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**Schedule  
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**Neurosurgery**

## CONSULTATIONS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5691	Consultant plastic surgeon, cranio facialplasty, including the correction of craniosynostoses and facial synostoses	No			€ 1,637.47	€ 636.00	€ 839.65	€ 283.00		
5692	Consultant neurosurgeon, neurosurgical involvement with cranio facialplasty	No			€ 1,095.88	€ 455.00				
647010	"Co-surgery benefit for two surgeons who perform neuroendoscopy, intracranial; with excision of pituitary tumour, transnasal or transsphenoidal approach (I.P.) - Neurosurgeons benefit"	No	Independent Procedure	Claimable by second surgeon assisting in procedure	€ 1,034.53	€ 684.00	€ 784.59	€ 543.00		
647011	"Co-surgery benefit for two surgeons who perform spinal surgery (I.P.) - ENT Surgeons benefit"	Yes	Independent Procedure	Claimable by second surgeon assisting in procedure	€ 1,034.53	€ 684.00	€ 784.59	€ 543.00		

## ARTERIES / VEINS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5290	Clipping aneurysm, anterior circulation (open procedure)	No			€ 3,617.68	€ 773.00	€ 1,856.12	€ 331.00		
5292	Detachable balloon occlusion of carotico cavernous aneurysms and fistulae	No			€ 2,174.84	€ 455.00	€ 1,107.53	€ 136.00		
5713	Contra-lateral carotid and vertebral angiography performed at the same session as procedure codes 5711 or 5712 above (benefit shown is payable in full with the code for the main procedure)	No		Benefit is payable in full when performed with code 5711 or 5712 Benefit shown is payable in full with the code for the main procedure	€ 513.03	€ 209.00	€ 354.71	€ 146.00	€ 509.74	€ 209.00
5779	Arteriovenous malformation, simple (< Spetzler 3)	No			€ 2,198.11	€ 1,135.00	€ 1,125.53	€ 639.00		
5781	Arteriovenous malformation, complex (> Spetzler 3)	No			€ 4,411.03	€ 2,276.00	€ 2,262.71	€ 1,282.00		
5782	Dural arteriovenous malformation	No			€ 2,098.68	€ 1,083.00	€ 1,096.94	€ 621.00		
5783	Clipping aneurysm, posterior circulation (open procedure)	No			€ 3,463.24	€ 1,788.00	€ 1,776.71	€ 1,006.00		
5784	Anastomosis, arterial, extracranial-intracranial (e.g. middle cerebral/ cortical) arteries	No			€ 2,602.19	€ 1,342.00	€ 1,336.24	€ 754.00		

## BURR HOLES

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5490	Burr hole for excavation and/ or drainage of subdural haematoma	No			€ 729.88	€ 455.00	€ 370.59	€ 117.00		
5645	Burr hole(s) for brain biopsy/ abscess tapping	No	Diagnostic		€ 1,237.07	€ 227.00	€ 644.82	€ 117.00		
5650	Burr hole for ventricular puncture or intensive care monitoring (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ 408.90	€ 253.00	€ 183.18	€ 117.00		

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5706	Twist drill, burr hole, craniotomy or craniectomy with stereotactic implantation of neurostimulator electrode array in subcortical site (e.g. thalamus, globus pallidus, subthalamic, nucleus, periventricular, periaqueductal gray), without use of intraoperative microelectrode recording	No			€ 1,358.22	€ 700.00	€ 822.71	€ 465.00		
5707	Twist drill, burr hole, craniotomy or craniectomy with stereotactic implantation of neurostimulator electrode array in subcortical site (e.g. thalamus, globus pallidus, subthalamic, nucleus, periventricular, periaqueductal gray), with use of intraoperative microelectrode recording	No			€ 2,242.54	€ 1,155.00	€ 1,354.24	€ 766.00		
5744	Burr hole(s) for brain biopsy/ abscess tapping/ implanting ventricular catheter, reservoir, EEG electrode(s) or pressure recording device	No			€ 1,677.67	€ 864.00	€ 856.59	€ 486.00		

