeat Expedited Consultation Service Fees / Sessional Rate (VSC ONLY)..... NOTE: Bill as per contract.	2187.84	2220.66
19519	Expedited Sessional Interventional Pain management Services under personal services agreement..... NOTE: Bill as per contract.	1675.06	1700.19
2.0 EXPEDITED SURGICAL PROCEDURE RATES			
MSP Fee Code	Expedited procedural surgery. Invoice one (1) MSP fee code applicable to procedure, plus applicable block billing time-based fee code below. Bill through Teleplan.		
19516	Expedited Extensive Spine Surgery – Sessional fee (no MSP fee code applicable) Bill by fax to WorkSafeBC	4015.67	4075.91
3.0 EXPEDITED ANAESTHESIA RATES FOR EXPEDITED SURGICAL PROCEDURES			
MSP Fee Code	Expedited Anaesthesia Services: Invoice one (1) appropriate MSP fee code plus applicable number of units of block billing time-based fee code 19507. Bill through Teleplan.		
19507	Expedited Anaesthesia Time. One unit equals 15 minutes – per unit Bill through Teleplan	79.62	80.82
19518	Expedited Extensive Spine Anaesthesia – Sessional fee (no MSP fee code applicable) Bill by fax to WorkSafeBC.....	2442.09	2478.72
19405	Expedited Anesthesiology, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative Evening (6 to 11 pm) – applied to 19507..... NOTE: Bill same number of units as is billed for fee code 19507	32.77%	32.77%

Fee Code	Description	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2017)	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2018)
19406	Expedited Anesthesiology, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative Evening (11 pm to 8 am) – applied to 19507 ..... NOTE: Bill same number of units as is billed for fee code 19507	52.54%	52.54%
19407	Expedited Anesthesiology, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative Sat/Sun/Holidays – applied to 19507 ..... NOTE: Bill same number of units as is billed for fee code 19507	32.77%	32.77%

4.0 EXPEDITED SURGICAL ASSIST RATES FOR EXPEDITED SURGICAL PROCEDURES

MSP Fee Code	Invoice one (1) appropriate MSP surgical assist fee code related to surgical procedure, plus applicable block billing time-based fee code below. Bill through Teleplan.		
19545	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 1 (Surgery time up to 1.5 hours) Bill through Teleplan.....	242.50	246.14
19546	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 2 (Surgery time 1.51 to 2.0 hours) Bill through Teleplan.....	350.40	355.66
19547	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 3 (Surgery time 2.01 to 2.5 hours) Bill through Teleplan	480.72	487.93
19548	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 4 (Surgery time 2.51 to 3.0 hours) Bill through Teleplan.....	587.56	596.37
19549	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 5 (Surgery time 3.01 to 3.5 hours) Bill through Teleplan.....	699.72	710.22
19551	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 6 (Surgery time 3.51 to 5.99 hours) Bill through Teleplan.....	1030.89	1046.35
19552	Expedited Surgical Assist – Level 7 (Surgery time 6.00 hours plus) Bill through Teleplan	1581.06	1604.78
19517	Expedited Extensive Spine Surgical Assist – Sessional fee (no MSP fee code applicable). Bill by fax to WorkSafeBC	1566.10	1589.59
19410	Expedited surgical assist, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative evening (6pm to 11pm	32.77%	32.77%
19411	Expedited surgical assist, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative night (11pm to 8am).....	52.54%	52.54%

Fee Code	Description	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2017)	Fee ($) (Effective April 1, 2018)
19412	Expedited surgical assist, Out of Office Surcharge, Operative Sat/sun/Holidays..... NOTE: Fee items 19410, 19411 and 19412 apply to the expedited surgical assist levels only. NOTE: Bill this percentage applied to applicable Level fee code billed.	32.77%	32.77%

SCHEDULE E FEE SCHEDULE FOR MEDICAL ADVISORS

1.0 MEDICAL ADVISORS

Not applicable	Medical Advisor, sessional rate – per session..... NOTE: Billing as instructed	552.91	561.20
Not applicable	Specialist Medical Advisor, sessional rate – per session ..... NOTE: Billing as instructed	694.92	705.34

SPECIALIST SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC) INITIATED LISTINGS

1. Preamble

The following Specialist Services Committee (SSC) fee items are billable only by Specialists certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The objectives of SSC fees are to reduce unnecessary face to face encounters, to reduce care gaps, and to provide more timely care from the most appropriate physician, thereby improving patient care.

1. For the purposes of this section, face-to-face services include consultation; office, home or hospital visit; and any diagnostic, therapeutic, anesthetic or surgical procedure with both physician and patient in the same room.

2. SSC fees are not payable for situations where the sole purpose of the communication is to:
    a) book an appointment
    b) arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
    c) arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
    d) arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
    e) inform the referring physician of results of diagnostic investigations
    f) arrange a hospital bed for the patient
    g) renew prescriptions with a pharmacist

3. For Fee items G10001, G10002, G10003, G10004 please refer to section D-1 Telehealth Services of the General Preamble.

4. G10002, G10004 and G10005: All registered and regulated health care providers can serve as referral sources. When advice is requested by an Allied Care Provider not registered with MSP use the generic practitioner number 99987: Advice requested by an Allied Care Provider. (Not applicable to referred case fee items such as consultations or Specialist visits).

5. At minimum, the following is required, and the practitioner is responsible for keeping their practice consistent with any new guidelines which may be published by the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) and/or the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC).

    Electronic communication as part of patient care must ensure that security and patient confidentiality are maintained and guarded in the same way that paper records are protected.

