

**REVISED FEES FOR UNINSURED SERVICES
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019***

**The April 1, 2019 Doctors of BC uninsured services rates reflect an increase of 2 % on each fee item with the following exceptions: A00009, 96201, 96301, 96302, 96400, 96501, 96502, 96503, 96504, 96505, (which are negotiated separately) The fees in this document are subject to the rounding rules of the Doctors of BC.*

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to Preamble Clause C. 2.

GENERAL SERVICES

INDUSTRIAL AND INSURANCE

A00001	General insurance examination, industrial examinations (to include MOT, marine personnel, pilots and air traffic controllers), pre-placement and periodic examinations, and CPP examinations.	\$ 215.00
A00002	Limited examinations for special policies	\$ 152.00
A00003	Industrial pre-placement and periodic examination not requiring complete examination	\$ 89.40
A00055	Examinations (other than the eyes) to obtain a driver's license - full exam	\$ 209.00
A00056	- partial exam	\$ 94.00
96220	OSMV Driver's Medical Examination and Report (DMER) – stand-alone	\$ 209.00
96221	OSMV Diabetic Driver Examination and Report (DDR) – standalone	\$ 209.00
96222	OSMV DMER and DDR completed at same visit (extra to 96220)	\$ 52.40
A00004	Group examination of apparently healthy persons, including school examinations - per hour	\$ 363.00
A00005	Part-time professional employment where fee-for-service is not applicable - half day session (3 1/2 hours), 5 or less sessions per week - per session	\$ 973.00
A00006	- 6th or additional half day session the same week - per session	\$ 811.00

NOTE: Medical Services Plan reimbursement agreement for sessional fees may be found elsewhere in the Guide.

A00007	Consultative or Advisory Committee work - per half day (3.5 hours)	\$ 1187.00
A00008	- per day	\$ 2369.00

MISCELLANEOUS

A00047	Renewal of prescription by telephone (per telephone call)	\$ 32.05
A94523	Completion of Drug Benefit Form for third party insurer	\$ 77.30
A00048	Tray Service	\$ 44.80
A00049	Advice by telephone on the establishing of a tentative diagnosis and prescribing treatment per 15 minutes or portion thereof	\$ 89.40

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

A00052	Biofeedback rendered by a physician for other than neurological and/or muscular retraining - per half hour	\$ 152.00
A00053	Hypnosis for services not insured by the Medical Services Plan; e.g. smoking withdrawal, weight loss or other lifestyle services - per half-hour	\$ 152.00
A00054	Preventative medicine counselling all forms, e.g. health maintenance assessment and counselling 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 counselling - per half hour	\$ 152.00

CERTIFICATES AND FORMS

A94529	Completion of the Occupational Fitness Assessment (OFA) form (extra to examination).	\$ 173.00
A94533	Completion of Public Trustee's form for opinion of incapacity (extra to examination)	\$ 366.00
A00060	Written certificate, including time loss benefit form (extra to examination), medical certification of death, etc.	\$ 44.80
A00061	Medical advice by letter	\$ 152.00
A00063	Initial screening examination for chronic or rehabilitation care	\$ 156.00
A00068	Physical fitness examination for school, summer camp, etc., including certificate	\$ 75.60
A00058	Premarital examination	\$ 152.00
A00069	Insurance company form to include review of records - short report	\$ 152.00
A00059	- extensive report	\$ 200.00

A00097	Examination and completion of Canadian Blood Services form for report on Plasmapheresis Donors.	\$ 108.00
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MEDICAL - LEGAL FEES

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.	\$ 173.00
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A00071	A Medico-Legal letter or form is defined as a short factual written communication given to any lay person (e.g. lawyer, insurance representative) in relation to a patient for some purpose primarily unconnected with treatment.	\$ 366.00
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A00072	A Medico-Legal Report is one, which will recite symptoms, history and records and gives diagnosis, treatment, results and present condition. This is a factual summary of all the information available on the case. It could also contain prognostic information about when the patient will be able to return to work and might mention whether there will be a permanent disability.	\$ 1095.00
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A00073	A Medico-Legal 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 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 extensive exercise of expert knowledge and judgement with respect to those facts with a detailed prognosis.	\$ 1832.00
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A00074	Expert testimony in court, per day	\$ 2926.00
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A00075	Expert testimony in court, per half-day or less	\$ 1832.00
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A00091	Court preparation by expert witness, per hour NOTE: This fee does not include charges for extra record keeping necessary to provide expert testimony. These charges are in addition.	\$ 435.00
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A00092	Failure of notification of court 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 appearances.	\$ 2197.00
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A00093	Transfer of patient records - basic fee NOTES: i). This fee is recommended for a simple transfer of records from a physician to another physician. Photocopying may be charged in addition. ii). Other direct costs, such as courier services, may be charged in addition based on the actual cost.	\$ 36.65
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- 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 \$ 102.00

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) \$ 1.80
 - subsequent pages – 30¢ per page

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

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

The following fees and billing guidelines are recommended when a physician provides expert evidence in a criminal or Government of British Columbia ministry, board or agency matter.