## CRANIECTOMY

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5295	Craniectomy or craniotomy for cerebellar haematoma	No			€ 1,979.14	€ 773.00	€ 1,016.47	€ 331.00		
5320	Craniectomy for excision of brain tumour, supratentorial	No			€ 2,037.32	€ 546.00	€ 1,045.06	€ 331.00		
5365	Craniectomy for meningioma, supratentorial	No			€ 2,510.16	€ 546.00	€ 1,290.71	€ 283.00		
5410	Craniectomy or craniotomy for intracerebral haematoma	No			€ 1,785.57	€ 500.00	€ 913.77	€ 225.00		
5420	Craniectomy or craniotomy for abscess	No			€ 1,831.05	€ 500.00	€ 942.35	€ 225.00		
5470	Craniotomy for removal of pituitary tumour or to resect a portion of gland	No			€ 2,242.54	€ 683.00	€ 1,147.77	€ 225.00		
5751	Craniectomy for foramen magnum decompression (A-C; syringo)	No			€ 2,134.64	€ 1,100.00	€ 1,096.94	€ 620.00		
5752	Craniectomy for nerve section/ decompression	No			€ 2,032.03	€ 1,048.00	€ 1,045.06	€ 591.00		
5753	Craniectomy for bone tumour, supratentorial	No			€ 1,284.17	€ 662.00	€ 656.47	€ 372.00		
5754	Craniectomy for excision of brain tumour, infratentorial	No			€ 2,670.95	€ 1,379.00	€ 1,371.18	€ 774.00		
5757	Craniectomy for meningioma, infratentorial	No			€ 2,961.84	€ 1,528.00	€ 1,519.41	€ 860.00		
5758	Craniectomy for cerebellopontine angle tumour (includes acoustic neuroma)	No			€ 3,925.50	€ 2,025.00	€ 2,016.00	€ 1,141.00		
5759	Craniectomy for midline skull base tumour	No			€ 3,183.98	€ 1,642.00	€ 1,633.77	€ 924.00		
5768	Craniectomy for excision/ fenestration cyst	No			€ 1,997.13	€ 1,029.00	€ 1,021.77	€ 580.00		
5774	Craniectomy for repair of skull base, encephalocoele	No			€ 1,546.50	€ 796.00	€ 805.77	€ 456.00		

## CRANIECTOMY/ CRANIOTOMY

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5747	Craniectomy or craniotomy, exploratory, supratentorial (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ 1,568.72	€ 811.00	€ 805.77	€ 456.00		
5748	Craniectomy or craniotomy, exploratory, infratentorial (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ 1,906.16	€ 983.00	€ 994.24	€ 563.00		
5749	Craniectomy or craniotomy for extra/ subdural haematoma	No			€ 1,758.06	€ 908.00	€ 903.18	€ 509.00		

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5376	Craniotomy for excision epileptic focus	No			€ 1,501.02	€ 728.00	€ 782.47	€ 283.00		
5377	Craniotomy for lobectomy (epilepsy) with electrocorticography during surgery (includes removal of electrode array)	No			€ 2,545.07	€ 921.00	€ 1,308.71	€ 283.00		
5378	Craniotomy with elevation of bone flap (for intractable epileptic seizures); for lobectomy, temporal, temporal lobe, without electrocorticography during surgery	No			€ 2,602.19	€ 1,399.00	€ 1,548.00	€ 876.00		
5379	Craniotomy with elevation of bone flap (to treat intractable mesial temporal lobe epilepsy); for selective amygdalohippocampectomy	No			€ 2,316.58	€ 1,244.00	€ 1,376.47	€ 779.00		
5764	Craniotomy with elevation of bone flap; for subdural implantation of an electrode array, for long term seizure monitoring	No			€ 1,408.99	€ 728.00	€ 736.94	€ 418.00		
5766	Craniotomy with elevation of bone flap; for removal of epidural or subdural electrode array, without excision of cerebral tissue	No			€ 832.49	€ 430.00	€ 434.12	€ 247.00		
5767	Craniotomy for transection of corpus callosum	No			€ 2,064.83	€ 1,066.00	€ 1,080.00	€ 609.00		
5769	Craniotomy for excision of craniopharyngioma (complete removal)	No			€ 3,138.49	€ 1,618.00	€ 1,610.47	€ 910.00		
5776	Craniofacial approach to anterior cranial fossa; intradural, including unilateral or bifrontal craniotomy, elevation or resection of frontal lobe, osteotomy of base of anterior cranial fossa	No			€ 2,590.55	€ 1,337.00	€ 1,330.94	€ 752.00		

## SHUNTS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5520	Shunt insertion	No			€ 924.52	€ 364.00	€ 473.29	€ 117.00		
5525	Shunt revision	No			€ 754.21	€ 364.00	€ 388.59	€ 117.00		
5796	Shunt removal	No			€ 472.84	€ 244.00	€ 239.29	€ 139.00		

## SYMPATHECTOMY

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5761	Cervical sympathectomy, unilateral	No			€ 918.17	€ 409.00	€ 543.18	€ 117.00		
5762	Cervical sympathectomy, bilateral	No			€ 1,073.67	€ 477.00	€ 811.06	€ 117.00		
5765	Lumbar sympathectomy, unilateral	No			€ 918.17	€ 409.00	€ 462.71	€ 88.00		
5770	Lumbar sympathectomy, bilateral	No			€ 1,073.67	€ 477.00	€ 480.71	€ 117.00		

