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General  
Practitioner

## ABSCESS

| CODE | DESCRIPTION   | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 9    | Incision and drainage of abscess                          | No                    |                       |               |
| 14   | Abscess, cyst or tumour, aspiration of (I.P.)             | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 21   | Superficial skin abscess, incision and drainage of (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |

## ARTHOCENTESIS

| CODE | DESCRIPTION  | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 62   | Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; small joint, bursa or ganglion cyst (e.g. fingers, toes) (I.P.)  | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 63   | Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; intermediate joint, bursa or ganglion cyst (e.g. temporomandibular acromioclavicular, wrist, elbow or ankle, olecranon bursa) (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 64   | Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; major joint or bursa (e.g. shoulder, hip, knee joint, sub-acromial bursa) (I.P.)   | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |

## CRYOSURGERY

| CODE | DESCRIPTION  | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES  |
|------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 43   | Destruction by cryosurgery of actinic keratosis with or without surgical curettement, one lesion (I.P.)          | No                    | Independent Procedure | Limited to 3 claims in total within any 12 month period from date of first treatment<br>This code is only claimable at the end of a course of treatment.<br>Rates quoted inclusive of all treatment to the common definition of a particular body area e.g. foot will include foot and toes, hand will include hand, palm and fingers. |
| 44   | Destruction by cryosurgery of actinic keratosis with or without surgical curettement, two or more lesions (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure | Limited to 3 claims in total within any 12 month period from date of first treatment<br>This code is only claimable at the end of a course of treatment.<br>Rates quoted inclusive of all treatment to the common definition of a particular body area e.g. foot will include foot and toes, hand will include hand, palm and fingers. |
| 49   | Destruction by cryotherapy of warts with or without surgical curettement, one lesion (I.P.)                      | No                    | Independent Procedure | Limited to 3 claims in total within any 12 month period from date of first treatment<br>This code is only claimable at the end of a course of treatment.<br>Rates quoted inclusive of all treatment to the common definition of a particular body area e.g. foot will include foot and toes, hand will include hand, palm and fingers. |
| 51   | Destruction by cryotherapy of warts with or without surgical curettement, two or more lesions (I.P.)             | No                    | Independent Procedure | Limited to 3 claims in total within any 12 month period from date of first treatment<br>This code is only claimable at the end of a course of treatment.<br>Rates quoted inclusive of all treatment to the common definition of a particular body area e.g. foot will include foot and toes, hand will include hand, palm and fingers. |

## EXCISIONS

| CODE | DESCRIPTION   | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES   |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 23   | Excision of pigmented naevi, one or more (I.P.)   | No                    | Independent Procedure | Maximum benefit per six months                                    |
| 26   | Excision of sebaceous cyst(s) (single or multiple) (I.P.)   | No                    | Independent Procedure |   |
| 29   | Basal cell carcinoma/ squamous cell carcinoma, simple excision (I.P.)   | No                    | Independent Procedure | Copy of the histology report must available for review on request |
| 47   | Excision of chalazion, papilloma, dermoid or other cyst or lesion, single, involving skin, lid margin, tarsus, and/ or palpebral conjunctiva (I.P.)                   | No                    | Independent Procedure |   |
| 48   | Excision of chalazions, papilloma's, dermoids or other cysts or lesions, one or both eyelids, involving skin, lid margin, tarsus and/ or palpebral conjunctiva (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure |   |
| 53   | Excision of sebaceous cyst(s) of face, single or multiple (I.P.)  | No                    | Independent Procedure |   |
| 59   | Plantar warts, surgical excision, or local application, one or more   | No                    |                       | Per course of treatment on same or different days                 |

## FOREIGN BODY

| CODE | DESCRIPTION                                | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 19   | Foreign body, removal of (I.P.)            | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 32   | Foreign body, removal of, from conjunctiva | No                    |                       |               |
| 33   | Foreign body, removal of, from cornea      | No                    |                       |               |

## GENITALIA

| CODE   | DESCRIPTION   | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES |
|--------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2      | Destruction of lesion(s) by any method, genital/ anal warts (e.g. condyloma, papilloma, molluscum contagiosum, herpetic vesicle) per session (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 6      | Hydrocele, tapping  | No                    |                       |               |
| 255460 | Vasectomy   | No                    |                       |               |
| 598301 | Exploration and removal of implanted contraceptive, requiring the use of ultrasound or other localisation. (I.P.)                                   | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |

## NAIL

| CODE | DESCRIPTION                    | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 36   | Nail, removal of               | No                    |                    |               |
| 37   | Whitlow, incision and drainage | No                    |                    |               |

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| CODE | DESCRIPTION  | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 39   | Partial or complete avulsion of nail plate, simple | No                    |                    |               |
| 58   | Ingrown toe nail, removal of nail and nail bed     | No                    |                    |               |

## VARICOSE VEINS

| CODE | DESCRIPTION                                     | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES  |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 12   | Sclerosing operation on vein(s), one leg (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure | Treatment of Spider/Thread veins and telangiectasia are excluded |
| 13   | Sclerosing operation on veins, both legs (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure | Treatment of Spider/Thread veins and telangiectasia are excluded |

## WOUNDS

| CODE | DESCRIPTION   | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 27   | Wounds and sinuses, curettage of                          | No                    |                    |               |
| 66   | Repair of traumatic wounds with suture or tissue adhesive | No                    |                    |               |

## OTHER G.P. PROCEDURES

| CODE | DESCRIPTION   | PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED | PAYMENT INDICATORS    | PAYMENT RULES |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 3    | Haemorrhoids, injection and/ or banding (I.P.)  | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 17   | Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/ or mucous membrane including simple closure (I.P.) | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 31   | Epistaxis, anterior packing and/ or cautery (I.P.)  | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 38   | Ganglion, removal of, aspiration  | No                    |                       |               |
| 52   | Enucleation of lipoma (I.P.)  | No                    | Independent Procedure |               |
| 68   | Therapeutic phlebotomy for patients with polycythemia rubra vera or haemochromatosis        | No                    |                       |               |
| 70   | Frenectomy (tongue tie)   | No                    |                       |               |