	Preparation and Court Time (Per Hour):	
A94525	General Practitioner	\$ 248.00
A94526	Specialist	\$ 290.00
	Travel Time (Per Hour):	
A94527	General Practitioner	\$ 142.00
A94528	Specialist	\$ 163.00

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 FOR MEDICAL EXPERT WITNESS RETAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT BOARD OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY

1. Travel to Court

- a) Time starts when the Physician leaves home, office or hospital to go to Court.

- b) Time ends when the Physician arrives at the Court 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) Time starts at the end of Court 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 Court 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. Court Time

- a) Court time includes all relevant professional activities, including preparation, interviews, discussions, testimony, listening to other testimony and associated waiting time.
- b) Court time starts when the physician arrives at the Court or Crown Counsel office or at 0900 hours if he/she had already travelled away from home on a prior day.
- c) Court time ends when Court ends or no other services are required, but continues to 1800 hours if further services are required next day, if the Physician has travelled 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 Court/preparation and travel are less than 8 billing hours, the balance up to 8 hours shall be billed as Court/preparation time.
- g) Where physicians are testifying in their home community, Court 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

- a) A cancellation is defined as a situation where the physician is informed that a previously arranged Court appearance is no longer required or is to be rescheduled for any reason including testimony not needed, Court scheduling changes and adjournments.
- b) Where the physician is given more than 6 working days' notice of cancellation of a Court appearance, no compensation is payable.
- c) Where the cancellation notice is received 6 full working days or less prior to scheduled commencement of travel (as defined in 1.a, the physician will be paid the lesser of:
 - i) if cancellation occurs with 2 full working days or less notice, 100% of fees otherwise payable if the physician had attended court, for each day or half day scheduled,
 - ii) if cancellation occurs with more than 2 but with 4 or less full working days' notice, 75% of fees otherwise payable if the physician had attended Court, for each day or half day scheduled;
 - iii) if cancellation occurs with more than 4 but with 6 or less full working days' notice, 50% of fees otherwise payable if the physician had attended Court, 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 court at a location more than 32 km from his/her residence or where unusual road conditions exist which, for example, requires travel by ferry.

6. General

- a) In cases of uncertainty as to interpretation of the above guidelines, or where unusual circumstances or large amounts of time are expected to be required (especially regarding preparation activities), the Physician and Crown Counsel should clarify their expectations as early as possible.
- b) In the case of accused persons who are assessed by the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission, activities conducted by the psychiatrist as part of their employment by the Commission are not billable to Crown Counsel. Specifically, preparation of an initial report to Court is provided by the Commission, but subsequent review of such reports, related discussion and other preparatory activities are billable to Crown Counsel.

MILEAGE

A00009	Automobile Expenses (for travel to give evidence in court other than Crown Counsel cases)	per km	\$ 0.55
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JAIL VISITS

A00085	Jail visit to examine one prisoner including certification - day time	\$ 214.00
A00086	Subsequent jail visit to examine prisoner again including certification	\$ 214.00
A00087	Other prisoners examined at same jail visit including certification - each	\$ 152.00
A00088	Jail visit to examine one prisoner including certification - night (1700 hrs. to 08.30 hrs.), Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holiday	\$ 278.00
A00089	Examination of prisoners in doctor's office including certification - each	\$ 152.00

BLOOD AND ALCOHOL SAMPLING

A00036	Taking Sample	\$ 97.60
A00037	Additional charge for standby time, per half hour	\$ 165.00

NOTE: Service charges and surcharges extra.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

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.

EVALUATION OF LENSES NOT FITTED BY PRACTITIONER

A02054	- first visit	I.C.
A02055	- subsequent visit	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.

PEDIATRICS

SPECIAL SERVICES

A00516	Newborn care in hospital without complications	\$ 276.00
A00517	Periodic health examinations - infants	\$ 145.00
A00519	- Children and adolescents	\$ 160.00
A00520	Assessment and examination prior to adoption	\$ 574.00

PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

MISCELLANEOUS

A01720	Advice on the medical requirements of one or more patients at a formally scheduled multi - disciplinary rehabilitative conference of at least	\$ 162.00
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one 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.

