

Ear, Nose & Throat

Schedule of Benefits
for Professional Fees

BRONCHOSCOPY

Code	Description	Payment Rules
1994	Bronchoscopy; diagnostic, flexible with or without one of the following: (a) bronchoalveolar lavage, (b) cell washing or brushing, (c) bronchial biopsy (I.P.)	
1999	Bronchoscopy with laser ablation/ resection of tumour (I.P.)	
2004	Bronchoscopy with transbronchial biopsy of tumour(s), nodule(s) or lymph node(s) with or without fluoroscopic or endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) guidance (includes washing or brushings, if performed) (I.P.)	
2012	Bronchoscopy with or without bronchial biopsy (claimable for patients less than 2 years old) (I.P.)	
2013	Bronchoscopy; rigid, under general anaesthetic (I.P.)	
2014	Bronchoscopy and airway evaluation in patients with suspected (on the basis of severe sleep disturbance) or proven sleep apnoea (I.P.)	
2020	Bronchoscopy with removal of foreign body (includes foreign body removal by rigid endoscopy) (I.P.)	
231652	Bronchoscopy, rigid or flexible including fluoroscopic guidance with EBUS (endobronchial ultrasound) guided transtracheal and/or transbronchial sampling from one or two mediastinal and/ or hilar lymph node stations or structures (I.P.)	
231653	Bronchoscopy, rigid or flexible including fluoroscopic guidance with EBUS (endobronchial ultrasound) guided transtracheal and/or transbronchial sampling from three or more mediastinal and/ or hilar lymph node stations or structures (I.P.)	
941921	Combined bronchoscopy with laser ablation/ resection of tumour and full pulmonary function studies for the diagnosis and assessment of obstructive or restrictive lung disease (I.P.)	

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1665	Atresia of auricle, 2 or 3 stages, correction of (per stage) (I.P.)	
1666	Attico antrostomy, unilateral	
1670	Excision/ repair external ear; soft tissue lesion(s), polyp/ polyps or repair of split ear lobe(s) or other trauma, one or both ears	
1671	Debridement of ear canal and micro inspection of tympanic membrane unilateral or bilateral, requiring the use of an operating microscope and a hospital operating theatre e.g. in chronic otitis media or keratosis obturans (not for routine syringing, cleaning or the removal of impacted cerumen) (I.P.)	
1672	Labyrinthectomy, with or without cryosurgery including other non excisional destructive procedures or perfusion of vestibuloactive drugs, single perfusion, transcanal	
1675	Drainage of external ear, abscess or haematoma	
1680	External auditory canal, excision of tumour	
1685	External auditory canal, removal of exostosis or osteoma	
1686	External auditory canal, reconstruction of (meatoplasty) (e.g. for stenosis due to trauma, infection) (I.P.)	
1690	Facial nerve decompression (in temporal bone)	

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1695	Facial nerve graft (in temporal bone)	
1700	Foreign body, removal from ear, under general anaesthetic (I.P.)	
1701	Labyrinthectomy; transcanal	
1710	Mastoidectomy, radical with or without labyrinthectomy	
1715	Mastoidectomy, simple	
1730	Myringoplasty, surgery confined to drumhead and donor area (not for the removal of myringotomy tubes) (I.P.)	
1735	Myringotomy, unilateral	
1740	Myringotomy, bilateral	
1741	Removal of drain tube(s) under general anaesthetic	
1751	Pinna, total excision	
1752	Pinna, partial excision with flap reconstruction	
1753	Pinna, partial excision and graft	
1755	Preauricular sinus, excision of	
1760	Sacculus endolymphaticus for Meniere's Disease	
1770	Stapedectomy	
1771	Stapedectomy with plastic reconstruction of ossicles	
1785	Myringotomy with insertion of grommet	
1786	Myringotomy, bilateral, with insertion of grommets	
1788	Tympanic membrane repair, with or without site preparation or perforation for closure, with or without patch (not for the removal of myringotomy tubes) (I.P.)	
1790	Tympanoplasty with elevation of tympanomeatal flap (I.P.)	
5980	Combined approach tympanoplasty (with mastoidotomy)	
309012	Debridement of post-mastoidectomy cavity and micro-inspection of tympanic membrane, unilateral and/ or bilateral, in a hospital theatre via microscope	
309021	Transcranial excision of glomus tympanicum tumour (I.P.)	
309022	Transmastoid excision of glomus tympanicum tumour (I.P.)	