- The CMPA and CPSBC recommendations regarding the use of electronic communications indicate three major areas of potential liability:
    - Confidentiality/privacy/security
    - Timeliness of Response
    - Clarity of Communication
- Document consent. Obtain express and informed consent before transmitting patient information. Refer to the CMPA Template for consent to use electronic communications: https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/
- Document discussion & advice for all communications.
- The email record should be included in the patient record.
- Develop clear, written policies around use of email.
- Communication between providers should clearly identify the most responsible physician (MRP).
- Information should be encrypted as an attachment, or, at a minimum, password protected. Send password or cryptographic key separately.
- Use secure communication modalities (i.e. Health Authority email addresses) if possible.
- Email addresses need to be double-checked.

6. SSC fees are payable for face-to-face, telephone, video conference and email communication. Review the individual fee notes which identify their respective eligible communication modality. SSC fees are not eligible for communication by instant message, text or short message service (SMS) modality.

7. SSC fees are not payable to physicians for services provided within time periods when working on salary, service contract or sessional arrangement.

8. No claim may be made where communication or service is with a proxy for the billing physician.

9. The SSC reserves the right to re-value, modify, suspend or cancel these fee items. Fees will be monitored to ensure that the overall expenditures do not exceed the funds available.

10. Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.

11. G10001, G10002, G10004 and G10005 are not payable for the same patient on the same date of service if adult or pediatric critical care team fees have been paid to the same practitioner or a practitioner who belongs to the same critical care team.

2. SSC Fees

Note: These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble for SSC Fees above, and the Eligibilities preceding each set of fee items below.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	SPECIALIST ADVICE FEES G10001, G10002, G10005, T10008, T10000, T10009		
	Eligibility		
	The intent is to replace the need for the Specialist to see the patient in person. The consulting Specialist is responsible for ensuring that such communication meets the medical needs of the patient.		
	NOTES:		
	i) Payable to Specialists for communication regarding assessment and management of a patient but without the consulting physician seeing the patient.		
	ii) Includes discussion of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint, and discussion of the patient's condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.		
	iii) An adequate medical record/chart, including times as specified under each fee item, is required.		
	iv) Not payable to physician initiating communication.		
	v) The Specialist is responsible for the confidentiality and security of all records, and electronic transmissions. For video technology, see Section D. 1. of the Preamble.		
	vi) G10001, G10002, G10005 may not be delegated to resident physicians.		
T10000	Urgent Specialist Advice on patient with previous visit/service – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Health care Practitioner. Verbal, real-time response within 2 hours of the initiating physician's or practitioner's request.....	N/A	60.00

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email). ii) Document time of initiating request, time of response as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner. v) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day.		
G10001	Urgent Specialist Advice – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Health Care Practitioner. Verbal, real-time response within 2 hours of the initiating physician's or practitioner's request.....	132.00	60.00
	NOTES: i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email). ii) Document time of initiating request, time of response, as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim.. iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner. v) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day. vi) Not payable if there is a paid visit/service for the same condition by the same practitioner in the previous 180 days.		
G10002	Specialist Advice for Patient Management – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner, Allied Care Provider, or coordinator of the patient's care. Verbal real-time response in 7 days of initiating request – per 15 minutes or portion thereof	88.00	40.00
	NOTES: i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face-to-face communication only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email.)		

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	ii) Document date of initiating request, date of the response, as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Document start and end times in the medical record, and in time fields when submitting claim. iv) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Allied Care Provider requesting advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. (For Allied Care Providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987.) v) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner. vi) Limited to two services per patient per physician per week. vii) Not payable if there is a paid visit/service for the same condition by the same practitioner in the previous 30 days.		
G10005	Specialist Email Advice for Patient Management – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Allied Care Provider. Response within 7 days of request.....	24.50	10.10
	NOTES: i) Payable for email communication only. Maximum 3 services per patient per physician per day. ii) Document date of request, date of the response, as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Allied Care Provider requesting advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. (For Allied care Providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987). iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day, for the same patient by same practitioner. v) Limited to 3 services per patient per physician per day. vi) Limited to maximum of 12 services per patient per physician per year. vii) Not payable if there is a paid visit/service for the same condition by the same practitioner in the previous 30 days.		
T10008	Urgent Specialist COVID-19 Advice - Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Health Care Practitioner. Verbal, real-time response within 2 hours of the initiating physician's or practitioner's request.....	N/A	60.00
	(see notes on next page)		

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face-to-face communication only about a patient regarding COVID-19. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email). ii) Document time of initiating request , time of response, as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner. v) Limited to two claims per patient per physician per day. vi) Not payable in addition to G10001 on the same day for the same patient.		
T10009	Specialist Advice for Patient Management on patient with previous visit/service – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner, Allied Care Provider, or coordinator of the patient's care. Verbal real-time response within 7 days of initiating request	N/A	40.00
	NOTES: i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email). ii) Document date of initiating request, date of the response, as well as advice given and to whom. iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Allied care Provider requesting advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. (For Allied Care Providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987). iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner. v) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day and two services per patient per physician per week.		

