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##### 1. Citation

 These regulations may be cited as the *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998*.

 [Regulation 1 amended: Gazette 1 Nov 2005 p. 4977.]

##### 2. Scales of fees — medical specialists and other medical practitioners

 (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the scales of fees set out in Schedule 1 are prescribed as the scales of fees to be paid to medical specialists and other medical practitioners for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 (2) In Schedule 1 —

 MBS item number means the item number corresponding to a service described in the Medicare Benefits Schedule published by the Commonwealth, as that Schedule is in force on 1 November 2022.

 [Regulation 2 amended: Gazette 28 Dec 2001 p. 6691; 23 Sep 2003 p. 4174; 19 Mar 2004 p. 863; 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5203‑4; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4161; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 4; SL 2021/169 r. 4; SL 2022/164 r. 4.]

##### 3. Scale of fees — physiotherapists

 (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(iii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 2 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to physiotherapists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [(2) deleted]

 [Regulation 3 amended: Gazette 21 Jan 2005 p. 278; 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]

##### 4. Scale of fees — chiropractors

 Under section 292(2)(a)(iv) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 3 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to chiropractors for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [Regulation 4 amended: Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]

##### 5. Scale of fees — occupational therapists

 Under section 292(2)(a)(v) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 4 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to occupational therapists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [Regulation 5 amended: Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]

##### 6. Scale of fees — clinical psychologists

 (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(vi) of the Act, the hourly rate of $268.25 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to clinical psychologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 (2) The hourly rate under subregulation (1) is also payable for compiling a treatment report, but the hours required to compile a report cannot exceed 3 hours per report.

 [Regulation 6 inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5758; amended: Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4345; 29 Oct 2010 p. 5348; 30 Sep 2011 p. 3914; 25 Sep 2012 p. 4449; 15 Oct 2013 p. 4687; 17 Oct 2014 p. 4023; 16 Oct 2015 p. 4075; 21 Oct 2016 p. 4822; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5204; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4162; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 5; SL 2021/169 r. 5; SL 2022/164 r. 5.]

##### 6A. Scale of fees — counselling psychology

 Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the hourly rate of $268.25 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to a psychologist providing counselling services for the treatment of a worker suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 Note:

 “Counselling psychology” was approved as an “approved treatment” under section 5(1) of the Act by *Gazette* 10/1/2003, p. 55.

 [Regulation 6A inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5758; amended: Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346; 29 Oct 2010 p. 5348; 30 Sep 2011 p. 3914; 25 Sep 2012 p. 4450; 15 Oct 2013 p. 4688; 17 Oct 2014 p. 4024; 16 Oct 2015 p. 4076; 21 Oct 2016 p. 4822; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5204; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4162; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 5; SL 2021/169 r. 5; SL 2022/164 r. 5.]

##### 7. Scale of fees — speech pathologists

 Under section 292(2)(a)(vii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 5 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to speech pathologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [Regulation 7 amended: Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035.]

##### 7A. Scale of fees — osteopaths

 Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the amount of $84.80 is prescribed as the fee to be paid to an osteopath for an osteopathic consultation with a worker suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 Note:

 “Osteopathy” was approved as an “approved treatment” under section 5(1) of the Act by *Gazette* 29/9/2000, p. 5564.

 [Regulation 7A inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5759; amended: Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346; 29 Oct 2010 p. 5348; 30 Sep 2011 p. 3914; 25 Sep 2012 p. 4450; 15 Oct 2013 p. 4688; 17 Oct 2014 p. 4024; 16 Oct 2015 p. 4076; 21 Oct 2016 p. 4822; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5204; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4162; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 5; SL 2021/169 r. 5; SL 2022/164 r. 5.]

##### 7B. Scale of fees — exercise physiologists

 Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 5A is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to exercise physiologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [Regulation 7B inserted: Gazette 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290.]

##### 7C. Scale of fees — acupuncturists

 (1) In this regulation —

 acupuncturist means a person whose name is entered on the Register of Chinese Medicine Practitioners kept under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)* in the Division of acupuncture.

 (2) Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the fixed fee of $82.80 for each consultation is prescribed as the fee to be paid to an acupuncturist for acupuncture provided to a worker suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

 [Regulation 7C inserted: Gazette 20 Mar 2015 p. 912; amended: Gazette 16 Oct 2015 p. 4076; 21 Oct 2016 p. 4822; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5204; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4162; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 5; SL 2021/169 r. 5; SL 2022/164 r. 5.]

##### 8. Scale of fees — vocational rehabilitation providers

 Under section 292(2)(b) of the Act, the hourly rate of $200.10 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to approved providers of vocational rehabilitation services when those services are provided to workers in accordance with the Act.

 [Regulation 8 amended: Gazette 21 Dec 2000 p. 7626; 28 Dec 2001 p. 6692; 23 Sep 2003 p. 4174; 9 Jan 2004 p. 99; 21 Jan 2005 p. 279; 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569; 10 Jan 2006 p. 44; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5759; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6036; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5291; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346; 29 Oct 2010 p. 5348; 30 Sep 2011 p. 3914; 25 Sep 2012 p. 4450; 15 Oct 2013 p. 4688; 17 Oct 2014 p. 4024; 16 Oct 2015 p. 4076; 21 Oct 2016 p. 4822; 6 Oct 2017 p. 5204; 19 Oct 2018 p. 4162; 22 Oct 2019 p. 3734; SL 2020/203 r. 5; SL 2021/169 r. 5; SL 2022/164 r. 5.]

##### 9. Scale of maximum fees — approved medical specialists

 (1) Under section 292(3) of the Act, the scale of maximum fees set out in Schedule 6 is prescribed as the scale of maximum fees to be paid to approved medical specialists for making or attempting to make assessments referred to in Part VII Division 2 of the Act.

 (2) In Schedule 6 Part 1 —

report and certificate means a report referred to in section 146H(1)(a) of the Act and a certificate referred to in section 146H(1)(b) of the Act.

 [Regulation 9 inserted: Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5567‑8; amended: Gazette 21 Oct 2016 p. 4821.]

##### 10. Effect of GST

 (1) In this regulation —

GST has the meaning given in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* of the Commonwealth.

 (2) An amount fixed by these regulations is a net figure that does not include any GST that may be imposed due to the nature of the provision of the service or the service provider.

 (3) If GST is payable on a service listed in these regulations, the fee for the service is the applicable fee increased by 10%.

 (4) An injured worker’s prescribed entitlements are to be calculated using the net cost of the treatment or service, without deducting any GST component.

 [Regulation 10 inserted: Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6036.]

Schedule 1 — Scale of fees: medical specialists and other medical practitioners

[r. 2]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 1 — Medical specialists and other medical practitioners

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  **Type of service/by whom** | **Fee** |

***GENERAL PRACTITIONER***

CONSULTATIONS

Surgery Consultation

in hours

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Content based** |  |
|  Minor or Specific Service (Level A or B) | $83.45 |
|  Extended Service (Level C) | $152.35 |
|  Comprehensive Service (Level D) | $234.00 |
| **Time based** |  |
|  up to 5 minutes | $49.75 |
|  more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes | $64.80 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $125.10 |
|  more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes | $189.30 |
|  more than 45 minutes to 60 minutes | $256.50 |

Surgery Consultations

out of hours

For attendances between the hours of 6 pm and 8 am on a weekday or between 12 noon on Saturday and 8 am on the following Monday and public holiday.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Content based** |  |
|  Minor Service (Level A) | $62.65 |
|  Specific Service (Level B) | $125.10 |
|  Extended Service (Level C) | $227.80 |
|  Comprehensive Service (Level D) | $352.70 |
| **Time based** |  |
|  up to 5 minutes | $99.10 |
|  more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes | $107.50 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $166.55 |
|  more than 30 minutes | $227.80 |

VISITS

Consultations at a place other than the Consulting Rooms

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| in hours |  |
|  Minor Service (Level A) | $104.35 |
|  Specific Service (Level B) | $142.60 |
|  Extended Service (Level C) | $211.60 |
|  Comprehensive Service (Level D) | $294.90 |
| out of hours |  |
|  Minor Service (Level A) | $125.10 |
|  Specific Service (Level B) | $186.05 |
|  Extended Service (Level C) | $285.45 |
|  Comprehensive Service (Level D) | $416.85 |

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers, rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments, etc.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| per hour | $313.65 |

TRAVELLING FEES

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rate per kilometre | $5.65 |

**PHYSICIANS, OCCUPATIONAL & REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS**

***PHYSICIANS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $316.65 |
| subsequent attendances | $158.35 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $379.00 |
| subsequent attendances | $218.65 |

***REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $316.65 |
| subsequent attendances | $158.35 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $379.00 |
| subsequent attendances | $218.65 |

***OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $321.75 |
| subsequent attendances | $158.35 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $379.00 |
| subsequent attendances | $218.65 |

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Time based** |  |
|  up to 5 minutes | $41.55 |
|  more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes | $51.20 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $107.05 |
|  more than 30 minutes | $161.65 |

