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ANAESTHESIA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
191	General anaesthesia for gastroscopy procedures (codes 192, 194, 198 or 206) and colonoscopy procedures (codes 450, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 530, 535 or 536) in children under 16 years of age	No		

ABDOMINAL WALL AND PERITONEUM

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
5	Abdominal wall, secondary suture of	No		
15	Adhesions, division of by laparotomy or laparoscopy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
20	Intra-abdominal injury with rupture of viscus, repair of (not including intraoperative injury) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
25	Intra abdominal injury, multiple complicated with rupture of viscus (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
30	Laparotomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
35	Laparoscopy with or without biopsy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
45	Omentopexy	No		
50	Paracentesis abdominis	No		
60	Pelvic abscess, drainage of	No		
80	Peritoneum, drainage of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
90	Laparotomy, intra-abdominal sepsis (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
5835	Peritoneal, venous shunt for ascites	No		

ADRENAL GLANDS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
95	Adrenalectomy, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
101	Adrenalectomy for phaeochromocytoma	No		
102	Laparoscopy, surgical with adrenalectomy, partial or complete or exploration of adrenal gland with or without biopsy, transabdominal, lumbar or dorsal	No		
106	Neuroblastoma, tru-cut biopsy	No	Diagnostic	
107	Neuroblastoma, resection	No		

APPENDIX

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
110	Appendectomy (with or without complications) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
111	Appendectomy, laparoscopic approach (with or without complications) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	

BILIARY SYSTEM

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
115	Cholecystojejunostomy	No		
116	Choledochojejunostomy (Roux - En - Y)	No		
117	Choledochooduodenostomy	No		
118	Surgical repair of post-operative biliary stricture	No		
129	Hepaticojejunostomy	No		
132	Cholecystectomy with exploration of common bile duct	No		
135	Cholecystectomy including per operative cholangiogram	No		
136	Percutaneous removal of gallstones from the bile ducts	No		
140	Cholecystostomy with exploration, drainage or removal of calculus	No		
145	Hepaticoduodenostomy	No		
150	Transduodenal sphincteroplasty with or without transduodenal extraction of calculus	No		
151	Transhepatic insertion of biliary endoprosthesis or catheter for biliary drainage	No		
156	Revision and/ or reinsertion of transhepatic stent (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
157	Change of percutaneous tube or drainage catheter, includes radiological guidance	No	Side Room, Sedation	
612	Portoenterostomy (e.g. Kasai procedure)	No		
456002	Day case laparoscopic cholecystectomy including pre-operative cholangiogram	No		Day Case
456003	In-patient laparoscopic cholecystectomy including pre-operative cholangiogram	No		1 Night Only

BREAST

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1190	Abscess, incision and drainage of	No	Side Room	
1195	Percutaneous core needle biopsy of breast with or without ultrasound guidance (for fine needle biopsy use procedure code 1191) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1198	Re-excision of margins arising from previous breast surgery (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
1200	Cysts or tumours, excision of, or lumpectomy, segmental resection, quadrant mastectomy or partial mastectomy	No	Day Care	
1205	Duct papilloma, excision of	No	Day Care	
1206	Mastectomy, partial, guided excision, with axillary sampling or removal of sentinel node(s) and immediate deep rotation flap reconstruction, with or without prosthetic implant	No		1 Night Only
1207	Skin sparing mastectomy with free skin and/ or muscle flap with microvascular anastomosis (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1208	Open periprosthetic capsulotomy breast (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1209	Periprosthetic capsulotomy breast (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1210	Gynaecomastia (excision for), unilateral	Yes	Day Care	<p>Benefit for excision of gynaecomastia in accordance with procedure codes 1210 and 1211 is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>Gynaecomastia is defined as benign glandular breast enlargement due to ductal proliferation, stromal proliferation or both. The diagnosis must be based on both physical examination that confirms that the breast enlargement is true gynaecomastia and not pseudogynaecomastia, and laboratory, and other appropriate investigations as required should have been performed to identify any underlying reversible causes. Clinical Indications for procedure codes 1210, 1211 must be satisfied in full, included on the claim form for payment and are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Post-pubertal (b) BMI < 25 (c) Unilateral or bilateral gynaecomastia grade III or IV (Grade III gynaecomastia being moderate breast enlargement exceeding the areola boundaries with edges that are distinct from the chest with skin redundancy. Grade IV being gynaecomastia being marked breast enlargement with skin redundancy and feminisation of the breast) (d) Gynaecomastia that has been present for at least 1 year and has persisted despite treatment for at least 4 months for the underlying pathological cause (e) > / = 6 months pain or discomfort, directly attributable to breast hypertrophy, that is unresolved despite the continuous use for at least 4 weeks of prescription analgesia or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and significantly impacts on activities of daily living
1211	Gynaecomastia (excision for), bilateral	Yes		<p>Benefit for excision of gynaecomastia in accordance with procedure codes 1210 and 1211 is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>Gynaecomastia is defined as benign glandular breast enlargement due to ductal proliferation, stromal proliferation or both. The diagnosis must be based on both physical examination that confirms that the breast enlargement is true gynaecomastia and not pseudogynaecomastia, and laboratory, and other appropriate investigations as required should have been performed to identify any underlying reversible causes. Clinical Indications for procedure codes 1210, 1211 must be satisfied in full, included on the claim form for payment and are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Post-pubertal (b) BMI < 25 (c) Unilateral or bilateral gynaecomastia grade III or IV (Grade III gynaecomastia being moderate breast enlargement exceeding the areola boundaries with edges that are distinct from the chest with skin redundancy. Grade IV being gynaecomastia being marked breast enlargement with skin redundancy and feminisation of the breast) (d) Gynaecomastia that has been present for at least 1 year and has persisted despite treatment for at least 4 months for the underlying pathological cause (e) > / = 6 months pain or discomfort, directly attributable to breast hypertrophy, that is unresolved despite the continuous use for at least 4 weeks of prescription analgesia or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and significantly impacts on activities of daily living
1212	Mastectomy, complete, with or without removal of sentinel node(s) and with or without immediate insertion of tissue expander, includes subsequent expansions (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	