SPECIALIST PATIENT FOLLOW-UP FEES G10003, G10006, T10007

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	Eligibility		
	The purpose of these fees is for the Specialist to provide advice when the intent of communication is to replace the need for the Specialist to see their own patient in person. The consulting Specialist is responsible for ensuring that appropriate communication is used to meet the medical needs of the patient.		
	NOTES:		
	i) These fees apply to communication between the Specialist and his/her own patient or patient's representative.		
	ii) Patient management requires two-way communication about clinical matters between the patient or patient's representative and the physician; the fee is not billable for administrative tasks such as appointment booking or notification.		
	iii) An adequate medical record/chart entry is required.		
	iv) Not payable in addition to a different service on the same day for the same patient by the same practitioner.		
	Specialist Patient Follow-up Fees G10003, G10006, T10007		
G10003	Specialist Patient Management / Follow-up – per 15 minutes or portion thereof	44.00	24.05
	NOTES:		
	i) For verbal, real-time telephone and video technology communication (including other forms of electronic verbal communication) only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, e-mail).		
	ii) Documentation in the medical record to show that the patient understood and acknowledged the information provided.		
	iii) Include start and end times in the medical record, and in time fields when submitting claim.		
	iv) Face-to-face service must have been billed for the same patient by the same physician within the preceding 18 months.		
G10006	Specialist Email Patient Management / Follow-up	24.50	10.10

(see notes on next page)

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	NOTES: i) This fee applies to email communication only. ii) Maximum of 3 services per patient per physician per day. iii) Maximum of 12 services per patient per physician per calendar year. iv) Face-to-face service billed for the same patient by the same physician within the preceding 18 months.		
T10007	Specialist Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRX Fee.....	N/A	10.10
	NOTES: i) Email/Text/Telephone Relay Medical Advice requires two-way relay/communication of medical advice from the physician to eligible patients, or the patient's medical representative, via email/text or telephone. The task of relaying the physician advice may be delegated to any Allied Care Provider or MOA working within the physician's practice. ii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as the advice provided, modality of communication and confirmation the advice has been received. iii) Payable for prescription renewals without patient interaction. iv) Not payable for notification of appointments or referrals. v) Only one service payable per patient per day. vi) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient. vii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.		

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCING FOR COMPLEX PATIENTS

Eligibility

This fee is only billable for a scheduled meeting to discuss and plan medical management of patients with serious and complex problems under extraordinary circumstances that the Specialist cannot manage by him/herself. Payable only when coordination of care is required via a collaborative conference with at least two of the following in addition to the Specialist billing: Specialists, GPs, Allied Care Providers and/or coordinators of the patient’s care.
(see notes on next page)

	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)

NOTES:

i) Includes scheduled face-to-face, telephone or video technology communication regarding assessment, clinical coordination and management of a complex patient.

ii) All Specialists involved in the conference may each independently bill this fee.

iii) If multiple patients are discussed, the billings shall be for consecutive, non-overlapping time periods and services are to be claimed under the PHN of each patient for the specific time period.

iv) Not payable to the same patient on the same date of service as 00545, 00645, 60645, G33445, G10001, G1002, G10003, G10005, G10006, G78717 when claimed by the same practitioner.

v) Not payable to the same patient on the same date of service if adult or pediatric critical care team fees have been paid to the same practitioner or a practitioner who belongs to the same critical care team.

vi) Patient must be complex, with multiple medical needs or complex co-morbidities (two or more distinct but potentially interacting problems), where care needs to be coordinated over a period of time between several health disciplines.

Or a diagnosis of malignancy (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer)

Or on morbidity plus a minimum of one of the following non-medical conditions:

- poor socioeconomic status
- unstable home environment
- dependency on family/caregiver for daily living tasks
- accessibility/mobility issues
- under care of MCFD Protection Services
- received Tertiary or Acute level of care related to psychiatric condition within the previous 6 months
- frail elderly
- >75 years old
- BMI >35
- high readmission rate

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	Document complexity in the medical record using the ICD9 code for one of the major disorders when billing. If patient has non-medical co-morbidity use the ICD9 code M04 when billing.		
	Specialist Multidisciplinary Conferencing for Complex Patients G10004		
G10004	Multidisciplinary Conferencing for Complex Patients – per 15 minutes, maximum one hour	121.00	46.23

NOTES:

i) Each Specialist involved in the case conference must document their contribution to the discussion and its effects on the patient's overall care in the medical record/chart.
ii) Start and end times of the conference must be documented in both the medical record and in time fields when submitting the claim.
iii) The names and job titles of the other participants at the meeting must be documented in the medical record.
iv) Maximum 16 services per patient per physician per calendar year.
v) Maximum of 4 services may be claimed per patient per physician per day.
vi) Case must be complex, as defined in the Eligibility.
vii) Use the ICD9 code for one of the major disorders when billing.
viii) If patient has non-medical co-morbidity (see Eligibility) use the ICD9 code M04 when billing.

GROUP MEDICAL VISITS G78763 – G78781 INCLUSIVE

Eligibility

A Group Medical Visit (GMV) provides medical care in a group setting. A requirement of a GMV is a 1;1 interaction between each patient and the attending physician. Because this is a time based fee, concurrent billing for other services during the time of the GMV is not permitted. The physician must be physically present at the GMV for the majority of each time interval billed. While portions of the GMV may be delegated to a non-physician staff member the specialist must be present for a majority of the GMV and assumes clinical responsibility for the patients in attendance.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)

Group Medical Visits are an effective way of leveraging existing resources; simultaneously improving quality of care and health outcomes, increasing patient access to care and reducing costs.

Group Medical Visits can offer patients an additional health care choice, provide them support from other patients and improve the patient-physician interaction. Physicians can also benefit by reducing the need to repeat the same information many times and free up time for other patients. Appropriate patient privacy is always maintained and typically these benefits result in improved satisfaction for both patients and physicians.

This fee is not intended for provision of group psychotherapy (00663, 00664, 00665, 00666, 00667, 00668, 00669, 00670, 00671, 00672, 00673, 00674, 00675, 00676, 00677, 00678, 00679, 00680, 00681).