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers, rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments, etc.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| per hour | $465.00 |

TRAVELLING FEES

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rate per kilometre | $5.65 |

***CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRISTS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al**Time based** |  |
|  up to 15 minutes | $92.90 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $185.25 |
|  more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes | $277.45 |
|  more than 45 minutes to 60 minutes | $371.25 |
|  more than 60 minutes to 75 minutes | $420.10 |
|  more than 75 minutes | $468.85 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al**Time based** |  |
|  up to 15 minutes | $152.45 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $246.15 |
|  more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes | $335.95 |
|  more than 45 minutes to 75 minutes | $429.75 |
|  more than 75 minutes | $517.95 |

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Time based** |  |
|  up to 45 minutes | $123.30 |
|  more than 45 minutes | $268.90 |

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers, rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments, etc.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| per hour | $465.00 |

TRAVELLING FEES

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rate per kilometre | $5.65 |

**SPECIALISTS**

***SURGEONS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $179.95 |
| subsequent attendances | $93.90 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $242.50 |
| subsequent attendances | $154.70 |

***DERMATOLOGISTS***

CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $179.95 |
| subsequent attendances | $93.90 |

VISITS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital and issue of certificate (if required) et al |  |
| first attendance | $242.20 |
| subsequent attendances | $154.35 |

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Time based** |  |
|  up to 5 minutes | $41.55 |
|  more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes | $51.20 |
|  more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes | $107.05 |
|  more than 30 minutes | $161.65 |

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers, rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments, etc.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| per hour | $465.00 |

TRAVELLING FEES

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rate per kilometre | $5.65 |

***ANAESTHETISTS***

All anaesthesia fees are calculated by multiplying the units for the consultation, attendance, procedure or service by the $ value per unit allocated by this Schedule.

$ VALUE PER UNIT

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| $ value per unit | $93.60 |

| **CONSULTATIONS AND ATTENDANCES** | **Units** |
| --- | --- |
| Anaesthetist Consultation |  |
| — an attendance of 15 minutes or less duration | 2 |
| — an attendance of more than 15 minutes but not more than 30 minutes duration | 4 |
| — an attendance of more than 30 minutes but not more than 45 minutes duration | 6 |
| — an attendance of more than 45 minutes duration | 8 |
| Post anaesthesia patient care following a day procedure | 2 |
|  |  |
| EMERGENCY ATTENDANCES |  |
| After hours — where immediate attendance is required after 6 pm and before 8 am on any weekday, or at any time on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday | 6 |
| **Note: No after hours loading applies to the above item** |  |
| Attendance on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous life saving emergency treatment to the exclusion of all other patients | 6 |
| Call back from home, office or other distant location for the provision of emergency services | 4 |

PROCEDURES AND SERVICES

All anaesthesia fees in relation to procedures and services are to be charged on the relative value guide (RVG) system. In most cases, the RVG system comprises 3 elements: base units (BUs), modifying units (MUs) and time units (TUs).

In Division 1, the fee for a procedure is calculated by adding the base units for the procedure, the time units and any modifying units and multiplying the result by the $ value per unit allocated by this Schedule.

 (BUs + TUs + MUs) x $ value per unit = Fee

In Division 2, the fee for a therapeutic or diagnostic service only includes modifying units (MUs) and time units (TUs) if the item notes that service as including either or both.

Base units

The appropriate number of base units for each procedure has been established and is set out in this Schedule.

[The number of base units for each procedure has been calculated so as to include usual postoperative visits, the administration of fluids and/or blood incidental to the anaesthesia care and usual monitoring procedures.]

Time units

For the first 2 hours, each 15 minutes (or part thereof) of anaesthetic time constitutes 1 time unit. After 2 hours, time units are calculated at 1 per 10 minutes (or part thereof).

Modifying units

Many anaesthetic services are provided under particularly difficult circumstances depending on factors such as the medical condition of the patient and unusual risk factors. These factors significantly affect the character of the anaesthetic services provided. Circumstances giving rise to additional modifying units are set out in this Schedule.

[Note: The modifying units are, in the main, derived from the modifying units set out in the AMA’s “List of Medical Services and Fees”.]

| **Description** | **Units** |
| --- | --- |
| A normal healthy patient | 0 |
| A patient with a mild systemic disease | 0 |
| A patient with a severe systemic disease | 1 |
| A patient with a severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life | 4 |
| A moribund patient who is not expected to survive for 24 hours with or without the operation | 6 |
| A patient who is morbidly obese (body mass index is more than 35) | 2 |
| A patient who is in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy | 2 |
| A patient declared brain‑dead whose organs are being removed for donor purposes | 0 |
| Where the patient is aged under 1 year or over 70 years of age | 1 |
| Emergency surgery (i.e. when undue delay in treatment of the patient would lead to a significant increase in a threat to life or body part) | 2 |
| Anaesthesia in the prone position (not applicable to lower intestinal endoscopic procedures) | 3 |

Anaesthesia for after hours emergencies

A 50% loading should apply to emergency after hours anaesthesia. It is calculated using the “total relative value”. The 50% loading and the emergency surgery modifier should not be used together.

after hours is defined as that period between 6 pm and the following 8 am on weekdays and between 8 am and the following 8 am on weekend days and public holidays.