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1213	Mastectomy, partial, with or without guidance with axillary clearance, or removal of sentinel node(s) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
1214	Mastectomy, partial, guided excision, for ductal carcinoma insitu (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
1216	Mastectomy radical/ modified radical, with axillary clearance (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1218	Mammographic wire guided excision breast biopsy	No	Diagnostic, Day Care	
1219	Mastectomy and axillary clearance, immediate breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi pedicle flap, with or without prosthetic implant or expanding prosthesis (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1221	Mastectomy and axillary clearance, immediate breast reconstruction with extended latissimus dorsi pedicle flap (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1222	Mastectomy, complete with or without removal of sentinel node(s) with immediate insertion of tissue expander, includes subsequent expansions (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1223	Mastectomy, partial, guided excision, with axillary sampling or removal of sentinel node(s), with immediate deep rotation flap reconstruction, with prosthetic implant	No		
193001	Prophylactic unilateral mastectomy, without insertion of tissue expander	Yes		
193002	Prophylactic unilateral mastectomy, complete with immediate insertion of tissue expander and subsequent expansions	Yes		
193003	Prophylactic unilateral mastectomy, immediate breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi pedicle flap, +/- prosthetic implant or expanding prosthesis	Yes		
193004	Prophylactic unilateral mastectomy, immediate breast reconstruction with extended latissimus dorsi pedicle flap	Yes		
193005	Prophylactic bilateral mastectomy, complete, without immediate insertion of tissue expander	Yes		
193006	Prophylactic bilateral mastectomy, complete, with immediate insertion of tissue expander, includes subsequent expansions	Yes		
193007	Prophylactic bilateral mastectomy, immediate breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi pedicle flap, +/- prosthetic implant or expanding prosthesis	Yes		
193008	Prophylactic bilateral mastectomy, immediate breast reconstruction with extended latissimus dorsi pedicle flap	Yes		
441196	Skin sparing mastectomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1212R	Mastectomy, risk reducing prophylactic, complete, with or without immediate insertion of tissue expander, includes subsequent expansions (I.P.)	Yes	Independent Procedure	Cover must be requested in advance and only by way of the standard template available from Irish Life Health Health

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155	Antrectomy and drainage	No		
165	Duodenal diverticula, excision of	No		
174	Wedge gastric excision for ulcer or tumour of stomach	No		

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
175	Gastrectomy, total or revision with anastomosis, pouch formation/ reconstruction/ Roux-en-Y reconstruction	No		
180	Gastrectomy, partial with anastomosis, pouch formation/ reconstruction/Roux-en-Y reconstruction (Not Claimable for Morbid Obesity)	No		
190	Gastroenterostomy	No		
192	Capsule endoscopy	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Monitored Anaesthesia Care	<p>Clinical indications for procedure code 192 are as follows: one of which must be included on claim form for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) For evaluation of loco-regional carcinoid tumours of the small bowel in persons with carcinoid syndrome (b) For initial diagnosis in persons with suspected Crohn's disease (abdominal pain or diarrhoea plus one or more signs of inflammation (fever, elevated white blood cell count, elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate, or bleeding) without evidence of disease on conventional diagnostic tests, including small-bowel follow-through or abdominal CT scan/ CT enterography and upper and lower endoscopy (c) For investigation of patients with objective evidence of recurrent, obscure gastro intestinal bleeding (e.g. iron deficiency anaemia and positive faecal occult blood test, or visible bleeding) who have had upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopies within the last 12 months that have failed to identify a bleeding source (d) For surveillance of small intestinal tumours in persons with Lynch syndrome, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome and other polyposis syndromes affecting the small bowel

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194	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy with or without biopsies (includes jejunal biopsy), with or without polypectomy	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Monitored Anaesthesia Care	<p>Clinical indications for an initial upper G.I. endoscopy (excludes repeat procedures within 12 months, for which there are other specific clinical indications), one of which must be included on claim form for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upper abdominal symptoms that persist in patients that have been tested and received treatment for Helicobacter pylori and/ or been treated with a trial of PPI's for 6 weeks (b) Upper abdominal symptoms associated with other symptoms or signs suggesting serious organic disease (i.e. anorexia and weight loss) or in patients > 45 years old (c) Dysphagia or odynophagia (d) Oesophageal reflux symptoms that are persistent or recurrent despite appropriate treatment (e) Persistent vomiting of unknown cause (f) Biopsy for suspected coeliac disease (g) Other diseases in which the presence of upper GI pathologic conditions might modify other planned management (h) Familial adenomatous polyposis syndromes (i) For confirmation and specific histologic diagnosis of radiological demonstrated lesions - suspected neoplastic lesion, gastric ulcer oesophageal ulcer, upper tract stricture or obstruction (j) Patients with active/ recent GI bleeding (k) Iron deficiency anaemia or chronic blood loss (l) Patients with suspected portal hypertension to document or treat oesophageal varices (m) To assess acute injury after caustic ingestion (n) Treatment of bleeding lesions such as ulcers, tumours, vascular abnormalities (e.g. electro-coagulation, heater probe, laser photocoagulation, or injection therapy) (o) banding or sclerotherapy of oesophageal varices (p) Removal of foreign body (q) Dilatation of stenotic lesions (r) Further investigation of suspected achalasia (s) Palliative treatment of stenosing neoplasms <p>Clinical Indications for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy - no consultant or hospital benefits are payable for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy within a 12 month period except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Histological diagnosis of gastric or oesophageal ulcer (2) Coeliac disease - re-check for healing 3 months (once only) (3) Achalasia (4) Post banding of oesophageal varices (5) Patients diagnosed with an atypical (non-H. pylori-associated) or high-risk duodenal ulcer - benefit will be provided for one repeat endoscopy to re-biopsy (except by report) (6) Stent blockage (7) Re-biopsy of an oesophageal ulcer (8) Barretts mucosa with dysplasia (9) Gastric mucosa showing dysplasia (10) Follow up of patients post gastric or oesophageal cancer - benefit will be provided for endoscopies as clinically indicated. <p>New clinical indications, unrelated to the indications for an earlier endoscopy, within the 12 month period, themselves an identified indication(s) for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy. Please refer to the initial endoscopy codes</p>
198	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including oesophagus, stomach and either the duodenum and/ or jejunum as appropriate, with endoscopic ultrasound examination (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Clinical indications for procedure code 198 are as follows: must be included on claim form for payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Oesophageal cancer: pre-operative staging and assessment of the resectability in operable patients without distant metastases, especially when stage dependent treatment protocols are applied (b) Gastric carcinoma: pre-operative staging of gastric cancer in patients without distant metastases if the local stage has an impact on therapy (local resection, neoadjuvant chemotherapy) (c) Gastric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gastrointestinal sub mucosal tumours to differentiate from extra luminal compression and to plan therapy (resection or followup) (ii) Gastric: For diagnosis of gastric malt lymphoma (d) Biliary tumours: pre-operative staging and distal bile duct tumours (e) Benign conditions of the biliary tract; microlithiasis associated with acute pancreatitis (f) Benign conditions of the biliary tract; microlithiasis associated with acute pancreatitis/ post-cholecystectomy patients presenting with suspected biliary colic and have normal abdominal ultrasound and normal liver function tests (g) Pancreatic tumours: staging (h) Neuroendocrine tumours: locating neuroendocrine tumours, including insulinomas and gastrinomas