Referred Cases
Group Medical Visit applies only when all patients in the group are receiving medically required treatment. These fees are not for efforts to persuade patients to alter diet or other lifestyle behavioral patterns, other than in the context of the individual medical condition.

Fee per patient, per ½ hour

G78763	Three patients	69.20	47.16
G78764	Four patients	55.90	37.67
G78765	Five patients	48.05	32.75
G78766	Six patients	42.75	29.13
G78767	Seven patients	39.00	26.58
G78768	Eight patients	36.20	24.66
G78769	Nine patients	33.95	23.15
G78770	Ten patients	32.15	21.90
G78771	Eleven patients	28.15	19.19
G78772	Twelve patients	26.50	18.05
G78773	Thirteen patients	24.55	16.71
G78774	Fourteen patients	24.10	16.41
G78775	Fifteen patients	23.10	15.75
G78776	Sixteen patients	22.40	15.27
G78777	Seventeen patients	21.50	14.64
G78778	Eighteen patients	21.00	14.41
G78779	Nineteen patients	20.25	13.80
G78780	Twenty patients	19.80	13.47

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
G78781	Greater than 20 patients (per patient).....	19.10	13.01

NOTES:

i) Submit a separate claim for each patient.
ii) Each patient must have an active referral.
iii) Start and end times required in both the medical record and time fields in the claim.
iv) Not payable with any other services, for the same patient, on the same day by the same physician.
v) If multiple physicians are involved, the group should be divided for claims purposes, with each physician claiming the appropriate rate for only the patients in their own fraction of the group. The claim note and patient chart should specify:
    a. Number of people in entire group.
    b. Number of patients billed by billing physician.
    c. Of the patients billed by the billing physician, how many were to each insurer.
    d. Name of any other billing physicians.

SPECIALIST DISCHARGE CARE PLAN FOR COMPLEX PATIENTS G78717

Eligibility

This fee premium is intended to support clinical coordination leading to effective discharge and community-based management of complex patients. It is to be billed for provision of a care plan for patients who require community support upon discharge, and who are otherwise at risk of readmission.

NOTES:

i) Primary health care provider must be notified by phone, fax or electronic means within 24 hours of admission.
ii) Care Plan must:
    a. Be developed in consultation with the providers identified in the plan
    b. Include record of appropriate clinical information, interventions, co-morbidities and safety risks
    c. Include re-referral triggers and description of arranged follow-up care
    d. Include expectation of symptom progression/remission and patient progress
    e. Be included in the patient's medical record.

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		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)

iii) Patient must be complex, with multiple medical needs or complex co-morbidities (two or more distinct but potentially interacting problems) where care needs to be coordinated over a period of time between several health disciplines.

Or a diagnosis of malignancy (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).

Or one morbidity plus a minimum of one of the following non-medical conditions:

- poor socioeconomic status
- unstable home environment
- dependency on family/caregiver for daily living tasks
- accessibility/mobility issues
- under care of MCFD Protection Services
- received Tertiary or Acute level of care related to psychiatric condition within the previous 6 months
- frail elderly
- >75 years old
- BMI >35
- high readmission rate

Document complexity in the medical record using the ICD9 code for one of the major disorders when billing. If patient has non-medical co-morbidity use the ICD9 code M04 when billing.

G78717	Specialist Discharge Care Plan for Complex Patients – extra.....	165.00	75.00

NOTES:

i) Payable to the Specialist Physician who is the MRP for the majority of the patient's in-hospital care and writes the care plan and communicates and oversees its implementation.

ii) Patient must be an in-patient for at least 5 days prior to discharge for the current admission.

iii) The written Discharge Care Plan must be completed and shared with:

a) The patient at time of discharge, and

b) The patient's primary health care provider within 24 hours of discharge.

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	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)

iv) Document the time the primary health care provider was notified of discharge in the medical record.
v) Payable once per patient per discharge from hospital.
vi) Claim on the day of discharge.
vii) Use the ICD9 code for one of the major disorders when billing.
viii) If patient has non-medical co-morbidity (see Eligibility) use the ICD9 code M04 when billing.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING G78720

Eligibility

Advance Care Planning occurs when a capable adult forms his/her beliefs, values and wishes for health care, in the event of future incapacity. Advance care planning discussions may take place with family, trusted friends, and/or health care providers.

This fee premium is for a Specialist to discuss advance care planning based on the patient's beliefs, values and wishes for future health care.

NOTES:
i) The advance care planning discussion should include sharing information and resources on how a patient can create an advance care plan, including Advance Directives.
i) An advanced care plan form is required to be completed and added to the patient's medical record, medical chart and the discussion should be summarized in the consultation report including any decisions about the patient's future health care wishes. (The care plan form template is available at: www.sscbc.ca).
ii) The care plan template form must be shared with:
    a) The patient; and
    b) The patient's primary health care provider.
iii) The message to the patient and the plan must be consistent with the Practice Support Program's End of Life Module resources.
iv) Not payable in the same hospital admission during which adult or pediatric critical care (01400 series) or neonatal intensive care (01500 series) fees are claimed.

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
	Specialist Advance Care Planning		
G78720	Specialist Advance Care Planning Discussion – extra.....	81.60	40.00

NOTES:

i) Planning discussions and plan development for patients presenting with:
   a) a chronic medical illness or complex co-morbidities, and
   b) a deteriorating quality of life or end-stage disease state.

ii) Always payable at 100%.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE PROCEDURES

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to the Preamble.