Division 1 — Procedures

| **Description of procedure, etc.** | **Units** |
| --- | --- |
| **Head** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue, muscles, salivary glands and superficial blood vessels of the head, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — plastic repair of cleft lip | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for electroconvulsive therapy | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on external, middle or inner ear, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — otoscopy | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on eye unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — lens surgery | 5 |
| — retinal surgery | 8 |
| — corneal transplant | 7 |
| — vitrectomy | 7 |
| — biopsy of conjunctiva | 5 |
| — ophthalmoscopy | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on nose and accessory sinuses unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — radical surgery | 7 |
| — biopsy, soft tissue | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all intraoral procedures, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — repair of cleft palate | 7 |
| — excision of retropharyngeal tumour | 9 |
| — radical intraoral surgery | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on facial bones unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — extensive surgery on facial bones (including prognathism and extensive facial bone reconstruction) | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for all intracranial procedures unless otherwise specified | 15 |
| — subdural taps | 5 |
| — burr holes | 9 |
| — intracranial vascular procedures, including those for aneurysms and arterio‑venous abnormalities | 20 |
| — spinal fluid shunt procedures | 10 |
| — ablation of intracranial nerve | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all cranial bone procedures | 12 |
| **Neck** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the neck unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for incision and drainage of large haematoma, large abscess, cellulitis or similar lesion causing life threatening airway obstruction | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on oesophagus, thyroid, larynx, trachea and lymphatic system muscles, nerves or other deep tissues of the neck unless otherwise specified  | 6 |
| — for laryngectomy, hemi‑laryngectomy, laryngopharyngectomy or pharyngectomy | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for laser surgery to the airway | 8 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on major vessels of neck unless otherwise specified | 10 |
| — simple ligation | 5 |
| **Thorax (chest wall/shoulder girdle)** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the chest unless otherwise specified | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the breast unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — reconstructive procedures on the breast (e.g. reduction or augmentation, mammoplasty) | 5 |
| — removal of breast lump or for breast segmentectomy where axillary node dissection is performed | 5 |
| — mastectomy | 6 |
| — reconstructive procedures on the breast using myocutaneous flaps | 8 |
| — radical or modified radical procedures on breast with internal mammary node dissection | 13 |
| — electrical conversion of arrhythmias | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the sternum | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the clavicle, scapula or sternum unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — radical surgery | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for partial rib resection unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — thoracoplasty | 10 |
| — extensive procedures (e.g. pectus excavatum) | 13 |
| **Intrathoracic** |  |
| Anaesthesia for open procedures on the oesophagus | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed chest procedures (including rigid oesophagoscopy or bronchoscopy) unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — needle biopsy of pleura | 4 |
| — pneumocentesis | 4 |
| — thoracoscopy | 10 |
| — mediastinoscopy | 8 |
| Anaesthesia for all thoracotomy procedures involving lungs, pleura, diaphragm and mediastinum unless otherwise specified | 13 |
| — pulmonary decortication | 15 |
| — pulmonary resection with thoracoplasty | 15 |
| — intrathoracic repair of trauma to trachea and bronchi | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the heart, pericardium and great vessels of the chest | 20 |
| Anaesthesia for heart transplant | 20 |
| Anaesthesia for heart and lung transplant | 20 |
| Cadaver harvesting of heart and/or lungs | 8 |
| **Spine and spinal cord** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the cervical spine and/or cord unless otherwise specified (for myelography and discography see items in ‘Other Procedures’) | 10 |
| — posterior cervical laminectomy in sitting position | 13 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the thoracic spine and/or cord unless otherwise specified | 10 |
| — thoracolumbar sympathectomy | 13 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures in the lumbar region unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — lumbar sympathectomy | 7 |
| — chemonucleolysis | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for extensive spine and spinal cord procedures | 13 |
| Anaesthesia for manipulation of spine | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous spinal procedures | 5 |
| **Upper abdomen** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper abdominal wall unless otherwise specified | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the upper abdominal wall | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for laparoscopic procedures unless otherwise specified | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures in association with imaging techniques including fluoroscopy and ultrasound | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures in association with acute gastrointestinal haemorrhage | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for all hernia repairs in upper abdomen unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — repair of incisional hernia and/or wound dehiscence | 6 |
| — repair of omphalocele | 7 |
| — transabdominal repair of diaphragmatic hernia | 9 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on major abdominal blood vessels | 15 |
| Initiation of the management of anaesthesia for procedures within the peritoneal cavity in upper abdomen, including open cholecystectomy, gastrectomy, laparoscopically assisted nephrectomy and bowel shunts | 8 |
| Anaesthesia for bariatric surgery in a patient with clinically severe obesity | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for partial hepatectomy (excluding liver biopsy) | 13 |
| Anaesthesia for extended or trisegmental hepatectomy | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for pancreatectomy, partial or total (e.g. Whipple procedure) | 12 |
| Anaesthesia for liver transplant (recipient) | 30 |
| Anaesthesia for neuro endocrine tumour removal (e.g. carcinoid) | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous procedures on an intra‑abdominal organ in the upper abdomen | 6 |
| **Lower abdomen** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the lower abdominal wall unless otherwise specified | 3 |
| — lipectomy | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the lower abdominal wall (with the exception of abdominal lipectomy) | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for laparoscopic procedures | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for all lower intestinal endoscopic procedures (modifier for prone position is not applicable) | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all hernia repairs in lower abdomen unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — repair of incisional hernia and/or wound dehiscence | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures within the peritoneal cavity in the lower abdomen (including appendicetomy) unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for bowel resection, including laparascopic bowel resection, unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — amniocentesis | 4 |
| — abdominoperineal resection, including pull through procedures, ultra low anterior resection and formation of bowel reservoir | 10 |
| — radical prostatectomy | 10 |
| — radical hysterectomy | 10 |
| — radical ovarian surgery | 10 |
| — pelvic exenteration | 10 |
| — Caesarean section | 10 |
| — Caesarean hysterectomy or hysterectomy within 24 hours of delivery | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for all extraperitoneal procedures in lower abdomen, including urinary tract, unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — renal procedures, including upper 1/3 or ureter | 7 |
| — total cystectomy | 10 |
| — adrenalectomy | 10 |
| — neuro endocrine tumour removal (e.g. carcinoid) | 10 |
| — renal transplant (donor or recipient) | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on major lower abdominal vessels unless otherwise specified | 15 |
| — inferior vena cava ligation | 10 |
| — percutaneous umbrella insertion | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous procedures on an intra‑abdominal organ in the lower abdomen | 6 |
| **Perineum** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the perineum unless otherwise specified | 3 |
| — anorectal procedures (including surgical haemorrhoidectomy, but not banding of haemorrhoids) | 4 |
| — radical perineal procedure including radical perineal prostatectomy or radical vulvectomy | 7 |
| — vulvectomy | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all transurethral procedures (including urethrocystoscopy) unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — transurethral resection of bladder tumour(s) | 5 |
| — transurethral resection of prostate | 7 |
| — post‑transurethral resection bleeding | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on male external genitalia unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — undescended testis, unilateral or bilateral | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for procedures on the cord and/or testes unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — radical orchidectomy, inguinal approach | 4 |
| — radical orchidectomy, abdominal approach | 6 |
| — orchiopexy, unilateral or bilateral | 4 |
| — complete amputation of the penis | 4 |
| — complete amputation of the penis with bilateral inguinal lymphadenectomy | 6 |
| — complete amputation of the penis with bilateral inguinal and iliac lymphadenectomy | 8 |
| — insertion of penile prosthesis (perianal approach) | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all vaginal procedures (including biopsy of labia, vagina, cervix or endometrium) unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — transvaginal assisted reproductive services | 4 |
| — vaginal hysterectomy | 6 |
| — vaginal delivery | 6 |
| — purse string ligation of cervix | 4 |
| — culdoscopy | 5 |
| — hysteroscopy | 4 |
| — correction of inverted uterus | 8 |
| Anaesthesia for evacuation of retained products of conception, as a complication of confinement | 4 |
| — for the manual removal of retained placenta or for repair of vaginal or perineal tear following delivery | 5 |
| — for vaginal procedures in the management of post partum haemorrhage | 7 |
| **Pelvis — except hip** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue of the pelvic region, except external genitalia | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the anterior iliac crest | 4 |
| — percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the posterior iliac crest | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow harvesting from the pelvis | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for procedures on bony pelvis | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for body cast application or revision | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for interpelviabdominal (hind quarter) amputation | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for radical procedures for tumour of pelvis, except hind quarter amputation | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for closed procedures involving symphysis pubis or sacroiliac joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for open procedures involving symphysis pubis or sacroiliac joint | 8 |
| **Upper leg — except knee** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper leg | 3 |
| — on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia or bursae of the upper leg | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures involving hip joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of hip joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures involving hip joint unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — hip disarticulation | 10 |
| — total hip replacement or revision | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for bilateral total hip replacement | 14 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures involving upper 2/3 of femur | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures involving upper 2/3 of femur unless otherwise specified | 6 |
| — amputation | 5 |
| — radical resection | 8 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures involving veins of the upper leg including exploration | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures involving arteries of the upper leg, including bypass graft, unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — femoral artery ligation | 4 |
| — femoral artery embolectomy | 6 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of upper leg | 15 |
| **Knee and popliteal area** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue of the knee and/or popliteal area | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of the knee and/or popliteal area | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the lower 1/3 of femur | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the lower 1/3 of femur | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the knee joint | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of the knee joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on upper ends of the tibia and fibula and/or patella | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on upper ends of the tibia and fibula and/or patella | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for open procedures on the knee joint unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — knee replacement | 7 |
| — bilateral knee replacement | 10 |
| — disarticulation of knee | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all cast applications, removal or repair involving the knee joint | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the knee and popliteal area unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — repair of arteriovenous fistula | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the knee and popliteal area unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| **Lower leg — below knee (includes ankle and foot)** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the lower leg, ankle and foot | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the lower leg, ankle and foot unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the lower leg, ankle and foot | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedure of ankle joint | 4 |
| — gastrocnemius recession | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the bones of the lower leg, ankle and foot, including amputation, unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — radical resection | 5 |
| — osteotomy or osteoplasty of tibia and fibula | 5 |
| — total ankle replacement | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for lower leg cast application, removal or repair | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on arteries of the lower leg, including bypass graft unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — embolectomy | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the lower leg unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — venous thrombectomy | 5 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of the lower leg, ankle or foot | 15 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of the toe | 8 |
| **Shoulder and axilla (includes humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint and shoulder joint)** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the shoulder or axilla | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of shoulder and axilla, including axillary dissection | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint or the shoulder joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all arthroscopic procedures of the shoulder joint | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint or the shoulder joint unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — radical resection | 6 |
| — shoulder disarticulation | 9 |
| — interthoracoscapular (forequarter) amputation | 15 |
| — total shoulder replacement | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on arteries of shoulder and axilla unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — axillary‑brachial aneurysm | 10 |
| — bypass graft | 8 |
| — axillary‑femoral bypass graft | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on veins of shoulder and axilla | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all shoulder cast application, removal or repair unless otherwise specified | 3 |
| — shoulder spica | 4 |
| **Upper arm and elbow** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper arm and elbow | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of upper arm and elbow, unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — tenotomy, elbow to shoulder, open | 5 |
| — tenoplasty, elbow to shoulder | 5 |
| — tenodesis, rupture of long tendon of biceps | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the humerus and elbow | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of elbow joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the humerus and elbow unless otherwise specified | 5 |
| — radical procedures | 6 |
| — total elbow replacement | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the upper arm unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — embolectomy | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the upper arm unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of the upper arm | 15 |
| **Forearm, wrist and hand** |  |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the forearm, wrist and hand | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of the forearm, wrist and hand | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on radius, ulna, wrist or hand bones | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for all open procedures on radius, ulna, wrist or hand bones unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| — total wrist replacement | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of the wrist joint | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the forearm, wrist and hand unless otherwise specified | 8 |
| — embolectomy | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the forearm, wrist and hand unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for forearm, wrist or hand cast application, removal or repair | 3 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of forearm, wrist or hand | 15 |
| — for microsurgical reimplantation of a finger | 8 |
| **Burns** |  |
| Anaesthesia for excision of debridement of burns with or without skin grafting |  |
| — where the burnt area involves not more than 3% of total body surface | 3 |
| — where the burnt area involves more than 3% but less than 10% of total body surface | 5 |
| — where the burnt area involves 10% or more but less than 20% of total body surface | 7 |
| — where the burnt area involves 20% or more but less than 30% of total body surface | 9 |
| — where the burnt area involves 30% or more but less than 40% of total body surface | 11 |
| — where the burnt area involves 40% or more but less than 50% of total body surface | 13 |
| — where the burnt area involves 50% or more but less than 60% of total body surface | 15 |
| — where the burnt area involves 60% or more but less than 70% of total body surface | 17 |
| — where the burnt area involves 70% or more but less than 80% of total body surface | 19 |
| — where the burnt area involves 80% or more of total body surface | 21 |
| **Other Procedures** |  |
| Anaesthesia for injection procedure for myelography |  |
| — lumbar or thoracic | 5 |
| — cervical | 6 |
| — posterior fossa | 9 |
| Anaesthesia for injection procedure for discography |  |
| — lumbar or thoracic | 5 |
| — cervical | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for peripheral arteriogram | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for arteriograms |  |
| — carotid, cerebral or vertebral | 5 |
| — retrograde, brachial or femoral | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for computerised axial tomography scanning, magnetic resonance scanning, ultrasound scanning or digital subtraction angiography scanning | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for radiology unless otherwise specified | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for retrograde cystography, retrograde urethrography or retrograde cystourethrography | 4 |
| Initiation of management of anaesthesia for fluoroscopy | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for bronchography | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for phlebography | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for heart, 2 dimensional real time transoesophageal examination | 6 |
| Anaesthesia for peripheral venous cannulation | 3 |
| Anaesthesia for cardiac catheterisation including coronary arteriography, ventriculography, cardiac mapping, insertion of automatic defibrillator or transvenous pacemaker | 7 |
| Anaesthesia for cardiac electrophysiological procedures including radio frequency ablation | 10 |
| Anaesthesia for central vein catheterisation or insertion of right heart balloon catheter | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for lumbar puncture, cisternal puncture or epidural injection | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for harvesting of bone marrow for the purpose of transplantation | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for muscle biopsy for malignant hyperpyrexia | 4 |
| Anaesthesia for electroencephalography | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for brain stem evoked audiometry | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for electrocochleography by extratympanic method or transtympanic membrane insertion method | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for a therapeutic procedure where it can be demonstrated that there is a clinical need for anaesthesia | 5 |
| Anaesthesia during hyperbaric therapy where the medical practitioner is not confined in the chamber (including the administration of oxygen) | 8 |
| Anaesthesia during hyperbaric therapy where the medical practitioner is confined in the chamber (including the administration of oxygen) | 15 |
| Anaesthesia for brachytherapy using radioactive sealed sources | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for therapeutic nuclear medicine | 5 |
| Anaesthesia for radiotherapy | 7 |
| Anaesthesia where no procedure ensues | 3 |