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200	Gastrostomy	No		
201	Insertion of percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube	No		
202	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy with endoscopic ultrasound exam including oesophagus, stomach and either the duodenum and/ or jejunum as appropriate with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/ biopsy(s) of lymph nodes in oesophageal, gastric and lung cancer, biopsy of pancreatic lesion(s), mediastinal mass or submucosal lesion(s), with or without coeliac plexus neurolysis for pain arising from pancreatic cancer or chronic pancreatitis (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room	<p>Clinical indications for an initial upper G.I. endoscopy (excludes repeat procedures within 12 months, for which there are other specific clinical indications), one of which must be included on claim form for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upper abdominal symptoms that persist in patients that have been tested and received treatment for Helicobacter pylori and/ or been treated with a trial of PPI's for 6 weeks (b) Upper abdominal symptoms associated with other symptoms or signs suggesting serious organic disease (i.e. anorexia and weight loss) or in patients > 45 years old (c) Dysphagia or odynophagia (d) Oesophageal reflux symptoms that are persistent or recurrent despite appropriate treatment (e) Persistent vomiting of unknown cause (f) Biopsy for suspected coeliac disease (g) Other diseases in which the presence of upper GI pathologic conditions might modify other planned management (h) Familial adenomatous polyposis syndromes (i) For confirmation and specific histologic diagnosis of radiological demonstrated lesions - suspected neoplastic lesion, gastric ulcer oesophageal ulcer, upper tract stricture or obstruction (j) Patients with active/ recent GI bleeding (k) Iron deficiency anaemia or chronic blood loss (l) Patients with suspected portal hypertension to document or treat oesophageal varices (m) To assess acute injury after caustic ingestion (n) Treatment of bleeding lesions such as ulcers, tumours, vascular abnormalities (e.g. electro-coagulation, heater probe, laser photocoagulation, or injection therapy) (o) banding or sclerotherapy of oesophageal varices (p) Removal of foreign body (q) Dilatation of stenotic lesions (r) Further investigation of suspected achalasia (s) Palliative treatment of stenosing neoplasms <p>Clinical Indications for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy - no consultant or hospital benefits are payable for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy within a 12 month period except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Histological diagnosis of gastric or oesophageal ulcer (2) Coeliac disease - re-check for healing 3 months (once only) (3) Achalasia (4) Post banding of oesophageal varices (5) Patients diagnosed with an atypical (non-H. pylori-associated) or high-risk duodenal ulcer - benefit will be provided for one repeat endoscopy to re-biopsy (except by report) (6) Stent blockage (7) Re-biopsy of an oesophageal ulcer (8) Barretts mucosa with dysplasia (9) Gastric mucosa showing dysplasia (10) Follow up of patients post gastric or oesophageal cancer - benefit will be provided for endoscopies as clinically indicated. <p>Procedure code 201 is not payable in conjunction with procedure codes 194, 198, 202 or 271</p> <p>New clinical indications, unrelated to the indications for an earlier endoscopy, within the 12 month period, themselves an identified indication(s) for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy. Please refer to the initial endoscopy codes</p>

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203	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy with transendoscopic stent placement (includes pre and post dilation) in patients with obstructing lesions or strictures	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room	<p>Clinical indications for an initial upper G.I. endoscopy (excludes repeat procedures within 12 months, for which there are other specific clinical indications), one of which must be included on claim form for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upper abdominal symptoms that persist in patients that have been tested and received treatment for Helicobacter pylori and/ or been treated with a trial of PPI's for 6 weeks (b) Upper abdominal symptoms associated with other symptoms or signs suggesting serious organic disease (i.e. anorexia and weight loss) or in patients > 45 years old (c) Dysphagia or odynophagia (d) Oesophageal reflux symptoms that are persistent or recurrent despite appropriate treatment (e) Persistent vomiting of unknown cause (f) Biopsy for suspected coeliac disease (g) Other diseases in which the presence of upper GI pathologic conditions might modify other planned management (h) Familial adenomatous polyposis syndromes (i) For confirmation and specific histologic diagnosis of radiological demonstrated lesions - suspected neoplastic lesion, gastric ulcer oesophageal ulcer, upper tract stricture or obstruction (j) Patients with active/ recent GI bleeding (k) Iron deficiency anaemia or chronic blood loss (l) Patients with suspected portal hypertension to document or treat oesophageal varices (m) To assess acute injury after caustic ingestion (n) Treatment of bleeding lesions such as ulcers, tumours, vascular abnormalities (e.g. electro-coagulation, heater probe, laser photocoagulation, or injection therapy) (o) banding or sclerotherapy of oesophageal varices (p) Removal of foreign body (q) Dilatation of stenotic lesions (r) Further investigation of suspected achalasia (s) Palliative treatment of stenosing neoplasms <p>Clinical Indications for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy - no consultant or hospital benefits are payable for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy within a 12 month period except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Histological diagnosis of gastric or oesophageal ulcer (2) Coeliac disease - re-check for healing 3 months (once only) (3) Achalasia (4) Post banding of oesophageal varices (5) Patients diagnosed with an atypical (non-H. pylori-associated) or high-risk duodenal ulcer - benefit will be provided for one repeat endoscopy to re-biopsy (except by report) (6) Stent blockage (7) Re-biopsy of an oesophageal ulcer (8) Barretts mucosa with dysplasia (9) Gastric mucosa showing dysplasia (10) Follow up of patients post gastric or oesophageal cancer - benefit will be provided for endoscopies as clinically indicated. <p>New clinical indications, unrelated to the indications for an earlier endoscopy, within the 12 month period, themselves an identified indication(s) for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy. Please refer to the initial endoscopy codes</p>
204	Gastric antral vascular ectasia, endoscopic argon plasma photocoagulation of	No	Side Room, Sedation	
205	Gastrotomy/ duodenotomy for haemorrhage	No		