1. A separate fee item for SPECT is not required, since SPECT is included in the scan fee when performed. Fee item 09877 (repeat of major scan) should not be billed for SPECT.

2. When medically necessary, the following items are billable with Nuclear Medicine Listings. A note record is required:
   i) Fee item 00016 (intrathecal medications by injection) is billable with fee item 09886 (cisternography).
   ii) Fee item 00015 (intra-articular medications by injection - tendons, bursae, and all other joints) is billable with fee item 09890 (therapeutic joint injection with isotope).

3. When required for patient care, and the results are not available, laboratory tests such as a pregnancy test or hematology profile may be requested by a Nuclear Medicine Physician, subject to the provisions of the Laboratory Services Payment Schedule.

4. When plain film radiographs are required and not available, these may be requested by a Nuclear Medicine Physician for correlation.

5. Fee item 09866 (Perfusion study [dynamic scan] regional or organ) - this fee item is only billable in addition to the following scans and only when not rendered immediately prior to a scan:
   i) 09824 - Testicular imaging - isolated procedure.
   ii) 09834 - Bone scan (only for indications listed under this fee item).
   iii) 95045 - RBC (Red Blood Cell) liver scan.

6. When it is medically necessary to perform an aspiration in addition to a Nuclear Medicine scan, it is appropriate to bill the applicable joint aspiration fee (e.g.: 00757). A note record is required.

7. Fee item 09877 (Repeat of major scan - same day, no additional radionuclide) can only be billed with the following scans if additional (delayed) imaging is performed. Fee item 09877 may not be used for SPECT:
   i) 09806 Parathyroid imaging.
   ii) 09807 MIBG imaging (I131 - metaiodobenzyl-guanidine).
   iii) 09817 Receptor imaging.
   iv) 09826 Tumour imaging.
   v) 09829 Adrenal imaging.
   vi) 09844 Red cell survival study.

vii) 09867 Brain scan, static.

viii) 09869 Pancreas scan, static.

ix) 09886 Cisternography.

x) 95015 Iodine 131 - whole body scan.

xi) 95055 Renal imaging with pharmaceuticals (isolated procedure).

xii) 95060 Renal imaging without pharmaceuticals (isolated procedure).

xiii) 95065 White blood cell labeled with radioisotope (if views are performed on separate days or 24 hours apart).

xiv) 09834 Bone scan (only if 24 hour views are performed).

xv) 09878 Liver clearance of HIDA (biliary scan) (if 24 hour views are performed).

xvi) 95025 Liver clearance of HIDA with pharmaceutical (if 24 hour views are performed).

xvii) 09854 Thallium myocardial scan

xviii) 95053 Thallium Body Imaging

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TELEMETRY

Definition: The electronic transmission of nuclear medicine images from one site to another for interpretation.

For nuclear medicine telemetry services to be considered as benefits under the Medical Services Plan:

- the transmitting and receiving sites must be located within Medical Services Commission approved and Diagnostic Accreditation Program accredited diagnostic facilities;
- the services are rendered to out-patients
- the services are billed in accordance with the Telemetry Billing Guidelines

Telemetry Billing Guidelines:

a) Services must be billed by the facility where the image was taken using the practitioner number of the physician who did the interpretation.

b) Facility number field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was taken

c) Sub-Facility field – the facility number of the diagnostic facility where the image was interpreted
– zeros if interpreted at the same site where the image was taken

d) Service charges (fee items 01200 – 01202) are only billable when a physician is required to travel from home to hospital in order to perform a telemetry service for an outpatient and when the *MSC Payment Schedule* criteria are met.

e) The original site should ensure that only one interpretation is billed to MSP.

f) In those rare cases when a second radiological opinion is requested by the referring physician, a radiologist may bill for the service using fee item 08628, provided written radiological report is sent to the referring physician.

			MSP and WSBC	
	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	Prof. Fee ($)	Total Fee ($)
SCANNING AND LOCALIZATION PROCEDURES				
Adrenal imaging (isolated procedure)	09829	1018.00	61.40	445.93
Blood pool joint scan	09832	330.00	34.11	166.13
NOTE: Not payable with joint scan.				
Bone marrow scan	09833	348.00	39.44	171.06
Bone scan	09834	531.00	62.05	232.50
NOTES:				
i) Includes SPECT.				
ii) Fee item 09866 is the only Nuclear Medicine listing payable in addition to a bone scan and is payable only in cases of suspected infection or trauma, possible osteomyelitis, evaluation of reflex sympathetic dystrophy, heterotopic ossification, arthropathy, avascular necrosis, metabolic bone disease, primary bone tumours and insufficiency and stress fractures. Note record indicating reason required when billing 09866 in addition to bone scan.				
Brain scan - regional cerebral blood flow (isolated procedure)	09871	603.00	130.13	358.49
Brain scan, static	09867	417.00	52.53	205.81
Carbon-14 glycinecholate breath analysis	09805	267.00	27.93	117.28
Cardiac first pass	95000	208.00	26.25	91.09
NOTE: Not paid with 95005.				
Cardiac scan, static	09864	348.00	39.88	152.89
Cardiac shunt	95005	208.00	26.26	103.07
NOTE: Not paid with 95000.				
Cisternography	09886	686.00	82.46	341.60
CNS shunt	09813	357.00	37.00	175.65

