

# Minor Procedures

Schedule of Benefits  
for Professional Fees

ARTERIES/ VEINS								
CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	Participating Rate - Hospital Admission	Standard Rate - Hospital Admission	Participating Anaesthetist Rate	Standard Anaesthetist Rate
304334	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; major joint or bursa (e.g. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa) including ultrasound guidance (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 110.00	€ 65.00		

ARTHROCENTESIS								
CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	Participating Rate - Hospital Admission	Standard Rate - Hospital Admission	Participating Anaesthetist Rate	Standard Anaesthetist Rate
4210	Plantar warts, complete surgical excision, one or more (not local application, cryotherapy or curettage etc.)	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 47.09	€ 60.00		
4332	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; small joint, bursa or ganglion cyst (e.g. fingers, toes) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 83.72	€ 65.00		
4333	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, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 83.72	€ 65.00		
170555	Multiple stage surgical excision of benign lesion for congenital naevi (includes sebaceous cysts) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 209.30	€ 130.00	€ 179.40	€ 100.00
174334	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; major joint or bursa (e.g. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa) (I.P.) - 2 aspirations / injections in same episode	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 120.35	€ 68.00		
174335	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; major joint or bursa (e.g. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa) (I.P.) - 3 or more aspirations / injections in same episode	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 151.74	€ 68.00		
304332	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; small joint, bursa or ganglion cyst (e.g. fingers, toes) , including ultrasound guidance (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 110.00	€ 65.00		
304333	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; intermediate joint, bursa or ganglion cyst (e.g. temporomandibular acromioclavicular, wrist, elbow or ankle, olecranon bursa) including ultrasound guidance (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 110.00	€ 65.00		

BIOPSY								
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1505	Abscess, cyst or tumour, aspiration of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 57.56	€ 45.00	€ 198.06	€ 105.00

BLOOD AND LYMPHATICS								
CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	Participating Rate - Hospital Admission	Standard Rate - Hospital Admission	Participating Anaesthetist Rate	Standard Anaesthetist Rate
1602	Wounds from 2.6 cm to 7.5 cm in total length, suture or staple of lacerated or torn tissue, single or multi layered closure with or without irrigation or debridement (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee Benefit includes wound closure by tissue adhesives (e.g. two-cyanoacrylate) either singly or in combination with sutures or staples or in combination with adhesive strips Wound closures utilising adhesive strips as the sole repair material may only be claimed under ILH out-patient benefit	€ 109.88	€ 65.00	€ 187.09	€ 105.00

ENT								
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1641	Therapeutic phlebotomy, by the consultant physician or under the consultant physician supervision, includes appropriate advice to the patient as necessary, including file report or report to the referring doctor.	No	Side Room	Where these procedures are done in an out-patient setting there is an enhanced surgeon fee - see minor procedures schedule	€ 73.26	€ 45.00		

EXCISIONS								
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405	Destruction of lesion(s) by any method, genital/ anal warts (e.g. condyloma, papilloma, molluscum contagiosum, herpetic vesicle) where performed under general anaesthetic in an Irish Life Health approved hospital (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 88.95	€ 70.00	€ 193.31	€ 110.00

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1509	Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/ or mucous membrane, any method (e.g. punch, incision or shave), including simple closure; single lesion (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room, Diagnostic	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 88.95	€ 65.00		
1516	Destruction by cryotherapy of actinic keratosis or warts other than plantar warts with or without surgical curettement, one lesion (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Note: Repeat visits for lesion removal will not be paid at the one lesion rate. A claim should only be made at the end of a course of treatment. A visit is considered a repeat visit if it is 60 days or less from date of previous treatment Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 57.56	€ 50.00		
1517	Destruction by cryosurgery of actinic keratosis or warts other than plantar warts with or without surgical curettement, two to fourteen lesions (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Note: Repeat visits for lesion removal will not be paid at the one lesion rate. A claim should only be made at the end of a course of treatment. A visit is considered a repeat visit if it is 60 days or less from date of previous treatment Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 78.49	€ 65.00		
1525	Foreign body, removal of	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 109.88	€ 90.00		
1540	Skin abscess, (superficial) incision and drainage of (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 94.19	€ 70.00	€ 204.67	€ 105.00
1546	Enucleation or excision of lipoma	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 141.28	€ 70.00	€ 252.22	€ 105.00
1552	Surgical excision of benign lesion or lesions from body other than face, ear, neck and/ or genitalia (includes sebaceous cysts) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee Any subsequent claims for lesion removal at or near the originating site within 120 days will not be paid  Where a second procedure is performed on day of initial procedure then 75% of second procedure will be paid to consultant only, even if undertaken in a hospital setting (i.e. no technical fee will apply)	€ 141.28	€ 100.00	€ 216.05	€ 100.00