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206	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy with endoscopic mucosal resection	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Clinical indications for an initial upper G.I. endoscopy (excludes repeat procedures within 12 months, for which there are other specific clinical indications), one of which must be included on claim form for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upper abdominal symptoms that persist in patients that have been tested and received treatment for Helicobacter pylori and/ or been treated with a trial of PPI's for 6 weeks (b) Upper abdominal symptoms associated with other symptoms or signs suggesting serious organic disease (i.e. anorexia and weight loss) or in patients > 45 years old (c) Dysphagia or odynophagia (d) Oesophageal reflux symptoms that are persistent or recurrent despite appropriate treatment (e) Persistent vomiting of unknown cause (f) Biopsy for suspected coeliac disease (g) Other diseases in which the presence of upper GI pathologic conditions might modify other planned management (h) Familial adenomatous polyposis syndromes (i) For confirmation and specific histologic diagnosis of radiological demonstrated lesions - suspected neoplastic lesion, gastric ulcer oesophageal ulcer, upper tract stricture or obstruction (j) Patients with active/ recent GI bleeding (k) Iron deficiency anaemia or chronic blood loss (l) Patients with suspected portal hypertension to document or treat oesophageal varices (m) To assess acute injury after caustic ingestion (n) Treatment of bleeding lesions such as ulcers, tumours, vascular abnormalities (e.g. electro-coagulation, heater probe, laser photocoagulation, or injection therapy) (o) banding or sclerotherapy of oesophageal varices (p) Removal of foreign body (q) Dilatation of stenotic lesions (r) Further investigation of suspected achalasia (s) Palliative treatment of stenosing neoplasms <p>Clinical Indications for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy - no consultant or hospital benefits are payable for a repeat upper G.I. endoscopy within a 12 month period except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Histological diagnosis of gastric or oesophageal ulcer (2) Coeliac disease - re-check for healing 3 months (once only) (3) Achalasia (4) Post banding of oesophageal varices (5) Patients diagnosed with an atypical (non-H. pylori-associated) or high-risk duodenal ulcer - benefit will be provided for one repeat endoscopy to re-biopsy (except by report) (6) Stent blockage (7) Re-biopsy of an oesophageal ulcer (8) Barretts mucosa with dysplasia (9) Gastric mucosa showing dysplasia (10) Follow up of patients post gastric or oesophageal cancer - benefit will be provided for endoscopies as clinically indicated. <p>New clinical indications, unrelated to the indications for an earlier endoscopy, within the 12 month period, themselves an identified indication(s) for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy. Please refer to the initial endoscopy codes</p>
215	Over sewing perforated peptic ulcer	No		
230	Ramstedt's operation	No		
235	Stomach transection	No		

METABOLIC SURGERY

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493201	Metabolic surgery - gastric restrictive procedure with gastric by-pass with Roux-En-Y gastroenterostomy (I.P.)	Yes	Independent Procedure	<p>(a) Clinical indications for metabolic surgery to correct diabetes, chronic heart failure, sleep apnoea, hypertension and improve fertility are payable only once in a lifetime and the benefit is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>(b) Benefit is restricted to those patients who satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) Benefit is restricted to those patients whose BMI is currently and has been for at least 2 years greater than 40 and less than or equal to 50</p> <p>(ii) Bariatric surgery is only payable in hospitals listed in the Irish Life Health directory of Hospitals and has a multi-disciplinary programme for the treatment of obesity</p> <p>(iii) The multi disciplinary team must consist of a consultant recognised by Irish Life Health who has a special interest in the management of obesity, endocrinologist, diabetologist</p> <p>(iv) Patients that are seeking metabolic surgery for severe obesity must have received management in an appropriate programme with integrated components of a dietary regime, appropriate exercise and behavioural modification and support for at least 6 months within 2 years of the proposed surgery and be supported with relevant documentation</p> <p>(v) Patients must be 18 years or older</p> <p>(vi) Evidence must be provided that all appropriate measures have been adequately tried but the member has failed to maintain weight loss</p> <p>(vii) Patients who are candidates for surgical procedures must have been evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team including dietician, a physiotherapist, nurse, psychological, consultant Physician with a special interest in this field and a consultant Surgeon with a special interest in bariatric surgery. Arrangements must be in place for three appropriate healthcare professionals (as listed above) to provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling and support to patients</p> <p>(viii) Psychological clearance must be obtained through a consultant Psychiatrist or a clinical Psychologist registered with the Psychological Society of Ireland. There should be no specific clinical of psychological contra-indications for this type of surgery and documentation to support this must be provided to Irish Life Health</p> <p>(ix) Individuals should generally be fit for anaesthesia and for surgery and understand the need for long term follow up</p> <p>(x) The operation should be performed by a consultant Surgeon who is registered with Irish Life Health for the performance of these procedures (application form upon request)</p> <p>(xi) Lifelong surveillance is advised and thus a report on progress may be required to be sent to Irish Life Health post-surgery on request</p>
493202	Metabolic surgery - gastric restrictive procedure, with partial gastrectomy, pylorus preserving duodenileostomy and ileostomy (50 to 100 cm common channel) to limit absorption/ biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch	Yes		<p>(a) Clinical indications for metabolic surgery to correct diabetes, chronic heart failure, sleep apnoea, hypertension and improve fertility are payable only once in a lifetime and the benefit is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>(b) Benefit is restricted to those patients who satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) Benefit is restricted to those patients whose BMI is currently and has been for at least 2 years greater than 40 and less than or equal to 50</p> <p>(ii) Bariatric surgery is only payable in hospitals listed in the Irish Life Health directory of Hospitals and has a multi-disciplinary programme for the treatment of obesity</p> <p>(iii) The multi disciplinary team must consist of a consultant recognised by Irish Life Health who has a special interest in the management of obesity, endocrinologist, diabetologist</p> <p>(iv) Patients that are seeking metabolic surgery for severe obesity must have received management in an appropriate programme with integrated components of a dietary regime, appropriate exercise and behavioural modification and support for at least 6 months within 2 years of the proposed surgery and be supported with relevant documentation</p> <p>(v) Patients must be 18 years or older</p> <p>(vi) Evidence must be provided that all appropriate measures have been adequately tried but the member has failed to maintain weight loss</p> <p>(vii) Patients who are candidates for surgical procedures must have been evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team including dietician, a physiotherapist, nurse, psychological, consultant Physician with a special interest in this field and a consultant Surgeon with a special interest in bariatric surgery. Arrangements must be in place for three appropriate healthcare professionals (as listed above) to provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling and support to patients</p> <p>(viii) Psychological clearance must be obtained through a consultant Psychiatrist or a clinical Psychologist registered with the Psychological Society of Ireland. There should be no specific clinical of psychological contra-indications for this type of surgery and documentation to support this must be provided to Irish Life Health</p> <p>(ix) Individuals should generally be fit for anaesthesia and for surgery and understand the need for long term follow up</p> <p>(x) The operation should be performed by a consultant Surgeon who is registered with Irish Life Health for the performance of these procedures (application form upon request)</p> <p>(xi) Lifelong surveillance is advised and thus a report on progress may be required to be sent to Irish Life Health post-surgery on request</p>