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Prof. Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Total Fee ($)
Coronary perfusion with radio particles, per radionuclide	09898...	443.00	69.55	197.92
Coronary administration of radio particles, transcatheter	09897...	66.70	0.00	28.75
Oesophageal motility - utilizing an orally administered radioisotope	09802...	419.00	43.66	206.07
Gallium scan	09838...	651.00	65.98	282.91
– each repeat with no additional radionuclide	09839...	208.00	18.85	102.59
NOTE: 09877 not payable same day.				
Gastric emptying (liquid)	09879...	576.00	34.31	286.11
Gastric emptying (solid)	09808...	576.00	33.87	249.44
NOTE: If both liquid and solid phases are performed on the same day, charge 09877 for the second test.				
Gastro-oesophageal reflux	09895...	576.00	33.87	249.44
NOTE: Not payable with fee items 09808 or 09879.				
Gastro-intestinal blood loss study	09859...	270.00	27.37	119.62
Gastro-intestinal protein loss study	09858...	348.00	39.88	152.89
GFR (In-Vitro)	09848...	272.00	27.67	127.35
GI bleeding - red cell label	09804...	680.00	70.35	336.24
NOTE: 09859 and 95045 are not payable with 09804.				
Thyroid scan (Iodine - 123)	09823...	441.00	21.23	187.36
Iodine - 131 whole body scan	95015...	552.00	65.69	242.01
Joint scan	95020...	552.00	65.69	242.01
NOTE: Not payable with blood pool joint scan.				
Lacrimal duct scan	09814...	299.00	28.66	147.93
Liver clearance of HIDA (biliary scan)	09878...	617.00	67.81	270.35
NOTE: Included in 95025 when performed same day.				
Liver clearance of HIDA with pharmaceutical	95025...	909.00	101.70	397.70
Liver scan, static	09850...	372.00	39.22	164.61
NOTE: When performed in conjunction with spleen scan, static (09873), bill as 09851 only (liver and spleen scan, static).				
Liver and spleen scan, static	09851...	517.00	65.66	227.25
Lumbar administration of radionuclide	09896...	68.30	0.00	33.11
Lung quantification	95030...	517.00	65.68	256.86
NOTES:				
i) Fee item 95030 not payable with 09868.				
ii) 09855 payable in addition only if both ventilation and perfusion are quantified.				
iii) Provide details in note record if billing associated procedures on same day.				

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Prof. Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Total Fee ($)
Lung scan, static	09868	517.00	65.64	227.02
NOTE: Fee item 09866 not to be billed in addition to this item.				
Lymphoscintigraphy (isolated procedure)	09816	606.00	37.14	298.30
Meckel's localization (ectopic gastric mucosa)	09853	686.00	78.90	341.13
MIBG imaging (I131-metaiodobenzyl-guanidine)	09807	2045.00	117.54	967.45
Rest myocardial perfusion	95062	614.00	49.44	269.76
Stress myocardial perfusion	95063	614.00	50.24	274.15
NOTE: 95062 and 95063 (as well as stress test) are billable same day, if performed.				
Ocular tumour localization	09870	418.00	66.45	185.72
Pancreas scan, static	09869	670.00	77.66	296.86
Parathyroid imaging	09806	838.00	87.70	413.66
Perfusion study (dynamic scan), regional or organ - when done alone	09865	277.00	26.26	120.05
Perfusion study (dynamic scan), regional or organ - in addition to major scan	09866	105.00	13.16	45.63
Plasma volume (with plasma label), total blood volume, and red-cell mass by calculation	09835	82.40	5.36	36.15
Platelet survival	09849	686.00	84.82	305.56
Radioiron:				
– clearance	09840	348.00	41.70	153.11
– turnover	09841	333.00	40.63	149.09
– red cell utilization	09842	348.00	39.88	152.89
– combined study at one time of above three	09843	671.00	81.26	297.32
Radionuclide cardiac ventriculography	09863	600.00	73.53	263.25
– with stress	95040	882.00	110.36	387.62
NOTES: i) Only one of the following items is payable when requested and rendered with a radionuclide cardiac ventriculography (gated study MUGA) – (fee items 09863, 95040): a) Cardiac first pass (fee item 95000), or b) Cardiac shunt (fee item 95005) ii) 95040 includes 09863.				
Radionuclide venogram alone	09809	394.00	41.92	197.63
Receptor imaging (isolated procedure)	09817	596.00	86.98	265.54
RBC (red blood cell) liver scan	95045	667.00	70.33	290.26
NOTE: 09859 is not payable with 95045.				
Red cell mass determination (with red cell label), to include whole blood and plasma volume by calculation	09836	492.00	36.96	238.34

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Prof. Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Total Fee ($)
Red cell mass (with RBC label) and plasma volume (with plasma label) combined study	09837...	323.00	24.96	159.43
Red cell survival study	09844...	586.00	41.82	233.43
Renal imaging - with pharmaceuticals (isolated procedure)	95055...	781.00	79.24	340.66
– without pharmaceuticals (isolated procedure)	95060...	707.00	70.11	308.58
NOTE: Fee items 95055 and 95060 may only be billed together on the same day when renography is performed for the assessment of renovascular hypertension using a one-day protocol. For these instances, a note record stating “renovascular hypertension one day protocol” must be submitted when both items are billed. Payment for other renal imaging studies with pharmaceuticals (e.g.: lasix renogram) will be made under 95055 only.				
Repeat of major scan, no additional radionuclide - charge 50% of scheduled fee for primary procedures	09877...			
Salivary gland study	09818...	368.00	34.42	181.68
SeCHAT	09819...	529.00	29.02	261.40
Spleen scan, static	09873...	348.00	39.88	152.89
NOTE: When performed in conjunction with liver scan, static (09850), bill as 09851 only (liver and spleen scan, static).				
Testicular imaging (isolated procedure)	09824...	389.00	52.17	173.34
Thallium myocardial scan	09854...	848.00	65.96	416.43
Thallium body imaging	95053...	830.00	66.78	421.56
NOTES: i) Not payable with 09806, 09817, 09854 or 09826. ii) 09877 payable in addition if the patient is brought back for additional imaging the same or next day.				
Thyroid uptake:				
– single determination	09820...	104.00	13.15	45.47
– double determination	09821...	138.00	19.76	68.77
Thyroid scan (pertechnetate)	09825...	175.00	16.42	74.93
Transfer of radionuclide from CSF to blood	09876...	170.00	13.32	75.54
Tumour Imaging with metabolic or biological imaging agent (excluding Thallium-201 or Gallium-67)	09826...	3146.00	91.39	1408.23
NOTE: Includes imaging of the entire torso with tomographic and planar images as indicated.				