**Note — Unlisted anaesthetic procedures**

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| *The AMA recognise that in determining the number of units applicable, the anaesthetist shall have regard to equivalent procedures.* |

Division 2 — Therapeutic and diagnostic services

| **Description of service, etc.** | **MUs** | **TUs** | **BUs** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Administration of blood or bone marrow already collected when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia | no | no | 4 |
| Venous cannulation and blood transfusion (or blood products) not associated with anaesthesia | no | no | 5 |
| Intubation, endotracheal, emergency procedure, where the patient’s airway is unsecured and at high risk of occlusion, (e.g. epiglottitis or haematoma post thyroidectomy) not associated with surgery | yes | yes | 15 |
| Intubation, endotracheal, not associated with anaesthesia, when subsequent management is not in an intensive care unit | yes | yes | 4 |
| Awake endotracheal intubation with flexible fibreoptic scope, associated with difficult airway, when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia | no | no | 4 |
| Double lumen endobronchial tube or bronchial blocker, insertion of, when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia | no | no | 4 |
| Monitoring of depth of anaesthesia, incorporating continuous measurement of the EEG during anaesthesia for the diagnosis of awareness | no | no | 3 |
| Venous cannulation and commencement of intravenous infusion, under age of 3 years, not associated with anaesthesia | no | no | 3 |
| Venous cannulation, cutdown | no | no | 5 |
| Venous cannulation and commencement of intravenous infusion not associated with anaesthesia | no | no | 2 |
| Right heart balloon catheter, insertion of, including pulmonary wedge pressure and cardiac output measurement | no | no | 7 |
| Central vein catheterisation, percutaneous via jugular, subclavian or femoral vein | no | no | 3 |
| Central vein catheterisation by cutdown | no | no | 5 |
| Central venous pressure monitoring | no | no | 3 |
| Arterial cannulation, percutaneous | no | no | 3 |
| Arterial puncture, withdrawal of blood for diagnosis | no | no | 1 |
| Arterial cannulation, by cutdown | no | no | 5 |
| Catheterisation, umbilical artery, newborn, for diagnosis or therapy | no | no | 5 |
| Intra‑arterial infusion or retrograde intravenous perfusion of a sympatholytic agent | no | no | 4 |
| Intravenous regional anaesthesia of limb by retrograde perfusion | no | no | 4 |
| Perfusion of limb or organ | no | no | 12 |
| Medical management of cardio‑pulmonary bypass perfusion using heart/lung machine | yes | yes | 20 |
| Hypothermia, total body | no | no | 5 |
| Deep hypothermia to a core temperature of less than 22 degrees in association with circulatory arrest | no | no | 15 |
| Standby medical management of cardio‑pulmonary bypass perfusion using heart/lung machine | no | yes | 5 |
| Major nerve block (proximal to the elbow or knee), including intercostal nerve block(s) or plexus block to provide post operative pain relief | no | no | 4 |
| Minor nerve block (specify type) to provide post operative pain relief (does not include subcutaneous infiltration) | no | no | 2 |
| Intrathecal or epidural injection (initial) of a therapeutic substance, with or without insertion of a catheter, in association with anaesthesia and surgery, for post operative pain management | no | no | 5 |
| Intrathecal or epidural injection (subsequent) of a therapeutic substance, in association with anaesthesia and surgery, for post operative pain management | no | no | 3 |
| Subarachnoid puncture, lumbar, diagnostic | no | no | 5 |
| Insertion of subarachnoid drain | no | no | 8 |
| Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, including up to 1 hour of continuous attendance by a medical practitioner | no | no | 8 |
| Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, where continuous attendance by a medical practitioner extends beyond the first hour. Derived fee being 8 units for the first hour plus 1 unit for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof | no | no | 0 |
| Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, including up to 1 hour of continuous attendance by a medical practitioner after hours for a patient in labour | no | no | 15 |
| Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, where continuous after hours attendance by a medical practitioner extends beyond the first hour for a patient in labour. Derived fee being 15 units for the first hour plus 1 unit for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof | no | no | 0 |
| Subsequent injection (or revision of infusion) of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia where the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is 15 minutes or less | no | no | 3 |
| Subsequent injection (or revision of infusion) of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia where the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is more than 15 minutes | no | no | 4 |
| Interpleural block, initial injection or commencement of infusion of a therapeutic substance | no | no | 5 |
| Intrathecal, epidural or caudal injection of neurolytic substance | no | no | 20 |
| Intrathecal, epidural or caudal injection of substance other than anaesthetic, contrast or neurolytic solutions, not being a service to which another item in the Group applies | no | no | 8 |
| Epidural injection of blood for blood patch | no | no | 8 |
| Injection of an anaesthetic agent |  |  |  |
| — trigeminal nerve, primary division of | no | no | 10 |
| — trigeminal nerve, peripheral branch of | no | no | 5 |
| — facial nerve | no | no | 3 |
| — retrobulbar or peribulbar | no | no | 5 |
| — greater occipital nerve | no | no | 3 |
| — vagus nerve | no | no | 8 |
| — phrenic nerve | no | no | 7 |
| — spinal accessory nerve | no | no | 5 |
| — cervical plexus | no | no | 8 |
| — brachial plexus | no | no | 8 |
| — suprascapular nerve | no | no | 5 |
| — intercostal nerve, single | no | no | 5 |
| — intercostal nerves, multiple | no | no | 7 |
| — ilioinguinal, iliohypogastric or genito femoral nerves, 1 or more of | no | no | 5 |
| — pudendal nerve | no | no | 8 |
| — ulnar, radial or median nerve of main trunk, 1 or more of, not being associated with a brachial plexus block | no | no | 5 |
| — paracervical (uterine) nerve | no | no | 5 |
| — obturator nerve | no | no | 7 |
| — femoral nerve | no | no | 7 |
| — saphenous, sural, popliteal or posterior tibial nerve of main trunk, 1 or more of | no | no | 5 |
| — paravertebral, cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral or coccygeal nerves, single vertebral level | no | no | 7 |
| — paravertebral nerves, multiple levels | no | no | 10 |
| — sciatic nerve | no | no | 7 |
| — other peripheral nerve or branch | no | no | 5 |
| — sphenopalatine ganglion | no | no | 10 |
| — carotid sinus, as an independent percutaneous procedure | no | no | 8 |
| — stellate ganglion (cervical sympathetic block) | no | no | 8 |
| — lumbar or thoracic nerves (paravertebral sympathetic block) | no | no | 8 |
| — coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves | no | no | 10 |
| Cranial nerve other than trigeminal, destruction by a neurolytic agent, not being a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin | no | no | 20 |
| Nerve branch, not covered by any other item in this Group, destruction by a neurolytic agent, not being a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin | no | no | 10 |
| Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, destruction by a neurolytic agent | no | no | 20 |
| Lumbar sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent | no | no | 15 |
| Cervical or thoracic sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent | no | no | 20 |
| Cardioversion, elective, electrical conversion of arrhythmia, external | no | no | 4 |
| Hyperbaric oxygen treatment when the specialist is inside the chamber | yes | yes | 15 |
| Hyperbaric oxygen treatment when the specialist is outside the chamber | yes | yes | 8 |
| Heart, 2‑dimensional real time transoesophageal examination of, at least 2 oesophageal windows performed using a mechanical sector scanner or phased array transducer with —  |  |  |  |
|  (a) measurement blood flow velocities across the cardiac valves using pulsed wave and continuous Doppler techniques; and |  |  |  |
|  (b) real time colour flow mapping from at least 2 oesophageal windows; and (c) recording on video | no | no | 10 |
| Intra‑operative 2‑dimensional real time transoesophageal echocardiography incorporating Doppler techniques with colour flow mapping and recording onto video, performed during cardiac surgery incorporating sequential assessment of cardiac function before and after the surgical procedure | no | no | 14 |
| The use of 2‑dimensional imaging ultrasound guidance to assist percutaneous major vascular access involving catheterisation of the jugular, subclavian or femoral vein | no | no | 3 |
| The use of 2‑dimensional imaging ultrasound guidance to assist percutaneous neural blockade involving the branchial plexus, or femoral and/or sciatic nerve | no | no | 3 |
| Assistance in the administration of an anaesthetic | yes | yes | 5 |