PSYCHIATRY

MISCELLANEOUS

A00643	Environmental intervention by the physician on a psychiatric patient's behalf with agencies, employers or institutions - per 1/2 hour	\$ 156.00
A00644	Environmental intervention by the psychiatrist on a disturbed child's behalf with agencies, schools or institutions - per 1/2 hour	\$ 156.00
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	\$ 156.00

UROLOGY

EPIDIDYMISS

A08343	Epididymovasostomy or re - anastomosis of vas - unilateral NOTE: MSP will pay only when a previous vasectomy has not been performed.	\$ 945.00
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DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

HEAD AND NECK

A08480	Transcranial Doppler	\$ 128.00
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LABORATORY MEDICINE

ANATOMICAL

A94600	Identification of micro-organisms	\$ 29.85
A94601	Immunologic techniques	\$ 29.85

AUTOPSY

A94506	Autopsy – Complete	\$ 1171.00
A94508	Autopsy – Partial	\$ 354.00
A94510	Category I - Identification by gross examination only	\$ 14.95
A94512	Category II - Confirmation of normality	\$ 45.40
A94514	Category III - Confirmation of common degenerative and inflammatory conditions and common benign tumors	\$ 58.20
A94516	Category IV - Small specimens for diagnosis	\$ 108.00
A94518	Category V - Complex biopsies or small whole organs	\$ 152.00
A94520	Category VI - Large complex organ requiring extensive gross dissection and microscopic assessment comprehensive	\$ 307.00

CONSULTATIONS

A94500	Operative consult with or without frozen section-first	\$ 191.00
A94502	- each additional consult (no limit)	\$ 60.20
A94504	Referred histology slides for opinion and letter	\$ 152.00
A94505	- multiple or complex specimens (Category VI specimens)	\$ 307.00

FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY

A94570	Screening by radioimmunoassay for drug class without identification/quantitation	\$ 53.10
A94572	Screening by immunoassay for drug class without identification/quantitation	\$ 53.10
A94574	Screening by gas chromatography (GC) for drug class (acidic drugs) with identification but not quantitation	\$ 71.60
A94576	Screening by gas chromatography (GC) for drug class (basic drugs) with identification but not quantitation	\$ 71.60
A94578	Screening by thin layer chromatography for drug class(es) with identification but not quantitation by liquid	\$ 160.00
A94580	Drug identification and/or quantitation by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) (applies primarily to basic drugs)	\$ 124.00

A94582	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)	\$ 248.00
A94584	Comprehensive drug screen (includes screening by GC and radioimmunoassay & drug identification/quantitation by GCMS (applies primarily to basic drugs)	\$ 275.00
A94586	Ethanol	\$ 73.30
A94588	Carbon monoxide	\$ 153.00

HEMATOLOGY AND BLOOD BANK

A94540	ABO typing	\$ 45.85
A94541	Absorption	\$ 109.00
A94542	Antibody identification	\$ 185.00
A94543	Antibody screen	\$ 91.70
A94544	Consultation, written for unusual antibodies	\$ 173.00
A94545	Crossmatch - per unit	\$ 45.85
A94546	Direct antiglobulin test – polyspecific	\$ 54.90
A94547	Direct antiglobulin test, using anti-C3 or anti-IgG	\$ 54.90
A94548	Irradiation of blood products	\$ 45.85
A94549	Neutralization, per antigen	\$ 185.00
A94550	Phenotyping by DAT, per antigen	\$ 37.00
A94551	Phenotyping by indirect antiglobulin test, per antigen	\$ 52.50
A94552	Pooling blood products	\$ 109.00
A94553	Preparation of eluate	\$ 109.00
A94554	Preparation of leukocyte poor blood by filtration or manual wash	\$ 185.00
A94555	Preparation of leukocyte poor blood by microaggregate filtration	\$ 185.00
A94556	Preparation of lyophilized products, per pack	\$ 45.85
A94557	Preparation of packed cells per unit	\$ 45.85
A94558	Review of trans reaction data including preparation of a written report	\$ 173.00
A94559	RH (D) typing	\$ 38.35
A94560	Rosette test for Rh + cells	\$ 91.70

A94561	Thawing of plasma	\$ 45.85
A94562	Washing red cells, first unit using cell washer	\$ 54.90
A94563	Washing red cells, each additional unit	\$ 185.00

CHEMISTRY - MISCELLANEOUS

A94522	Rape, specimen submitted for examination in cases of suspected rape - per specimen or article	\$ 148.00
A94524	- to maximum	\$ 294.00