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493203	Metabolic surgery - laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; with gastric bypass and Roux-en-Y gastroenterostomy (I.P.)	Yes	Independent Procedure	<p>(a) Clinical indications for metabolic surgery to correct diabetes, chronic heart failure, sleep apnoea, hypertension and improve fertility are payable only once in a lifetime and the benefit is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>(b) Benefit is restricted to those patients who satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) Benefit is restricted to those patients whose BMI is currently and has been for at least 2 years greater than 40 and less than or equal to 50</p> <p>(ii) Bariatric surgery is only payable in hospitals listed in the Irish Life Health directory of Hospitals and has a multi-disciplinary programme for the treatment of obesity</p> <p>(iii) The multi disciplinary team must consist of a consultant recognised by Irish Life Health who has a special interest in the management of obesity, endocrinologist, diabetologist</p> <p>(iv) Patients that are seeking metabolic surgery for severe obesity must have received management in an appropriate programme with integrated components of a dietary regime, appropriate exercise and behavioural modification and support for at least 6 months within 2 years of the proposed surgery and be supported with relevant documentation</p> <p>(v) Patients must be 18 years or older</p> <p>(vi) Evidence must be provided that all appropriate measures have been adequately tried but the member has failed to maintain weight loss</p> <p>(vii) Patients who are candidates for surgical procedures must have been evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team including dietician, a physiotherapist, nurse, psychological, consultant Physician with a special interest in this field and a consultant Surgeon with a special interest in bariatric surgery. Arrangements must be in place for three appropriate healthcare professionals (as listed above) to provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling and support to patients</p> <p>(viii) Psychological clearance must be obtained through a consultant Psychiatrist or a clinical Psychologist registered with the Psychological Society of Ireland. There should be no specific clinical of psychological contra-indications for this type of surgery and documentation to support this must be provided to Irish Life Health</p> <p>(ix) Individuals should generally be fit for anaesthesia and for surgery and understand the need for long term follow up</p> <p>(x) The operation should be performed by a consultant Surgeon who is registered with Irish Life Health for the performance of these procedures (application form upon request)</p> <p>(xi) Lifelong surveillance is advised and thus a report on progress may be required to be sent to Irish Life Health post-surgery on request</p>
493204	Metabolic surgery - laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; placement of adjustable gastric restrictive device (e.g. gastric band and subcutaneous port component) benefits include all subsequent restrictive device adjustment(s)	Yes		<p>(a) Clinical indications for metabolic surgery to correct diabetes, chronic heart failure, sleep apnoea, hypertension and improve fertility are payable only once in a lifetime and the benefit is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>(b) Benefit is restricted to those patients who satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) Benefit is restricted to those patients whose BMI is currently and has been for at least 2 years greater than 40 and less than or equal to 50</p> <p>(ii) Bariatric surgery is only payable in hospitals listed in the Irish Life Health directory of Hospitals and has a multi-disciplinary programme for the treatment of obesity</p> <p>(iii) The multi disciplinary team must consist of a consultant recognised by Irish Life Health who has a special interest in the management of obesity, endocrinologist, diabetologist</p> <p>(iv) Patients that are seeking metabolic surgery for severe obesity must have received management in an appropriate programme with integrated components of a dietary regime, appropriate exercise and behavioural modification and support for at least 6 months within 2 years of the proposed surgery and be supported with relevant documentation</p> <p>(v) Patients must be 18 years or older</p> <p>(vi) Evidence must be provided that all appropriate measures have been adequately tried but the member has failed to maintain weight loss</p> <p>(vii) Patients who are candidates for surgical procedures must have been evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team including dietician, a physiotherapist, nurse, psychological, consultant Physician with a special interest in this field and a consultant Surgeon with a special interest in bariatric surgery. Arrangements must be in place for three appropriate healthcare professionals (as listed above) to provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling and support to patients</p> <p>(viii) Psychological clearance must be obtained through a consultant Psychiatrist or a clinical Psychologist registered with the Psychological Society of Ireland. There should be no specific clinical of psychological contra-indications for this type of surgery and documentation to support this must be provided to Irish Life Health</p> <p>(ix) Individuals should generally be fit for anaesthesia and for surgery and understand the need for long term follow up</p> <p>(x) The operation should be performed by a consultant Surgeon who is registered with Irish Life Health for the performance of these procedures (application form upon request)</p> <p>(xi) Lifelong surveillance is advised and thus a report on progress may be required to be sent to Irish Life Health post-surgery on request</p>

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493205	Metabolic surgery - laparoscopy, surgical, longitudinal gastrectomy (i.e. gastric sleeve) (I.P.)	Yes	Independent Procedure	<p>(a) Clinical indications for metabolic surgery to correct diabetes, chronic heart failure, sleep apnoea, hypertension and improve fertility are payable only once in a lifetime and the benefit is subject to pre-certification</p> <p>(b) Benefit is restricted to those patients who satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) Benefit is restricted to those patients whose BMI is currently and has been for at least 2 years greater than 40 and less than or equal to 50</p> <p>(ii) Bariatric surgery is only payable in hospitals listed in the Irish Life Health directory of Hospitals and has a multi-disciplinary programme for the treatment of obesity</p> <p>(iii) The multi disciplinary team must consist of a consultant recognised by Irish Life Health who has a special interest in the management of obesity, endocrinologist, diabetologist</p> <p>(iv) Patients that are seeking metabolic surgery for severe obesity must have received management in an appropriate programme with integrated components of a dietary regime, appropriate exercise and behavioural modification and support for at least 6 months within 2 years of the proposed surgery and be supported with relevant documentation</p> <p>(v) Patients must be 18 years or older</p> <p>(vi) Evidence must be provided that all appropriate measures have been adequately tried but the member has failed to maintain weight loss</p> <p>(vii) Patients who are candidates for surgical procedures must have been evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team including dietician, a physiotherapist, nurse, psychological, consultant Physician with a special interest in this field and a consultant Surgeon with a special interest in bariatric surgery. Arrangements must be in place for three appropriate healthcare professionals (as listed above) to provide pre-operative and post-operative counselling and support to patients</p> <p>(viii) Psychological clearance must be obtained through a consultant Psychiatrist or a clinical Psychologist registered with the Psychological Society of Ireland. There should be no specific clinical or psychological contra-indications for this type of surgery and documentation to support this must be provided to Irish Life Health</p> <p>(ix) Individuals should generally be fit for anaesthesia and for surgery and understand the need for long term follow up</p> <p>(x) The operation should be performed by a consultant Surgeon who is registered with Irish Life Health for the performance of these procedures (application form upon request)</p> <p>(xi) Lifelong surveillance is advised and thus a report on progress may be required to be sent to Irish Life Health post-surgery on request</p>