**Note — Unlisted services**

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| *For an unlisted service, the number of units is to be determined by reference to the nearest listed anaesthetic procedure.* |

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Part 2 — Medical procedures

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| **Type of procedure** | **Fee** |
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| GENERAL |  |
| Localised burns | $69.55 |
| Localised burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic | $197.65 |
| Extensive burns | $120.05 |
| Extensive burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic | $418.45 |
| Dressing of wounds, under general anaesthetic | $197.65 |
| Acupuncture, including consultation | $92.25 |
| DISLOCATIONS |  |
|  closed reduction means non‑operative reduction of the dislocation and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint. |  |
|  open reduction means treatment by either closed reduction and intra‑medullary fixation or treatment by operative exposure of the dislocation including internal or external fixation. |  |
|  other means treatment by any other method and includes the use of external splintage. |  |
| [Where injuries are associated with a compound (open) wound, an additional fee of 50% of the fee listed is to apply.] |  |
| Elbow, by closed reduction | $372.85 |
| Elbow, by open reduction | $494.55 |
| Mandible, by closed reduction | $133.30 |
| Clavicle, by closed reduction | $158.10 |
| Shoulder, not requiring general anaesthetic | $177.80 |
| Shoulder, by open reduction, with general anaesthetic | $637.45 |
| Shoulder, other, with general anaesthetic | $315.60 |
| Metacarpophalangeal joint, by closed reduction | $213.05 |
| Patella, by closed reduction | $239.50 |
| Patella, by open reduction | $319.60 |
| Radioulnar joint, by closed reduction | $372.85 |
| Toe, by closed reduction | $133.30 |
| REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES |  |
|  as independent procedure | $58.00 |
|  superficial | $258.70 |
|  deep tissue or muscle | $722.90 |
|  ear, other than by syringing | $186.40 |
|  nose, other than by simple probing | $186.40 |
|  cornea or sclera, embedded | $190.30 |
| FRACTURES |  |
|  closed reduction means non‑operative reduction of the fracture and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint. |  |
|  open reduction means treatment by either closed reduction and intra‑medullary fixation or treatment by operative exposure of the fracture including internal or external fixation. |  |
|  other means treatment by any other method and includes the use of external splintage. |  |
| [Where injuries are associated with a compound (open) wound, an additional fee of 50% of the fee listed is to apply.] |  |
| Metacarpal |  |
| Carpal Scaphoid, by open reduction | $1 065.20 |
| Carpal Scaphoid, other | $475.45 |
| Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), by open reduction | $665.65 |
| Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), other | $266.35 |
| Radius |  |
|  by closed management | $532.40 |
|  by open management | $1 065.20 |
| Ribs (1 or more), each attendance | $121.80 |
| Tibia, plateau of, medial or lateral, by closed reduction | $960.65 |
| Tibia, plateau of, medial and lateral |  |
|  by closed reduction | $1 597.75 |
|  by open reduction | $2 139.95 |
| SUTURES |  |
|  face or neck, less than 7 cm, superficial | $190.30 |
|  face or neck, less than 7 cm, deep | $289.20 |
|  face or neck, more than 7 cm, superficial | $289.20 |
|  face or neck, more than 7 cm, deep | $494.55 |
|  except face or neck, less than 7 cm, superficial | $144.60 |
|  except face or neck, less than 7 cm, deep | $216.85 |
|  except face or neck, more than 7 cm, superficial | $216.85 |
|  except face or neck, more than 7 cm, deep | $475.45 |
| AMPUTATIONS |  |
| Hand, midcarpal or transmetacarpal | $722.90 |
| Hand, forearm or through arm | $836.95 |
| At shoulder | $1 416.95 |
| Interscapulothoracic | $2 815.05 |
| 1 digit of foot | $380.35 |
| 2 digits of 1 foot | $570.75 |
| 3 digits of 1 foot | $770.40 |
| 4 digits of 1 foot | $960.65 |
| 5 digits of 1 foot | $1 150.75 |
| Foot, midtarsal or transmetatarsal | $722.90 |
| Through thigh, at knee or below knee | $1 236.50 |
| At hip | $1 740.25 |
| ASSISTANCE AT OPERATIONSThe fee for assistance at any operation (or series or combination of operations) is to be related to the fee listed for the operation (or series or combination of operations) itself. |  |
| The fee is 20% of the total fee or the minimum sum of $239.50, whichever is greater. |  |

 [Part 2 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 3 — Diagnostic Imaging Services

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

ULTRASOUND

| **MBS item number** | **Fee$** |
| --- | --- |
| 55028 | 233.05 |
| 55029 | 80.80 |
| 55030 | 233.05 |
| 55031 | 80.80 |
| 55032 | 233.05 |
| 55033 | 80.80 |
| 55036 | 237.55 |
| 55037 | 80.80 |
| 55038 | 233.05 |
| 55039 | 80.80 |
| 55048 | 233.05 |
| 55049 | 80.80 |
| 55054 | 233.05 |
| 55070 | 209.75 |
| 55073 | 72.70 |
| 55076 | 233.05 |
| 55079 | 80.80 |
| 55084 | 209.75 |
| 55085 | 72.70 |
| 55118 | 588.20 |
| 55130 | 363.10 |
| 55135 | 755.00 |
| 55238 | 361.90 |
| 55244 | 361.90 |
| 55246 | 361.90 |
| 55248 | 361.90 |
| 55252 | 361.90 |
| 55274 | 361.90 |
| 55276 | 361.90 |
| 55278 | 361.90 |
| 55280 | 361.90 |
| 55282 | 361.90 |
| 55284 | 361.90 |
| 55292 | 361.90 |
| 55294 | 361.90 |
| 55296 | 237.15 |
| 55600 | 233.05 |
| 55603 | 233.05 |
| 55700 | 128.00 |
| 55703 | 74.80 |
| 55704 | 149.50 |
| 55705 | 74.80 |
| 55706 | 213.50 |
| 55707 | 149.50 |
| 55708 | 74.80 |
| 55709 | 81.15 |
| 55712 | 245.60 |
| 55715 | 85.45 |
| 55718 | 213.50 |
| 55721 | 245.60 |
| 55723 | 81.15 |
| 55725 | 85.45 |
| 55729 | 58.20 |
| 55736 | 271.10 |
| 55739 | 121.65 |
| 55759 | 320.35 |
| 55762 | 128.00 |
| 55764 | 341.60 |
| 55766 | 138.70 |
| 55768 | 320.35 |
| 55770 | 128.00 |
| 55772 | 341.60 |
| 55774 | 138.70 |
| 55812 | 233.05 |
| 55814 | 80.80 |
| 55844 | 186.50 |
| 55846 | 80.80 |
| 55848 | 233.05 |
| 55850 | 326.35 |
| 55852 | 233.05 |
| 55854 | 80.80 |