LARYNX

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2030	Laryngoscopy, flexible/ rigid under topical anaesthesia (I.P.)	
2031	Laryngoscopy, direct, operative with biopsy (I.P.)	
2032	Laryngoscopy, direct, with or without tracheostomy, with dilatation (I.P.)	
2040	Laryngectomy, all forms including vertical hemi-laryngectomy and tracheostomy	
2050	Laryngofissure, external operation on	
2051	Laryngoplasty, (type 1 thyroplasty) including transcervical placement of an implant (e.g. for burns, reconstruction after partial laryngectomy or post thyroid surgery)	
2053	Aryepiglottoplasty for the management of laryngomalacia in a multi-disciplinary team approach to care for a child under one year of age	
2054	Microsurgery with CO2 laser for the complete removal of laryngeal cancer	
2055	Lateral pharyngotomy	
2056	Microsurgery of larynx with complete removal of benign or malignant lesions (not for biopsy of lesions - code 2031) (I.P.)	
2057	Vocal cord augmentation (injection of teflon)	
2058	Botulinum toxin injections for laryngeal dysphonia	

NOSE AND ACCESSORY SINUSES

Code	Description	Payment Rules
1745	Nostril closure, for atrophic rhinitis	
1800	Epistaxis - anterior packing and/ or cautery (I.P.)	
1805	Epistaxis - posterior packing and/ or cautery (I.P.)	
1810	Epistaxis, anterior ethmoidal and/ or internal maxillary artery ligation (I.P.)	
1815	Foreign body, removal from nose, under general anaesthetic	
1820	Polypectomy, single (I.P.)	
1825	Polypectomy, multiple (I.P.)	
1830	Accessory sinuses, open operations on, unilateral (including Caldwell Luc)	
1840	Accessory sinuses, open operations on, bilateral (including Caldwell Luc)	
1850	Antral biopsy	

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Code	Description	Payment Rules
1855	Antral puncture (antrotomy) and washout unilateral (I.P.)	
1860	Antral puncture (antrotomy) and washout bilateral (I.P.)	
1875	Sinusotomy with or without biopsy, with mucosal stripping or removal of polyp(s)	
1879	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical, with control of nasal haemorrhage, when medically necessary to perform under general anaesthetic (I.P.)	
1880	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical, with antrostomy, unilateral	
1885	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical, with antrostomy, bilateral	
1890	Repair of choanal atresia, intranasal	
1895	Repair of choanal atresia, transpalatine	
1896	Crawford tube insertion, unilateral	
1897	Crawford tube insertion, bilateral	
1900	Ethmoid area, malignant tumour excision	
1904	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy (using an endoscope), diagnostic, unilateral or bilateral (this code is not payable for planned routine follow-ups to any other ENT procedure e.g. for splint, removal, washout, healing check etc.) (I.P.)	
1905	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical with biopsy, polypectomy or removal of diseased mucosa, lesions or debridement (this code is not payable for planned routine follow-ups to any other ENT procedure e.g. for splint, removal, washout, healing check etc.) (I.P.)	
1910	Ethmoidectomy, extranasal, unilateral	
1915	Ethmoidectomy, extranasal, bilateral	
1920	Ethmoidectomy, intranasal, unilateral	
1925	Ethmoidectomy, intranasal, bilateral (includes code 1992)	Includes Code 1992.
1935	External frontal sinus exploration	
1940	External frontal sinus operation for malignant disease	
1945	External rhinotomy, with drainage of ethmoid frontal or maxillary sinuses	
1968	Nasal septum, insertion of prosthetic button	
1969	Plastic repair of nasal septum (complete procedure, includes the removal of splints, washouts. Procedure codes 1904 or 1905 are not payable at a subsequent session) (I.P.)	
1970	Nasal septum, submucous resection of	
1980	Naso pharyngeal tumour, excision of	

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Code	Description	Payment Rules
1985	Oro antral fistula, closure of by means of surgical advancement of mucoperiosteal flap (does not apply for simple suturing or closure of socket immediately following extraction e.g. tooth/teeth) (I.P.)	
1990	Cauterisation and/ or ablation, mucosa of turbinates, unilateral or bilateral, any method, superficial (I.P.)	
1992	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy (partial or total) bilateral	May not be charged in conjunction with code 1993.
1993	Nasal/ sinus endoscopy, surgical with frontal sinus exploration, with or without removal of tissue from frontal sinus, including ethmoidectomy	May not be charged in conjunction with code 1992.
4525	Rhinoplasty (complete procedure, includes the removal of splints, washouts. Procedure codes 1904 or 1905 are not payable at a subsequent session) (I.P.)	
5975	Rhinoplasty, primary, including major septal repair (I.P.)	Complete procedure, includes the removal of splints, washouts. Procedure codes 1904 or 1905 are not payable at a subsequent session.
231260	Plastic repair of nasal septum (complete procedure, includes the removal of splints, washouts) with nasal/ sinus endoscopy and antrostomy (I.P.)	Procedure codes 1904 or 1905 are not payable at a subsequent session.
304010	Surgical nasal/ sinus endoscopy with ethmoidectomy (partial or total), unilateral	