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1554	Surgical excision of benign lesion or lesions of face, neck, ear or genitalia (includes sebaceous cysts) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	<p>Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee</p> <p>Any subsequent claims for lesion removal at or near the originating site within 120 days will not be paid</p> <p>Where a second procedure is performed on day of initial procedure then 75% of second procedure will be paid to consultant only, even if undertaken in a hospital setting (i.e. no technical fee will apply)</p>	€ 230.23	€ 130.00	€ 207.78	€ 100.00
1575	Basal cell carcinoma/ squamous cell carcinoma/ non melanoma - simple excision	No	Side Room	A copy of the histology report for all claims for this procedure must be included with the claim	€ 326.10	€ 136.00	€ 188.32	€ 88.00
4160	Excision of nail and nail matrix, partial or complete (e.g. ingrown or deformed nail), for permanent removal	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 156.98	€ 85.00		
4334	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/ or injection; major joint or bursa (e.g. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 83.72	€ 65.00		
49371	Excision of benign or malignant lesion(s), any area; adjacent tissue transfers or rearrangement, 4 sq. cm or less (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	<p>Procedure codes 4937, 4938, 4939, 4941, 4942, 4943 and 4946 are only payable to consultant Plastic Surgeons and the following notes apply:</p> <p>(a) Payable for: Z-plasty, W-plasty, V-Y plasty, local flap, transposition flap, distant flap rotation flap, random island flap, advancement flap</p> <p>(b) Undermining of adjacent tissue to achieve closure, without additional incisions, does not constitute adjacent tissue transfer</p> <p>(c) Skin grafting where necessary to close secondary defect is considered an additional procedure, refer to codes 4942, 4943 and 4946</p> <p>This is applicable to consultants with relevant specialist training in this area and registered as such with Irish Life Health</p> <p>Where these procedures are done in an out-patient setting there is an enhanced surgeon fee - see Minor Procedure Schedule</p>	€ 141.28	€ 70.00		

NAIL								
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2520	Conjunctival wounds, repair	No	Day Care	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 183.14	€ 92.00	€ 305.53	€ 105.00
3120	Nail, removal of	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 62.79	€ 46.00	€ 211.62	€ 105.00

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3155	Whitlow, incision and drainage	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 62.79	€ 46.00			
4155	Avulsion of nail plate, partial or complete, simple	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 68.02	€ 45.00			

OPHTHALMOLOGY									
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1800	Epistaxis - anterior packing and/ or cautery (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 141.28	€ 92.00	€ 235.68	€ 48.00	
2505	Foreign body, removal of, from conjunctiva	No	Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee	€ 88.95	€ 70.00	€ 193.31	€ 110.00	

WOUNDS									
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1601	Wounds up to 2.5 cm in total length, suture or staple of lacerated or torn tissue, single or multi layered closure with or without irrigation or debridement (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure, Side Room	Where this procedure is done in a setting which does not require hospital admission, the Participating Benefit - No Hospital Admission applies. This benefit covers both the professional and the facility fee Benefit includes wound closure by tissue adhesives (e.g. two-cyanoacrylate) either singly or in combination with sutures or staples or in combination with adhesive strips Wound closures utilising adhesive strips as the sole repair material may only be claimed under ILH out-patient benefit	€ 109.88	€ 65.00			