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY  — EXAMINATION AND REPORT

| **MBS item number** | **Fee$** |
| --- | --- |
| 56001 | 382.40 |
| 56007 | 490.25 |
| 56010 | 494.35 |
| 56013 | 490.25 |
| 56016 | 568.70 |
| 56022 | 441.25 |
| 56028 | 660.60 |
| 56030 | 441.25 |
| 56036 | 660.60 |
| 56101 | 451.20 |
| 56107 | 666.95 |
| 56219 | 639.80 |
| 56220 | 470.70 |
| 56221 | 470.70 |
| 56223 | 470.70 |
| 56224 | 689.10 |
| 56225 | 689.10 |
| 56226 | 689.10 |
| 56233 | 470.70 |
| 56234 | 689.10 |
| 56235 | 240.10 |
| 56236 | 347.95 |
| 56237 | 470.70 |
| 56238 | 689.10 |
| 56301 | 578.55 |
| 56307 | 784.25 |
| 56341 | 293.10 |
| 56347 | 396.10 |
| 56401 | 490.25 |
| 56407 | 705.95 |
| 56409 | 490.25 |
| 56412 | 705.95 |
| 56501 | 755.00 |
| 56507 | 941.25 |
| 56801 | 915.05 |
| 56807 | 1 098.30 |
| 57001 | 915.25 |
| 57007 | 1 113.40 |
| 57201 | 304.30 |
| 57341 | 921.75 |

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

| **MBS item number** | **Fee$** |
| --- | --- |
| 57506 | 67.30 |
| 57509 | 90.05 |
| 57512 | 91.75 |
| 57515 | 122.20 |
| 57518 | 73.45 |
| 57521 | 98.25 |
| 57524 | 111.95 |
| 57527 | 149.00 |
| 57700 | 91.75 |
| 57703 | 122.20 |
| 57706 | 73.45 |
| 57709 | 98.25 |
| 57712 | 106.80 |
| 57715 | 138.05 |
| 57721 | 224.75 |
| 57901 | 146.00 |
| 57902 | 146.00 |
| 57915 | 106.80 |
| 57918 | 106.80 |
| 57921 | 106.80 |
| 57924 | 106.80 |
| 57927 | 112.25 |
| 57930 | 74.55 |
| 57933 | 177.20 |
| 57939 | 146.00 |
| 57942 | 112.25 |
| 57945 | 98.25 |
| 57960 | 107.45 |
| 57963 | 107.45 |
| 57966 | 107.45 |
| 57969 | 107.45 |
| 58100 | 152.00 |
| 58103 | 124.80 |
| 58106 | 174.35 |
| 58108 | 300.90 |
| 58109 | 106.55 |
| 58112 | 220.25 |
| 58115 | 300.90 |
| 58300 | 90.85 |
| 58306 | 202.30 |
| 58500 | 80.05 |
| 58503 | 106.80 |
| 58506 | 137.85 |
| 58509 | 90.05 |
| 58521 | 98.25 |
| 58524 | 127.95 |
| 58527 | 157.10 |
| 58700 | 104.45 |
| 58706 | 357.55 |
| 58715 | 343.25 |
| 58718 | 285.80 |
| 58721 | 313.15 |
| 58900 | 80.80 |
| 58903 | 107.70 |
| 58909 | 203.60 |
| 58912 | 249.70 |
| 58915 | 178.75 |
| 58916 | 313.65 |
| 58921 | 306.35 |
| 58927 | 173.10 |
| 58933 | 465.70 |
| 58936 | 443.85 |
| 58939 | 315.45 |
| 59103 | 48.30 |
| 59300 | 202.75 |
| 59303 | 122.10 |
| 59312 | 197.05 |
| 59314 | 118.80 |
| 59318 | 106.60 |
| 59700 | 218.65 |
| 59703 | 172.00 |
| 59712 | 257.50 |
| 59715 | 325.15 |
| 59718 | 304.95 |
| 59724 | 512.95 |
| 59733 | 243.90 |
| 59739 | 167.25 |
| 59751 | 315.15 |
| 59754 | 496.75 |
| 59763 | 303.30 |
| 59970 | 381.25 |
| 60000 | 1 277.40 |
| 60003 | 1 873.35 |
| 60006 | 2 663.60 |
| 60009 | 3 117.15 |
| 60012 | 1 277.40 |
| 60015 | 1 873.35 |
| 60018 | 2 663.60 |
| 60021 | 3 117.15 |
| 60024 | 1 277.40 |
| 60027 | 1 873.35 |
| 60030 | 2 663.60 |
| 60033 | 3 117.15 |
| 60036 | 1 277.40 |
| 60039 | 1 873.35 |
| 60042 | 2 663.60 |
| 60045 | 3 117.15 |
| 60048 | 1 277.40 |
| 60051 | 1 873.35 |
| 60054 | 2 663.60 |
| 60057 | 3 117.15 |
| 60060 | 1 277.40 |
| 60063 | 1 873.35 |
| 60066 | 2 663.60 |
| 60069 | 3 117.15 |
| 60072 | 109.10 |
| 60075 | 217.70 |
| 60078 | 326.55 |
| 60500 | 98.25 |
| 60503 | 67.30 |
| 60506 | 144.50 |
| 60509 | 223.95 |
| 60918 | 106.80 |
| 60927 | 86.25 |
| 61109 | 586.35 |

NUCLEAR MEDICINE IMAGING

| **MBS item number** | **Fee$** |
| --- | --- |
| 61302 | 783.05 |
| 61310 | 640.70 |
| 61313 | 529.25 |
| 61314 | 732.60 |
| 61328 | 397.15 |
| 61340 | 441.35 |
| 61348 | 773.45 |
| 61353 | 674.30 |
| 61356 | 685.20 |
| 61360 | 703.70 |
| 61361 | 804.95 |
| 61364 | 867.00 |
| 61368 | 389.25 |
| 61369 | 3 516.30 |
| 61372 | 389.25 |
| 61373 | 854.25 |
| 61376 | 250.10 |
| 61381 | 1 001.85 |
| 61383 | 1 090.05 |
| 61384 | 1 199.65 |
| 61386 | 580.10 |
| 61387 | 751.50 |
| 61389 | 646.40 |
| 61390 | 715.20 |
| 61393 | 1 056.25 |
| 61397 | 430.55 |
| 61402 | 1 055.50 |
| 61409 | 1 523.90 |
| 61413 | 394.10 |
| 61421 | 837.00 |
| 61425 | 1 047.90 |
| 61426 | 967.80 |
| 61429 | 947.20 |
| 61430 | 1 150.40 |
| 61433 | 867.00 |
| 61434 | 1 073.50 |
| 61438 | 1 173.95 |
| 61441 | 854.25 |
| 61442 | 1 312.45 |
| 61445 | 500.25 |
| 61446 | 581.95 |
| 61449 | 795.75 |
| 61450 | 693.45 |
| 61453 | 897.85 |
| 61454 | 607.15 |
| 61457 | 820.65 |
| 61461 | 920.65 |
| 61462 | 227.30 |
| 61469 | 607.15 |
| 61473 | 305.90 |
| 61480 | 674.90 |
| 61485 | 1 743.05 |
| 61495 | 389.25 |
| 61499 | 441.35 |

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

| **MBS item number** | **Fee$** |
| --- | --- |
| 63000—63200 | 1 135.95 |
| 63201 | 1 703.90 |
| 63204 | 1 703.90 |
| 63219—63243 | 1 703.90 |
| 63271—63473 | 1 135.95 |
| 63491—63494 | 129.90 |
| 63497 | 389.90 |

 [Part 3 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 2 — Scale of fees: physiotherapists