HEAD & NECK

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1041	Excision of carotid body tumour greater than 4 cms	No		
1042	Excision of carotid body tumour less than 4 cms	No		
1046	Excision of lesion of mucosa and submucosa, vestibule of mouth, with simple repair (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Vestibule is considered to be the part of the oral cavity outside the dentoalveolar structure; it includes the mucosal and submucosal tissues of lips and cheeks
1047	Excision of lesion of mucosa and submucosa, vestibule of mouth, complex, with or without excision of underlying muscle (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	Vestibule is considered to be the part of the oral cavity outside the dentoalveolar structure; it includes the mucosal and submucosal tissues of lips and cheeks
1048	Excision of malignant growth of mucosa and submucosa, vestibule of mouth, wide excision with excision of underlying muscle, complex layered closure, with or without skin graft (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	Vestibule is considered to be the part of the oral cavity outside the dentoalveolar structure; it includes the mucosal and submucosal tissues of lips and cheeks
1055	Cyst or benign tumour on lip, excision of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	
1058	Epithelioma of lip, lip shave	No	Side Room	
1059	Epithelioma of lip, wedge excision	No	Day Care	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1065	Branchial cyst, pouch or fistula, excision of	No		
1075	Cysts or tuberculosis glands of neck (deep to deep fascia) excision of	No	Day Care	
1080	Conservative neck dissection	No		
1082	Radical neck dissection	No		
1085	Thyroglossal cyst or fistula, excision of	No		
1090	Torticollis, partial excision, open correction of	No		
1095	Tuberculous caseous glands or sinuses, curettage of	No		
1096	Oesophageal anastomosis, (repair and short circuit)	No		
1097	Partial oesophagectomy	No		
1098	Gastrointestinal reconstruction for previous oesophagectomy, for obstructing oesophageal lesion or fistula, or for previous oesophageal exclusion with colon interposition or small intestine reconstruction, including intestine mobilization, preparation, and anastomosis(es)	No		
1100	Laceration of palate, repair of	No		
1104	Biopsy lesion of palate	No	Side Room	
1105	Radical operation for malignant growth of palate	No		
1106	Partial maxillectomy including plastic reconstruction	No		
1107	Total maxillectomy including plastic reconstruction	No		

HERNIA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
241	Laparoscopic, surgical repair, epigastric/ ventral hernia (includes mesh insertion) initial or recurrent (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
243	Laparoscopic surgical repair, epigastric/ ventral hernia (initial or recurrent) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
244	Laparoscopic surgical repair, epigastric/ ventral hernia; incarcerated or strangulated (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
245	Epigastric/ ventral hernia, repair of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
246	Exomphalos, minor	No		
247	Exomphalos, major	No		
248	Exomphalos, delayed	No		
249	Laparoscopic, surgical repair, epigastric/ ventral hernia (includes mesh insertion) incarcerated or strangulated (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
250	Femoral hernia, repair of, bilateral	No		

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
255	Femoral hernia, repair of, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
270	Hiatus hernia, abdominal repair of	No		
271	Laparoscopic repair of hiatus hernia	No		<p>Clinical Indications for procedure code 271 are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Patients with a diagnosis of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease confirmed by both</p> <p>(i) Gastroscopy with photographic evidence of oesophagitis and 24 hour monitoring positive for reflux, i.e. identifying</p> <p>(1) a pH of less than 4 or greater than 5% of the day</p> <p>(2) a de Meester score greater than 15</p> <p>(ii) Failure to respond to at least 8 weeks of treatment with proton pump inhibitors</p> <p>Code 271 is not claimable in conjunction with procedure codes 194, 590 or 5917</p>
272	Laparoscopic repair of paraoesophageal hernia, including fundoplasty (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
275	Hiatus hernia, transthoracic, repair of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
276	Laparoscopic surgical repair of incisional hernia (includes mesh insertion) (initial or recurrent) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
277	Laparoscopic surgical repair of incisional hernia (includes mesh insertion), incarcerated or strangulated (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
278	Laparoscopic surgical repair of incisional hernia, initial or recurrent (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
279	Laparoscopic surgical repair of incisional hernia, incarcerated or strangulated (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
280	Incisional hernia, repair of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
283	Inguinal hernia, neonate up to six weeks of age, laparoscopic repair of, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
284	Inguinal hernia, laparoscopic repair of, bilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
285	Inguinal hernia, repair of, bilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
286	Inguinal hernia, neonate up to six weeks of age, laparoscopic repair of, bilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
287	Inguinal hernia, laparoscopic repair of, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
288	Strangulated inguinal hernia, laparoscopic repair of, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
289	Repair of inguinal hernia, neonate up to six weeks of age, bilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
290	Inguinal hernia, repair of, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
291	Strangulated inguinal hernia, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
292	Repair of inguinal hernia, neonate up to six weeks of age, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
295	Patent urachus, closure and repair of abdominal muscles	No		
305	Recurrent hernia, repair of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
310	Umbilical hernia, repair of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
443111	Repair laparoscopically of para-oesophageal hernia, including fundoplasty and mesh insertion (I.P.)	No	Independent procedure	

JEJUNUM & ILEUM

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
320	Congenital defects, correction of (including Meckel's diverticulum)	No		
331	Gastroschisis	No		
355	Ileostomy or laparoscopic loop ileostomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
356	Ileoscopy, through stoma, with or without biopsy	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Monitored Anaesthesia Care	
360	Resection of small intestine; single resection and anastomosis (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
361	Intestinal atresia, single/ multiple	No		
362	Intestinal stricturoplasty (enterotomy & enterorrhaphy) with or without dilation, for intestinal obstruction	No		
363	Intestinal stricturoplasty (enterotomy & enterorrhaphy) with or without dilation, for intestinal obstruction, multiple, 3 or more	No		
364	Hydrostatic reduction of intussusception	No		
370	Jejunostomy	No		
384	Laparoscopic resection and anastomosis of jejunum or ileum	No		
385	Resection and anastomosis of jejunum or ileum	No		
386	Surgical reduction of intussusception including repair with or without appendectomy	No		

LARGE INTESTINE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
389	Anal canal examination under anaesthesia (EUA) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
390	Anal canal, plastic repair of (for incontinence)	No		
391	Laparoscopic, low anterior/ abdomino-perineal resection with colo-anal anastomosis	No		
392	Laparoscopic, mid/ high anterior resection with colo-anal anastomosis	No		
395	Anal fissure, dilatation of anus (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
396	Anoplasty for low anorectal anomaly	No		
397	Anorectal anomaly, posterior sagittal anorectoplasty (PSARP), for high/ intermediate anorectal anomaly	No		
400	Lateral internal sphincterotomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
401	Botulinum toxin injection of anal sphincter under general anaesthetic	No	Day Care	
404	Parks' anal sphincter repair	No		