	Code	Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Prof. Fee ($)	MSP and WSBC Total Fee ($)
Ventilation lung scan	09855	537.00	48.42	234.79
NOTES: i) 09868 payable in addition, if applicable. ii) Ventilation-perfusion scan to rule out pulmonary embolism is billable under 09855 and 09868. iii) 09866 not paid in addition.				
Vitamin B12 absorption study (e.g.: Schilling test):				
– without intrinsic factor	09856	309.00	13.20	133.84
– with intrinsic factor	09857	372.00	19.75	160.76
– with blood radioactive determination	09852	165.00	13.56	73.63
– with two radionuclides	09860	208.00	26.56	92.14
Voiding cystography	09828	376.00	45.87	186.77
White blood cell labeled with radioisotope	95065	1848.00	187.40	780.13

THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES

Joint injection with isotope - therapeutic	09890	1151.00	87.45	759.17
Treatment for hyperthyroidism or cardiac disease - charge per course of treatment (iodine therapy)	09880	517.00	135.13	392.02
Treatment for polycythemia vera with P32 - per course of treatment	09881	517.00	79.76	231.35
Treatment for thyroid cancer - per course of treatment	09882	1030.00	105.15	509.49
Treatment for prostate cancer - per course of treatment	09883	1037.00	202.20	467.28
Treatment for metastatic carcinoma of bone - per course of treatment	09884	675.00	129.77	300.25

ICBC

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Guide is to outline both the new processes associated with ICBC billing and the new fee structure. Tables 1 & 2 below outline new family physician services and compensation for physicians treating patients injured in a motor vehicle accident. These services and fees are enshrined in Schedule 3.2 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation.

This Guide has four sections:

1. Family Physician Services
2. Registered Care Advisor Services
3. Communication Fees
4. Miscellaneous

When do I fill out an ICBC Report?

- Fill in either a Standard or Extended Report for each new motor vehicle accident claim and with patient consent, send it to ICBC, or
- Wait for a request from ICBC to fill in and send in the Report. Pursuant to the Insurance (Vehicle) Act, section 28.1, upon request from ICBC, regardless of patient consent, you are required to provide, as soon as reasonably practicable, an initial medical report (either the Standard Assessment & Report (CL489) or the Extended Assessment & Report (CL489A) as applicable).

Why do I need patient consent to pro-actively send a Report to ICBC?

- If you are sending an initial medical Report to ICBC without a formal request from them, you must have patient consent to pro-actively share their personal information.
- ICBC is encouraging physicians to send information to them this way as it will help streamline workflow and payment.
- Early awareness will help ICBC support the recommended care plan.
- One way to collect patient consent is to have your patient fill out a consent form. Doctors of BC created a consent template for this purpose that may be accessed here: https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/sites/default/files/consenttoreleasereportsicbc.pdf

What is a Registered Care Advisor (RCA)? How do I find one?

- A new physician role has been created by the Insurance (Vehicle) Regulations to provide expedited medical consultations to patients of motor vehicle accidents. The purpose of a RCA is to help advise family physicians in situations when the patient is not recovering as expected.
- Please see ICBC's Health Services webpage on RCAs for more information.
- A list of RCA providers will be made available through Pathways in addition to the RCA page hosted by ICBC.

Which Report should I choose?

- Each Report is designed to meet the specific needs of your patient; physicians are not expected to fill out all three Reports for every motor vehicle accident claim.
- If your patient's injuries do not result in missed work or significantly affect their usual activities, a Standard Assessment and Report would be applicable.
- If your patient's injuries result in missed work or significant impairment of their ability to participate in usual activities an Extended Assessment and Report would be applicable.
- If your patient is not recovering as expected within 90 days of the accident, the regulations require you to consider a referral to a Registered Care Advisor. If a referral is warranted, physicians should complete the Reassessment and Report form. The Report is intended to flow from the Initial or Extended Assessment Report, act as your medical record documentation and the referral letter to the RCA in addition to serving as an invoice to ICBC.

Where do I find ICBC Report templates?

- ICBC Report templates are embedded into most Electronic Medical Record (EMR) solutions. If your EMR vendor has not integrated the new set of ICBC Report templates, they may also be found on:
- ICBC Health Services/Reports templates webpage
- The Forms Repository in Pathways
- Registered Care Advisor Reports do not require a prescribed template, however, ICBC's RCA Information Guide has a suggested guideline for the RCA Report.

What is the process for billing ICBC?