[r. 3]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 1 — General

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

| **Service Code** | **Service** |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| PA001 | **Initial Consultation**A consultation with the physiotherapist including the following elements —  | **Set Fee**$92.90 |
|  | **Subjective assessment** — of the following points as required:Major symptoms and lifestyle dysfunction; current history and treatment; past history and treatment; pain, 24‑hour behaviour, aggravating and relieving factors; general health, medication, risk factors. |  |
|  | **Objective assessment** — of the following points as required:Movement — active, passive, resisted, repeated; muscle tone, spasm, weakness; accessory movements, passive intervertebral movements etc. Appropriate procedures/tests as indicated. |  |
|  | **Appropriate initial management, treatment or advice** — based on assessment findings that could include the following as required:Provisional diagnosis; goals of treatment; treatment plan. Discussion with the patient regarding working hypothesis and treatment goals and expected outcomes; initial treatment and response; advice regarding home care including any exercise program to be followed. |  |
|  | **Documentation of consultation** — as required that could include:The assessment findings, physiotherapy intervention(s), evaluation of intervention(s), plan for future treatment and results of other relevant tests and warnings (if applicable). |  |
|  | **Includes:**• Individual services provided in rooms, home or hospital; hydrotherapy treatment; extended treatments; and services provided outside of normal business hours. |  |
|  | • Courtesy communication by the physiotherapist with the medical practitioner such as acknowledgment of referral. |  |
|  | • The physiotherapist’s notes of the consultation. |  |
|  | **Does not include:**• Oral or written communication by the physiotherapist with a medical specialist, medical practitioner, employer, insurer or vocational rehabilitation provider (other than a courtesy communication with the medical practitioner). Oral communication has a specific item number in this Table (PK001). |  |
|  | • The physiotherapist’s involvement in case conferences. This service has a specific item number in this Table (PQ001). |  |
| PB001 | **Standard Consultation**Consultation for 1 body area or condition including the following elements —  | **Set Fee**$74.60 |
|  | • subjective re‑assessment;• objective re‑assessment;• appropriate management, intervention or advice;• documentation of consultation. |  |
|  | **Includes:**• Individual services provided in rooms, home or hospital; hydrotherapy treatment; extended treatments; and services provided outside of normal business hours. |  |
|  | • Courtesy communication by the physiotherapist such as brief oral or written communication with the medical practitioner. |  |
|  | **Does not include:**• Oral or written communication by the physiotherapist with a medical specialist, medical practitioner, employer, insurer or vocational rehabilitation provider (other than a courtesy communication with the medical practitioner). Oral communication has a specific item number in this Table (PK001). |  |
|  | • The physiotherapist’s involvement in case conferences. This service has a specific item number in this Table (PQ001). |  |
| PC001 | **2 distinct areas of treatment per visit**Same description as PB001 except relates to the treatment/management of 2 distinct areas/conditions. | **Set Fee**$94.25 |
| PG001 | **Group Consultation — per person**Includes non‑individualised services provided to more than 1 individual whether —• in rooms, home or hospital; | **Cost per participant**$23.00 |
|  | • hydrotherapy treatment; |  |
|  | • extended treatments; |  |
|  | • services provided outside of normal business hours. |  |
| PE001 | **Worksite Visit — prior approval from insurer required**Prior to a worksite evaluation, consideration of details such as relevance to injury; intended outcomes; likely duration and reporting requirements should be made and discussed with the insurer with a suggested maximum duration of 2 hours.Does not include reports or travel. | **Hourly rate\*\***$211.70 |
| PR001 | **Progress/Standard Report**A report relating to a specific worker that is provided to a medical specialist, medical practitioner, employer, insurer or vocational rehabilitation provider that contains (where applicable) — • a summary of assessment findings; | **Set Fee**$92.90 |
|  | • treatment/management services provided and results obtained; |  |
|  | • recommendations for further treatment/management; |  |
|  | • functional and objective improvements; |  |
|  | • perceived treatment duration required; |  |
|  | • return to work recommendation; |  |
|  | • perceived barriers to return to work; |  |
|  | • questionnaire results and implications. |  |
|  | A maximum combined total of 3 reports or Treatment Management Plans (PR003) permitted without prior approval from insurer. Additional reports require prior approval from insurer. |  |
|  | **Does not include:**• Courtesy communication by the physiotherapist such as brief oral or written communication with the medical practitioner. |  |
| PR002 | **Comprehensive Report**As above for progress/standard report and contains information relating to more detailed assessments and interventions performed. | **Hourly rate\*\***$211.70 |
|  | The specific requirements for a comprehensive report must be discussed with the insurer prior to approval with a suggested maximum duration of 2 hours. |  |
| PR003 | **Treatment Management Plan**Provision of a completed Treatment Management Plan that must contain — | **Set Fee**$92.90 |
|  | • clinical assessment of injured worker and results of any investigation; |  |
|  | • injured worker’s current work status and level of incapacity; |  |
|  | • proposed management plan including — 1. the proposed work and functional goals and estimated timeframe in weeks; |  |
|  | 2. description and number of proposed treatment methods; |  |
|  | 3. the number of weeks during which treatment is to be conducted; |  |
|  | 4. the injured worker’s expected fitness for work at the end of the management plan; |  |
|  | 5. other comments or recommendations (including barriers to recovery where relevant). |  |
|  | A maximum combined total of 3 Treatment Management Plans or reports (PR001) permitted without prior approval from insurer. Additional Treatment Management Plans require prior approval from insurer. |  |
| PT001 | **Travel**Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice. The insurer must provide pre‑approval for travel in excess of 1 hour. | **Hourly rate\*\***$169.50 |
|  | If services are provided to more than 1 worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers. |  |
| PQ001 | **Case Conferences**Face‑to‑face or telephone communication involving the physiotherapist with 1 or more of the following — | $21.20per 6 minute block |
|  | • doctor, employer, insurer/claims manager, rehabilitation providers and worker. |  |
|  | The aim of the case conference is to plan, implement, manage or review treatment options and/or rehabilitation plan. |  |
| PK001 | **Communication**Any required oral communication by the physiotherapist with a medical specialist, medical practitioner, employer, insurer or vocational rehabilitation provider (other than a courtesy communication with the medical practitioner) relating to the treatment or rehabilitation of a specific worker.  | $21.20per 6 minute block |
|  | The physiotherapist must keep a written record of the details of the communication, including its date, time and duration. |  |
|  | Maximum duration per communication is 30 minutes. |  |
|  | Maximum cumulative duration of communications per claim is 1 hour. When the maximum cumulative duration has been reached, prior approval from insurer for a minimum of 5 blocks of 6 minutes is required. |  |
| PS001 | **Specific Physiotherapy Assessment — prior approval from insurer required**Includes specific types of assessments not classified elsewhere in these scales required by the insurer which physiotherapists may undertake (e.g. diagnostic ultrasound imaging, Functional Capacity Assessments (FCAs), seating and wheelchair assessments). | **Hourly rate\*\***$211.70 |
| PW001 | **Specific Physiotherapy Intervention — prior approval from insurer required**Includes treatments not classified elsewhere in these scales required by the insurer which physiotherapists may undertake (e.g. treatment of severe multiple area trauma, burns, neurologically injured patients and patients with severe spinal injuries, ergonomic corrections of workplace, specialised real‑time ultrasound imaging, short consultations). | **Hourly rate\*\***$211.70per hour to a maximum of 2 hours\*\* |

 Note for this Part:

 \*\* Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of 1 hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

 [Part 1 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 2 — Exercise based programs

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Type of service**  | **Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| EXE20 | **Initial Consultation/Assessment**Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service.Review of current medical and vocational status. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 2 hours\*\* |
|  | Communication/liaison with relevant parties. |  |
|  | Physiological assessment/testing. |  |
|  | Screening questionnaires relating to worker’s level of function. |  |
|  | Program design based on above. |  |
|  | Exercise facility/equipment coordination (pool or gym based). |  |
|  | Provider to patient ratio must be 1:1 for the duration of the consultation. |  |
| EXE21 | **Subsequent Exercise Consultation/Assessment**Includes — • program implementation — prescription and provision of exercises (land or pool based);• program monitoring;• post program screening questionnaire relating to worker’s level of function;• psychosocial reassessment;• communication/liaison with relevant parties. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 1 hour\*\* |
| EXE02 | **Initial report**Includes — • initial assessment report outlining results (self‑reported and objective), recommendations and exercise rehabilitation plan; | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 1 hour\*\* |
|  | • current status as per medical certification and proposed outcome status; |  |
|  | • detailed cost plan outlining proposed outcome, services required and proposed costs for insurer approval. |  |
| EXE03 | **Subsequent reports**Progress report to be provided at the request of the referrer. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes\*\* |
| EXE04 | **Final report**Comprehensive report to be provided at the end of the service delivery detailing — • physiological testing results pre and post program;• worker attendance/program compliance. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes\*\* |
| EXE05 | **Gym membership/Entry fees**Includes direct cost of membership (pool or gym).Prior approval from insurer required. | Market rates |
| EXE06 | **Travel**Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice.The insurer must provide pre‑approval for travel in excess of 1 hour.If services are provided to more than 1 worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers. | $169.50per hour\*\* |
| EXE08 | **Communication**Any requested or required oral communication with relevant parties (treating medical practitioners, employers and insurers) relating to the treatment of a specific worker.Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgment of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner.Maximum time allowable per communication of 30 minutes. | $21.20per 6 minute block |
| EXE09 | **Attendance at Medical Case Conferences**Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service. | $211.70per hour\*\* |

 Note for this Part:

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 [Part 2 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 3 — Scale of fees: chiropractors

[r. 4]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Type of service** | **Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Initial consultation and examination | $73.35 |
| 2. | Subsequent consultation | $61.20 |
| 3. | Spinal x‑ray, 1 region | $145.80 |
| 4. | Spinal x‑ray, 2 or more regions  | $218.95 |
| 5. | Travel (per kilometre) | $1.00 |

 [Schedule 3 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 4 — Scale of fees: occupational therapists