OESOPHAGUS

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2062	Oesophagoscopy, rigid under general anaesthesia, with or without biopsy, with or without dilatation (I.P.)	
2063	Oesophagoscopy with radiofrequency ablation for Barrett's oesophagus with high grade dysplasia	
2070	Oesophagoscopy with removal of foreign body (I.P.)	
2074	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy with oesophageal dilatation and laser therapy	
2079	Oesophagoscopy with multiple injection or banding of oesophageal varices	
2081	Balloon dilatation of the oesophagus (includes endoscopy)	
2132	Tracheoesophageal puncture and insertion of prosthesis	
5840	Oesophageal motility (manometric) studies with or without 24 hour pH recording	
5900	Cricopharyngeal myotomy (I.P.)	

OTHER ENT PROCEDURES

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2096	Drainage and marsupialisation of cyst	
2116	Panendoscopy under general anaesthetic for patients with a biopsy-confirmed diagnosis of cancer to include oral cavity, oro-pharynx, naso-pharynx, hypo-pharynx and larynx, oesophagoscopy, with or without bronchoscopies, initial work-up prior to surgery, radiotherapy or both	

PHARYNX

Code	Description	Payment Rules
1995	Abscess (retropharyngeal), incision and drainage (internal pharyngotomy)	
2085	Pharyngeal pouch or diverticulum, excision of	
2090	Pharyngeal pouch or diverticulum, endoscopic diathermy division	
2100	Pharyngolaryngectomy	
2115	Incision and drainage, abscess; retropharyngeal or parapharyngeal	

PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTS

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2007	Inhalation bronchial challenge with histamine, methacholine, or similar compounds (I.P.)	
2113	Full pulmonary function studies for the diagnosis and assessment of obstructive or restrictive lung disease (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2141	Prolonged post exposure evaluation of bronchospasm after exercise, with multiple spirometric determinations as in 2113 including measurement of thoracic gas volume and expired gas determinations	

SLEEP STUDIES

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2117	Polysomnography, limited sleep study together with initiation of nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea performed during the same admission (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2118	Polysomnography, limited sleep study together with two nasal CPAP titration procedures for sleep apnoea performed during the same admission (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2119	Polysomnography, full study with initiation of nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea together with a second nasal CPAP titration procedure performed for sleep apnoea during the same admission (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2121	Polysomnography, full study with Multiple Sleep Latency testing (MSLT) or maintenance of wakefulness, testing, recording, analysis and interpretation of physiological measurements of sleep during multiple trials to assess sleepiness during the same admission (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2122	Initial nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea together with a second nasal CPAP titration procedure performed for sleep apnoea during the same admission (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
2139	Polysomnography, full study	
2142	Polysomnography, limited sleep study	

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Code	Description	Payment Rules
2143	Polysomnography, full study with initiation of nasal continuous airway pressure (CPAP) titration for sleep apnoea (I.P.)	
2144	Nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea (I.P.)	
2148	Multiple Sleep Latency Testing (MSLT) or maintenance of wakefulness testing, recording, analysis and interpretation of physiological measurements of sleep during multiple trials to assess sleepiness	
2157	Sleep study, simultaneous recording of ventilation, respiratory effort, ECG or heart rate and oxygen saturation, unattended by a technologist (I.P.)	
292144	Nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.

SLEEP STUDIES - HOME BASED

Code	Description	Payment Rules
292116	Home based, initiation of CPAP / non invasive ventilation (NIV) incorporating patient education and the use of telemonitoring system	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
292117	Polysomnography, home based, limited sleep study together with initiation of nasal CPAP titration for sleep apnoea (I.P.)	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
292142	Polysomnography, home based, limited sleep study	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.
292143	Polysomnography, home based, limited sleep study including the supply and use of an approved clinical Sleep Apnoea measurement device	Your consultant knows that there are certain medical criteria that must be met when having this procedure in order for it to be covered under your plan. We urge you to discuss these directly with your consultant.

TONSILS

Code	Description	Payment Rules
2125	Tonsils and/ or adenoids (adults and children over 12), removal of	
2130	Tonsils and/ or adenoids (children under 12 years), removal of	
2131	Tonsils or tonsils and adenoids, secondary surgical intervention for the arrest of haemorrhage requiring general anaesthetic, following the first operation	