- The Reports serve as both your medical record documentation and the invoice to ICBC.
- Please send Reports and relevant invoices to ICBC by one of the following:
- Fax to: 1-877-686-4222
- Mail to: ICBC, PO Box 2121, Stn Terminal, Vancouver BC V6B 0L6

Questions

For all policy and process related questions, to validate a claim number or coverage and for general ICBC questions please contact:
ICBC Health Care Inquiry Unity (HCIU)
604-587-7150
1-888-717-7150

For all payment related issues including outstanding invoices, partially paid invoices, requests to resubmit invoices and confirmation of process, or to correct, cancel or reissue a cheque, please contact:
ICBC Claims Vendor Inquiry Unit
claimsvendorinquiry@icbc.com

Please be sure to include claim number, patient name, payee name, and invoice number, if applicable.

ICBC
FEE ITEMS

		ICBC Fee ($)
TABLE 1: FAMILY PHYSICIAN FEES AS PER BC'S INSURANCE (VEHICLE) REGULATION		
A94564	Standard Physician Assessment & Report – CL489..... For patients who are not off work and/or not significantly impacted in performing their typical activities of daily living (ADLs). Includes patient assessment and completion of report	123.00
A94565	Extended Physician Assessment & Report – CL489A..... For patients who are off work/school, on a modified work plan, or are experiencing significant functional impairment and unable to perform their typical ADLs. Includes patient assessment and completion of report.	333.00
A94566	Physician Re-assessment, Report & Registered Care Advisor (RCA) Referral – CL489B..... For patients who are not recovering as expected from the MVA and/or for whom the family physician requests a consultation from an RCA. It will be the family physician's discretion to refer to an RCA or continue/modify treatment. Includes patient assessment and completion of report.	215.00

Billing Rules:

- The report is the invoice.
- A clinic/physician should not send a separate invoice for the Standard, Extended or Re-assessment Reports. There is space on the report to include an invoice number for personal tracking purposes.
- All Family Physician Services outlined above include payment for the office visit and completion of the report.
- Any follow-up patient visits outside the services outlined in the above table are billed as usual via Teleplan, with ICBC named as the insurer, using the standard MSP visit codes. ICBC is responsible for payment of all visits related to MVA injuries billed via Teleplan until the ICBC claim is closed.

ICBC Fee ($)

How to Bill:
The physician's office completes the following steps to send a standard, extended or re-assessment report to ICBC:

1. Complete the report in its entirety.
2. Send the report to ICBC by one of the following:
   - Fax to 1-877-686-4222
   - Mail to ICBC, PO Box 2121, Stn Terminal, Vancouver BC V6B 0L6

TABLE 2: REGISTERED CARE ADVISOR SERVICES (RCA) AS PER BC'S INSURANCE (VEHICLE) REGULATION

A94567 Initial RCA Assessment & Report 389.00
For patients who are not recovering as expected and/or when there is diagnostic uncertainty, family physicians may request a specialty consultation from a RCA for the purpose of supporting care management and recovery. Referrals to a RCA will be initiated by the family physician, and the patient must be seen within 15 business days from referral.

A94568 Follow-up RCA Assessment..... 120.00
For patients who need a follow-up visit with the RCA because information was missing at initial assessment or further diagnostic testing is required in order for the RCA to complete the consultation.

This fee may also be submitted for one missed appointment or cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice. ICBC will pay the RCA physician for the first missed appointment. The patient will be responsible to pay for subsequent missed RCA appointments

Billing Rules:

- These RCA services require an invoice.
- Both RCA Services outlined above include payment for the patient assessment and written consultation report.

How to Bill:

1. Prepare the invoice. The following must be included in the invoice:
   - ICBC Claim number
   - Patient name
   - Physician providing the service
   - Payee where this differs from the Physician providing the service.

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		ICBC Fee ($)

2. Send the invoice to ICBC by one of the following:
    - Fax to 1-877-686-4222
    - Mail to: ICBC, PO Box 2121 Stn Terminal, Vancouver BC V6B 0L6

TABLE 3: FEES TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION

A94569 Physician Conference Fee..... 60.00

Calls between most responsible provider (MRP) and RCA; MRP or RCA and ICBC or other treatment providers. This fee will support either written or telephone correspondence.
Telephone or written consultation per 15 minutes (or portion thereof) up to a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes (i.e. to a daily maximum of three (3) units per claim).

NOTES:
- Not for arranging expedited consults or diagnostic investigations.
- Not for conveying the results of diagnostic investigations.

A94571 Physician Telephone Management Fee 25.00

Calls between physician (MRP or RCA) and the patient.

Telephone clinical discussion with patient or patient's medical representative.

NOTES:
- Not for appointment reminders or Rx renewals.
- The telephone call can be made by the physician or a college-certified allied health professional employed by the eligible physician's practice.

Billing Rules:
- These services will require an invoice.

How to Bill:
1. Prepare the invoice. The following must be included in the invoice:
    - ICBC claim number
    - Patient name
    - Physician providing the service
    - Payee where this differs from the Physician providing the service
2. Send the invoice to ICBC by one of the following:
    - Fax to 1-877-686-4222
    - Mail to ICBC, PO Box 2121 Stn Terminal, Vancouver BC V6B 0L6

		Non-MSP-Insured Fee ($)	MSP Fee ($)
TABLE 4: MISCELLANEOUS			
13075	In office assessment of an unrelated condition(s) in association with an ICBC service	41.45	16.44

NOTES:

i) Paid only when services are provided for an unrelated illness occurring in conjunction with a ICBC insured service.
ii) Unrelated service must be initiated by patient.
iii) The unrelated condition(s) must justify a stand-alone visit.
iv) Only paid once per patient per day, per insurer, and includes all other unrelated problems.
v) Not paid if a procedure for the same or related condition is paid for same patient on same day, same practitioner.
vi) The visit for each payer must be fully and adequately documented in chart.
vii) Paid only to General Practitioners.