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
410	Anus, excision of epithelioma of, with colostomy	No	Day Care	
415	Anus, excision of epithelioma of, without colostomy	No	Day Care	
420	Caecostomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
425	Caecostomy or colostomy, closure of	No		
430	Colectomy, partial	No		
431	Laparoscopic colectomy, partial	No		
432	Laparoscopic colectomy, total	No		
433	Laparoscopic colectomy, total with ileal pouch reconstruction	No		
434	Laparoscopic surgical closure of enterostomy, large or small intestine, with resection and anastomosis	No		
435	Colectomy, total	No		
436	Total colectomy and ileal pouch construction with temporary ileostomy	No		
437	Closure of ileostomy	No		
438	Total colectomy for toxic megacolon	No		
439	Pelvic exenteration for colorectal malignancy, with proctectomy (with or without colostomy), with removal of bladder and urethral transplantations, and/ or hysterectomy, or cervicectomy, with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(ies), or any combination thereof	No		
448	Double balloon enteroscopy (antegrade or retrograde)	No	Diagnostic, Day Care, Sedation	Clinical Indications for procedure code 448 are as follows: (a) For investigating suspected small intestinal bleeding in persons with objective evidence of recurrent, obscure gastrointestinal bleeding (e.g. iron-deficiency anaemia, positive faecal occult blood test, or visible bleeding) who have had upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopies that have failed to identify a bleeding source (b) For initial diagnosis in persons with suspected Crohn's disease (abdominal pain, diarrhoea, elevated ESR, elevated white cell count, fever, gastrointestinal bleeding, or weight loss) without evidence of disease on conventional diagnostic tests, including small bowel follow through and upper and lower endoscopy (c) For treating members with gastrointestinal bleeding when the small intestine has been identified as the source of bleeding
449	Endoscopic evaluation of small intestinal (abdominal or pelvic) pouch; diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen by brushing or washing, with or without biopsy, single or multiple	No	Day Care	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
450	Colonoscopy, left side	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

LARGE INTESTINE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
454	Incomplete colonoscopy, claimable where the scope reached beyond the splenic flexure but where it was not possible to reach the caecum because of obstruction or lesion (for colonoscopy to the splenic flexure please use code 450)	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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455	Colonoscopy, full colon	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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456	Colonoscopy, left side, plus polypectomy	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

LARGE INTESTINE

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457	Colonoscopy plus polypectomy, full colon	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
458	Left colonoscopy and laser photocoagulation of rectum	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
459	Colonoscopy, full colon and laser photocoagulation of rectum	No	Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>
460	Colostomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
461	Reduction of prolapsed colostomy stoma	No		
465	Resection of bowel and colostomy or anastomosis for diverticulitis	No		
466	Endoscopic transanal resection of large (> 2cm) villous adenomas/ malignant tumours of rectum (ETART), using resectoscope	No		
467	Colonoscopy with transendoscopic stent placement (includes pre dilation)	No		

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
468	Excision of rectal tumour, transanal approach	No		
470	Faecal fistula, closure or resection	No		
485	Anal fistulotomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
486	Fistula-in-ano, excision with endo-anal flap and advancement (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
487	Fistula-in-ano, insertion/ change of seton (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
488	Ano-rectal manometry	No	Diagnostic, Side Room	
490	Haemorrhoidectomy (external) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
495	Haemorrhoidectomy, external, multiple (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
500	Haemorrhoidectomy (internal) includes exploration of anal canal (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
501	Haemorrhoidopexy (e.g. for prolapsing internal haemorrhoids) by stapling	No		1 Night Only
506	Haemorrhoids, injection and/ or banding (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	
513	Meconium ileus, open reduction with or without stoma	No		
514	Meconium ileus reduction	No		
515	Imperforate anus, simple incision	No		
516	Necrotising enterocolitis, percutaneous drainage	No		
517	Necrotising enterocolitis, laparotomy resection/ stoma	No		
518	Panproctocolectomy	No		
520	Imperforate anus, with colostomy or pull through operation	No		
525	Ischio rectal abscess, incision and drainage (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only

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530	Proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
535	Proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy, with biopsy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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536	Diagnostic flexible sigmoidoscopy and biopsies (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room, Sedation	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy – clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy – post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient’s presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>

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540	Proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy with biopsy of muscle coats of bowel, for megacolon	No	Diagnostic, Day Care	<p>Note: if CT Colonography or a barium enema is performed within 6 weeks of a colonoscopy, benefit for an incomplete colonoscopy only is payable (if performed)</p> <p>Initial colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy - clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Benefit, in accordance with the Ground Rules, will be payable for an initial colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examination</p> <p>Repeat colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy - clinical indications are as follows:</p> <p>(b) No consultant or hospital benefits are payable for repeat colonoscopic, proctoscopic or sigmoidoscopic examinations within 36 months of the initial examination except for the following clinical indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Following removal of adenomas with dysplasia (ii) Multiple or large adenomas which could not be satisfactorily cleared in one endoscopy session (iii) Pre-operative assessment of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (iv) Relapse of IBD following change of therapy - post-colonic cancer surgery at 1, 3 and 5 years (v) In Crohns disease, post resection, assesment of surgical anastomosis after 6 months (vi) Cancer surveillance in chronic pan ulcerative colitis (vii) Where the patient's presenting symptoms indicate that a one sided colonoscopy is necessary and where the findings from that procedure suggest the possibility of disease elsewhere in the colon necessitating complete colon examination. The findings are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Colonic polyps (2) Colonic carcinoma (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (4) Blood stained mucus or stool coming from beyond the range of a left sided colon examination (viii) Repeat full colonoscopy when there is unexplained deterioration in symptomatology not explained by left sided colonoscopy (ix) Left colonoscopy to assess disease activity at the time of significant reduction or withdrawal of medication (x) Left colonoscopy at the time of significant symptomatic relapse (xi) Left colonoscopy where there is a failure to respond to treatment or where there is suspicion of a second diagnosis such as clostridium difficile infection with superimposed pseudo membranous colitis (xii) Evaluation of an abdominal mass <p>(c) New clinical indications unrelated to the original indications for endoscopy, themselves an identified indication for endoscopy, will not be excluded by a prior endoscopy</p> <p>(d) When a barium enema is carried out following a colonoscopy, the benefit for a one side colonoscopy, proctoscopy or sigmoidoscopy only is payable</p> <p>(e) Clinical indications for which ILH pay for surveillance colonoscopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals who have two first degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer (ii) Individuals with a family history of polyposis coli (iii) Individuals with a family history of hereditary non-polyposis coli (iv) Individuals who have a first degree relative who developed colorectal cancer before the age of sixty years will be entitled to benefit for colonoscopy every five years, beginning at age forty years or ten years before the age of the youngest affected relative, whichever is the first <p>For indications (e)(i) to (e)(iv) ILH will pay an initial colonoscopy and, if normal, repeats at 5 yearly intervals</p>
545	Prolapse of rectum, abdominal approach involving laparotomy, colostomy or intestinal anastomosis including laparoscopic approach	No		
549	Delorme procedure	No		
550	Prolapse of rectum, perineal repair (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
555	Closure of rectovesical fistula, with or without colostomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
556	Balloon dilation of the rectum	No	Day Care	
560	Rectal or sigmoid polypi (removal by diathermy etc.)	No	Day Care	