[r. 5]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Type of service** | **Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Brief consultation (< 15 minutes) | $31.55 |
| 2. | Short consultation (15 minutes to < 30 minutes) | $63.50 |
| 3. | Standard consultation (30 minutes to < 45 minutes) | $104.70 |
| 4. | Extended consultation (45 minutes to < 1 hour) | $157.00 |
| 5. | Extended consultation (≥ 1 hour) | $209.55 |
| 6. | Standard group consultation (30 minutes) per person | $68.80 |
| 7. | Travel costs | $209.55 per hour\*\* |
| 8. | Treatment management plan for an upper limb injury | $92.90 |

 Note for this Schedule:

 \*\* Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of 1 hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

 [Schedule 4 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 5 — Scale of fees: speech pathologists

[r. 7]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Type of service** | **Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Initial consultation/assessment (up to and including 1 hour) | $193.55 |
| 2. | Initial consultation/assessment (exceeding 1 hour) | $250.65 |
| 3. | Subsequent consultation (< 30 minutes) | $84.40 |
| 4. | Subsequent consultation (30 minutes — 1 hour) | $109.65 |
| 5. | Subsequent consultation (> 1 hour) | $147.95 |

 [Schedule 5 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 5A — Scale of fees: exercise physiologists

[r. 7B]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Exercise‑based programs

|  | **Type of service**  | **Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| EPE20 | **Initial Consultation/Assessment**Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 2 hours\*\* |
|  | Review of current medical and vocational status. |  |
|  | Communication/liaison with relevant parties. |  |
|  | Physiological assessment/testing. |  |
|  | Screening questionnaires relating to worker’s level of function. |  |
|  | Program design based on above. |  |
|  | Exercise facility/equipment coordination (pool or gym based). |  |
|  | Provider to patient ratio must be 1:1 for the duration of the consultation. |  |
| EPE21 | **Subsequent Exercise Consultation/Assessment**Includes — • program implementation — prescription and provision of exercises (land or pool based);• program monitoring;• post program screening questionnaire relating to worker’s level of function;• psychosocial reassessment;• communication/liaison with relevant parties. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 1 hour\*\* |
| EPE02 | **Initial report**Includes — • initial assessment report outlining results (self‑reported and objective), recommendations and exercise rehabilitation plan; | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 1 hour\*\* |
|  | • current status as per medical certification and proposed outcome status; |  |
|  | • detailed cost plan outlining proposed outcome, services required and proposed costs for insurer approval. |  |
| EPE03 | **Subsequent reports**Progress report to be provided at the request of the referrer. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes\*\* |
| EPE04 | **Final report**Comprehensive report to be provided at the end of the service delivery detailing — • physiological testing results pre and post program;• worker attendance/program compliance. | $211.70per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes\*\* |
| EPE05 | **Gym membership/Entry fees**Includes direct cost of membership (pool or gym).Prior approval from insurer required. | Market rates |
| EPE06 | **Travel**Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice.The insurer must provide pre‑approval for travel in excess of 1 hour.If services are provided to more than 1 worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers. | $169.50per hour\*\* |
| EPE08 | **Communication**Any requested or required oral communication with relevant parties (treating medical practitioners, employers and insurers) relating to the treatment of a specific worker.Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgment of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner.Maximum time allowable per communication of 30 minutes. | $21.20per 6 minute block |
| EPE09 | **Attendance at Medical Case Conferences**Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service. | $211.70per hour\*\* |

 Note for this Schedule:

 \*\* Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of 1 hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

 [Schedule 5A inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Schedule 6 — Scale of maximum fees: approved medical specialists

[r. 9]

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 1 — Assessments

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Description of assessment** | **Maximum fee\*\*** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Examination and provision of report and certificate — straightforward assessment — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8. | $1 428.25 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $1 785.30 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 2. | Examination and provision of report and certificate — moderately complex assessment (e.g. reviewing multiple questions and reports; impairment involving more complex assessments; more than 1 body system involved) — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8. | $1 785.30 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $2 142.35 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 3. | Examination and provision of report and certificate — complex assessment (e.g. multiple injuries; severe impairment such as spinal cord injury or head injury) — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8. | $2 142.35 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $2 499.25 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 4. | Examination of any ear, nose and throat only, including audiometric testing and provision of report and certificate — other than a service mentioned in item 8. | $1 428.25 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $1 785.30 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 5. | Examination and provision of report and certificate — psychiatric — standard assessment — other than a service mentioned in item 8. | $2 142.35 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $2 499.25 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 6. | Examination and provision of report and certificate — psychiatric — complex assessment (e.g. reviewing significant documented prior psychiatric history) — other than a service mentioned in item 8. | $3 570.30 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $3 927.30 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 7. | Consolidation of written assessments from multiple medical practitioners. | $714.05 |
| 8. | Re‑examination and provision of report and certificate. | $1 071.10 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, $1 428.25 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter) |
| 9. | Provision of supplementary report and certificate. | $357.10 |

 [Part 1 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

Part 2 — Attempted assessments

 [Heading inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]

|  | **Description of circumstances** | **Maximum fee\*\*** |
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| 1. | If a worker who is required under Part VII Division 2 of the Act to submit to an examination by an approved medical specialist does not attend, in a case in which —  | $714.05 |
|  | (a) no prior arrangements to cancel the examination are made; or |  |
|  | (b) the examination is cancelled, otherwise than at the request of the approved medical specialist, with less than 1 working day’s notice. |  |

 Note for this Schedule:

 \*\* Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of 1 hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

 [Part 2 inserted: SL 2022/164 r. 6.]



Notes

This is a compilation of the *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998* and includes amendments made by other written laws1. For provisions that have come into operation, and for information about any reprints, see the compilation table.

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| *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000* | 21 Dec 2000 p. 7623‑51(correction 6 Feb 2001 p. 743) | 21 Dec 2000 |
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| *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2003* | 7 Mar 2003 p. 741‑2 | 7 Mar 2003 |
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| *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2005* | 1 Nov 2005 p. 4976‑84 | 1 Nov 2005 |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2005* | 11 Nov 2005 p. 5567‑70 | 14 Nov 2005 (see r. 2 and *Gazette* 31 Dec 2004 p. 7131 and 17 Jun 2005 p. 2657)  |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2006* | 10 Jan 2006 p. 41‑71 | 10 Jan 2006 |
| **Reprint 2: The *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998* as at 3 Mar 2006** (includes amendments listed above) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006* | 28 Apr 2006 p. 1660 | 28 Apr 2006 |
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| **Reprint 3: The *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998* as at 2 Mar 2007** (includes amendments listed above) |
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| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2008* | 17 Dec 2008 p. 5287‑330 | r. 1 and 2: 17 Dec 2008 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 18 Dec 2008 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2009* | 30 Oct 2009 p. 4343‑91 | r. 1 and 2: 30 Oct 2009 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2009 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2009* | 22 Dec 2009 p. 5276‑7 | r. 1 and 2: 22 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 23 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(b)) |
| **Reprint 4: The *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998* as at 7 May 2010** (includes amendments listed above) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2010* | 29 Oct 2010 p. 5347-92 | r. 1 and 2: 29 Oct 2010 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2010 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2011* | 30 Sep 2011 p. 3913‑41 | r. 1 and 2: 30 Sep 2011 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2011 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2012*  | 25 Sep 2012 p. 4447‑96 | r. 1 and 2: 25 Sep 2012 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2012 (see r. 2(b)) |
| **Reprint 5: The *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998* as at 17 May 2013** (includes amendments listed above) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2013* | 15 Oct 2013 p. 4687‑733 | r. 1 and 2: 15 Oct 2013 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2013 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2014* | 17 Oct 2014 p. 4023‑71 | r. 1 and 2: 17 Oct 2014 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2014 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2015* | 20 Mar 2015 p. 911‑12 | r. 1 and 2: 20 Mar 2015 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Apr 2015 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2015*  | 16 Oct 2015 p. 4075‑146 | r. 1 and 2: 16 Oct 2015 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2015 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2016* | 21 Oct 2016 p. 4821‑63 | r. 1 and 2: 21 Oct 2016 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2016 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2017* | 6 Oct 2017 p. 5203‑30 | r. 1 and 2: 6 Oct 2017 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2017 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2018*  | 19 Oct 2018 p. 4161‑87 | r. 1 and 2: 19 Oct 2018 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2018 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2019* | 22 Oct 2019p. 3733‑52 | r. 1 and 2: 22 Oct 2019 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2019 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2020*  | SL 2020/203 23 Oct 2020 | r. 1 and 2: 23 Oct 2020 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2020 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2021* | SL 2021/169 8 Oct 2021 | r. 1 and 2: 8 Oct 2021 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2021 (see r. 2(b)) |
| *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2022* | SL 2022/164 7 Oct 2022 | r. 1 and 2: 7 Oct 2022 (see r. 2(a));Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2022 (see r. 2(b)) |

Other notes

1 The amendments in the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2004* published by *Gazette* 4 Jan 2005 p. 6‑14 have no effect because of an error in the reference to the principal regulations to be amended.

2 Now known as the *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998*; citation changed (see note under r. 1).

Defined terms

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined. The list is not part of the law.]*

**Defined term Provision(s)**

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