

(effective 1st May 2003)

Any surgical procedure performed which is not listed in the Schedule of Operations is subject to negotiation between the treating Surgeon and our Claims Service. If no agreement can be reached, the matter shall be referred to an independent third party, being a Surgeon / Medical Practitioner, whose decision shall be final.



	Classification
<b>Abdomen</b>	
Appendectomy	Major
Removal of or other <b>Operation</b> on gall bladder	Complex
Gastro enterostomy	Complex
Resection of stomach (partial), bowel or rectum	Complex
Excision of Rectum - combined synchronous	Complex
Oesophagogastrostomy	Complex
Any <b>Operation</b> on the Pancreas	Complex
Total Gastrectomy	Complex
<b>Abscesses - See Tumours</b>	
<b>Amputations</b>	
Thigh, Leg	Complex
Upper arm, forearm, entire hand or foot	Major
Fingers or toes	
Fewer than three	Minor
Three or more	Major
<b>Arteries and Veins</b>	
Any <b>Operation</b> on the Aorta or Iliac Arteries	Complex
Portocaval Anastomosis	Complex
Splenorenal Anastomosis	Complex
<b>Biliary Tract</b>	
Hepaticoduodenostomy	Complex
Partial Hepatectomy or Resection	Complex
<b>Breast</b>	
Removal of benign tumour or cyst	Major
Simple amputation	Complex
Radical amputation	Complex
<b>Chest</b>	
Complete thoracoplasty, transthoracic approach to stomach, diaphragm, esophagus, sympathectomy or laryngectomy	Complex
Removal of whole lung	Complex
Portion of lung	Major
Bronchoscopy, esophagoscopy	Minor
Induction of artificial pneumothorax, initial refills each (not more than 12)	Minor

## CYSTS - see Tumours

### Dislocation, Reduction of

Hip, vertebra, ankle joint, elbow or knee joint (patella excepted)	Minor
Shoulder	Minor
Lower jaw, collar bone, wrist or patella	Minor
Any dislocation involving an open Operation	Major

### Excision or Fixation by Cutting

Shoulder joint, Hip joint	Complex
Knee joint, semilunar cartilage, elbow, wrist or ankle joint	Major
Removal of disease portion of bone, including curettage (alveolar processes excepted)	Major

### Ear, Nose or Throat

Fenestration, one or both sides	Complex
Mastoidectomy, one or both sides, simple	Complex
Mastoidectomy, one or both sides, radical	Complex
Tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, or both	Major
Sinus Operation by cutting (puncture of antrum excepted)	Major
Submucous resection of nasal septum	Minor
Tracheotomy	Major
Any Operation on the Inner Ear	Complex
Open Operation on the Larynx or Pharynx	Complex

### Eye

Operation of detached retina	Complex
Cataract, removal of	Major
Any other cutting Operation into the eyeball (through the cornea of sclera) or cutting Operation on eye muscles	Major
Removal of eyeball	Major

### Fracture, Treatment of

Thigh, vertebra or vertebrae, pelvis (coccyx excepted)	Major
Leg, Kneecap, upper arm, ankle (Potts)	Minor
Lower jaw (alveolar process excepted), collar bone, shoulder blade, forearm, wrist (Colles), skull	Minor
Hand, foot	Minor
Fingers or toes, each	Minor
Nose	Minor
Rib or ribs	Minor

#### Note:

In the case of a compound fracture, or an open Operation, the classification will be upgraded from Minor to Major as the case may be.

## Genito-Urinary Tract

Removal of, or cutting into, kidney	Complex
Fixation of kidney	Complex
Removal of tumours or stones in ureters or bladder by cutting <b>Operation</b>	Complex
by endoscopic means	Minor
by extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy	Major
cystoscopy	Minor
Removal of prostate by open <b>Operation</b>	Complex
Removal of prostate by endoscopic means	Complex
Circumcision	Minor
Varicocele, hydrocele, orchidectomy or epididymectomy	
Single	Major
Bilateral	Major
Hysterectomy	Complex
Other cutting <b>Operations</b> on uterus and its appendages with abdominal approach	Complex
Cervix amputation	Complex
Dilatation and curettage (non-puerperal), cervix cauterisation or conisation, polypectomy, or any combination of these	Minor
Vaginal plastic, <b>Operation</b> for cystocele or rectoral	Major
Total Cystectomy	Complex

## Goitre

Removal of thyroid, subtotal	Major
Removal of adenoma or benign tumour of thyroid	Major
Thyroidectomy, total	Complex

## Hernia

Herniorrhaphy for	
Single hernia	Major
More than one hernia	Complex

## Joint

Incision into, tapping excepted	Minor
Arthroscopic excision of joint structure	Major

## Ligaments and Tendons

Cutting or transplant	
Single	Major
Multiple	Complex
Suturing of tendon	
Single	Minor
Multiple	Major

## Paracentesis

Tapping	Minor
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## Pilonidal Cyst or Sinus

Removal of

Major

## Rectum

Haemorrhoidectomy, external

Major

Internal or internal and external

Major

Cutting **Operation** for fissure

Minor

Cutting **Operation** for thrombosed hemorrhoids

Minor

Cutting **Operation** for fistula in ano, single

Major

Multiple

Major

Injections (complete procedure)

Major

## Skull

Cutting into cranial cavity (trephine excepted)

Complex

Trephine

Major

Any **Operation** on Brain and Meninges

Complex

## Spine or Spinal Cord

**Operation** for spinal cord tumour

Complex

**Operation** with removal of portion of vertebra or vertebrae  
(except coccyx, transverse of spinose process)

Complex

Removal of part or all of coccyx, or of transverse or spinose process

Complex

Any **Operation** on spinal cord or spinal Meninges

Complex

Rhizotomy

Complex

## Tumors

Benign or superficial tumours and cysts or abscesses

Minor

Malignant tumours of face, lip or skin

Complex

## Varicose Veins

Injection **Treatment**, complete procedure, one or both legs

Minor

Cutting **Operation**, complete procedure, one leg  
both legs

Complex

Complex