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565	Rectum, excision of (all forms including perineoabdominal, perineal anterior resection and laparoscopic approach)	No		
570	Rectum, partial excision of	No		
574	Presacral teratoma, excision of	No		
576	Revision/ refashioning of ileostomy and duodenostomy, complicated reconstruction in-depth (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
577	Low anterior resection with colo-anal anastomosis for cancer	No		
578	Soave procedure	No		
579	Internal sphincter myomectomy in children with Hirschsprung disease	No		
581	Sigmoidoscopy including dilatation of intestinal strictures	No	Day Care	
582	Proctectomy for recurrent rectal cancer in a radiated and previously operated pelvis	No		
585	Stricture of rectum (dilation of) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Day Care	
590	Volvulus (stomach, small bowel or colon, including resection and anastomosis)	No		
591	Correction of malrotation by lysis of duodenal bands and/ or resection of midgut volvulus (e.g. Ladd procedure)	No		
5793	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator pulse generator and electrodes: faecal incontinence: trial stage	Yes		1 Night Only
5794	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrodes for faecal incontinence; permanent implantation	No		2 Nights Only
442110	Prophylactic total colectomy	Yes		
442112	Prophylactic laparoscopic total colectomy	Yes		

LIVER

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
595	Hepatotomy for drainage of abscess or cyst, one or two stages	No		
600	Biopsy of liver (by laparotomy) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic	
601	Transjugular liver biopsy	No	Diagnostic	
605	Biopsy of liver (needle)	No	Diagnostic	1 Night Only
608	Management of liver haemorrhage; simple suture of liver wound or injury	No		
611	Major liver resection (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
616	Wedge resection of liver	No		

LIVER

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
617	Intrahepatic cholangioenteric anastomosis	No		
618	Resection of hilar bile duct tumour (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
619	Management of liver haemorrhage; exploration of hepatic wound, extensive debridement, coagulation and/ or suture, with or without packing of liver	No		
622	Insertion of hepatic artery catheter and reservoir pump	No		
625	Liver, left lateral lobectomy	No		
626	Intra-operative radiofrequency ablation of liver metastases	No		
630	Excision of hydatid cyst	No		

LYMPHATICS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1310	Open superficial lymph node biopsy	No	Day Care	
1311	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); by needle, superficial (e.g. cervical, inguinal, axillary)	No	Side Room	
1314	Sentinel node biopsy with injection of dye and identification	No	Day Care	
1315	Axillary lymph nodes, complete dissection of	No		
1320	Axillary or inguinal lymph nodes, incision of abscess	No	Side Room	
1326	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); open, deep cervical or axillary node(s)	No	Diagnostic, Day Care	
1335	Inguinal or pelvic lymph node block dissection, unilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1336	Inguinal or pelvic lymph node block dissection, bilateral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1365	Primary or secondary retroperitoneal, lymphadenectomy complete, transabdominal (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
494351	Incision and drainage of axillary or inguinal lymph node abscess	No		

PANCREAS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
771	ERCP sphincterotomy and extraction of stones	No		
772	ERCP sphincterotomy and insertion of endoprosthesis	No		
773	Biopsy of pancreas, percutaneous needle, includes radiological or ultrasound guidance	No		

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
774	ERCP (endoscopic retrograde cholangiogram of pancreas)	No	Diagnostic	
775	Pancreatectomy, proximal subtotal with total duodenectomy, partial gastrectomy, choledochenterostomy and gastrojejunostomy (Whipple - type procedure); with pancreatojejunostomy	No		
776	Pancreatic biopsy	No	Diagnostic	
778	Pancreaticojejunostomy	No		
779	ERCP ampullectomy with insertion of endoprosthesis	No		
780	Distal pancreatectomy including splenectomy	No		
781	Endoscopic cannulation of papilla with direct visualisation (spy glass probe) of common bile duct(s) and/ or pancreatic ducts (benefit shown is payable in full with the code for main procedures 771,772,774,779 or 782)	No	Diagnostic	
782	ERCP with endoscopic retrograde destruction, lithotripsy of calculus/calculi, any method	No		
785	Total pancreatectomy, distal, with gastrectomy, splenectomy, duodenectomy, cholecystectomy and resection of distal bile duct	No		
786	Simultaneous pancreas/ kidney transplant	No		
790	Open surgical drainage of pancreatic abscess or pseudocyst	No		
795	Pancreatotomy for drainage of pancreatitis, abscess or cyst with exploration of biliary and pancreatic duct	No		

PARATHYROID GLANDS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1110	Parathyroid adenoma, excision of	No		
1111	Transcatheter ablation of function of parathyroid glands	No		
1112	Parathyroid hyperplasia, excision of (4 glands, frozen section)	No		
1113	Total parathyroidectomy with auto transplant or mediastinal exploration/ intra-thoracic	No		
1114	Parathyroid re-exploration	No		

SALIVARY GLANDS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1115	Abscess of salivary gland, incision and drainage	No		
1120	Fistula of salivary duct, repair of	No		
1125	Parotid or submandibular duct, dilatation of	No		

SALIVARY GLANDS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1126	Submandibular duct, relocation (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1133	Excision of parotid tumour or parotid gland, lateral lobe, (superficial parotidectomy) with dissection and preservation of facial nerve (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1134	Excision of parotid tumour or parotid gland, total, en bloc removal with sacrifice of facial nerve	No		
1135	Excision of parotid tumour or parotid gland, total with dissection and preservation of facial nerve	No		
1136	Excision of parotid tumour or parotid gland, lateral lobe, without nerve dissection	No		
1140	Salivary calculus, removal of	No	Day Care	
1141	Sialendoscopy with sialolithiasis, any method; complicated intraoral (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	1 Night Only
1150	Submandibular salivary gland, excision of	No		
1151	Excision of sublingual gland	No		

SPLEEN

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
800	Splenectomy, open or laparoscopic (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
806	Transcatheter ablation of function of spleen	No		
807	Aspiration of splenic cysts	No		
381229	Laparoscopic splenectomy (I.P.)	No	Independent procedure	

THYROID

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1152	Thyroid cyst(s) aspiration/ fine needle biopsy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	
1154	Excision of thyroid cyst	No		
1155	Total/ revision thyroidectomy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure	
1156	Core biopsy of thyroid, neck lymph node or or head and neck mass under ultrasound guidance (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Diagnostic, Side Room	
1157	Partial/ subtotal thyroidectomy	No		

TONGUE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES
1165	Excision of epithelioma of tongue with radical operation on glands	No		
1170	Frenectomy (tongue tie)	No	Day Care	
1174	Glossectomy; less than one-half tongue	No		
1175	Hemiglossectomy	No		
1176	Total glossectomy	No		
1180	Growths of tongue, diathermy to	No	Side Room	
1185	Excision biopsy, oral cavity (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	
1186	Resection of tonsil, tongue base, palate, mandible and radical neck dissection	No		