## OTHER NEUROSURGICAL PROCEDURES

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED	PAYMENT INDICATORS	PAYMENT RULES	PARTICIPATING CONSULTANT RATE	STANDARD CONSULTANT RATE	PARTICIPATING ANAESTHETIST RATE	STANDARD ANAESTHETIST RATE	PARTICIPATING RADIOLOGIST RATE	STANDARD RADIOLOGIST RATE
5325	Penetrating brain injury with removal foreign body	No			€ 1,888.17	€ 592.00	€ 970.94	€ 225.00		
5370	CSF leak repair via craniectomy or nasal endoscopy (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ 1,575.06	€ 592.00	€ 811.06	€ 117.00		
5400	Hemispherectomy	No			€ 2,220.32	€ 728.00	€ 1,159.41	€ 283.00		
5484	Stereotactic computer assisted volumetric intracranial procedure	No		Payable in full with main benefit	€ 290.90	€ 113.00				
5590	Intracranial sensory root division (trigeminal)	No			€ 1,220.99	€ 546.00	€ 747.27	€ 283.00		
5665	Elevation depressed skull fracture	No			€ 1,136.40	€ 364.00	€ 605.65	€ 166.00		
5690	Excision of osteoma calvarium	No	Day Care		€ 1,020.78	€ 455.00	€ 543.18	€ 117.00		
5693	Skull bone grafting to facial skeleton	No			€ 970.00	€ 432.00	€ 543.18	€ 117.00		
5695	Repair of platybasia	No			€ 2,099.73	€ 455.00	€ 1,011.18	€ 570.00		
5708	Revision or removal of intracranial neurostimulator electrodes	No			€ 450.62	€ 231.00	€ 274.24	€ 155.00		
5711	Percutaneous transcatheter occlusion or embolisation of tumour, acute haemorrhage, vascular malformation or aneurysm includes angioplasty, stenting or clot extraction from any vessel(s) external or internal carotid or vertebral arteries including distal branches; includes angiographic evaluation before, during and after the procedure, at the same session	No		Code 5711 is not claimable with Code 5712	€ 2,545.07	€ 1,035.00	€ 1,513.06	€ 621.00	€ 2,527.65	€ 1,035.00
5712	Percutaneous transcatheter occlusion or embolisation of tumour, acute haemorrhage, vascular malformation or aneurysm includes angioplasty, stenting or clot extraction from any vessel(s) external or internal carotid or vertebral arteries including distal branches; including any combination of more than one of the following: microcatheter, balloon catheter; stent catheter or clot retrieval device required for complex embolisation; includes angiographic evaluation before, during and after the procedure, at the same session	No		Code 5712 is not claimable with Code 5711	€ 3,098.30	€ 1,260.00	€ 1,844.47	€ 756.00	€ 3,077.41	€ 1,260.00
5725	Anomalies of cord vascular, operation for	No			€ 2,168.49	€ 773.00	€ 942.35	€ 225.00		
5741	Intraoperative neurophysiology testing by a consultant Neurophysiologist to monitor motor evoked potentials/ sensory evoked potentials of the spinal cord during spinal surgery	No			€ 633.62	€ 340.00				
5743	Botulinum toxin injection for treatment of cervical dystonia	No	Side Room		€ 142.80	€ 72.00				

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5756	Intrathecal cytotoxic chemotherapy infusion	No	Side Room		€ €359.65	€ €160.00	€ €183.18	€ €53.00		
5763	Exploration of the brachial plexus with removal of tumours	No			€ €1,334.94	€ €592.00	€ €674.47	€ €225.00		
5771	Nerve root tumours, transthoracic or abdominal removal	No			€ €1,020.78	€ €455.00	€ €770.82	€ €225.00		
5772	Single surgeon transnasal or transseptal approach to remove a pituitary tumour or resect a portion of gland (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ €1,541.21	€ €796.00	€ €787.77	€ €449.00		
5773	Repair of encephalocele, skull vault, including cranioplasty	No			€ €1,672.38	€ €863.00	€ €856.59	€ €485.00		
5777	Infratemporal post-auricular approach to middle cranial fossa (internal auditory meatus, petrous apex, tentorium, cavernous sinus, parasellar area, infratemporal fossa) including mastoidectomy, resection of sigmoid sinus with or without decompression and/ or mobilization of contents of auditory canal or petrous carotid artery	No			€ €3,126.86	€ €1,613.00	€ €1,605.18	€ €907.00		
5778	Trans cochlear approach to posterior cranial fossa, jugular foramen or midline skull base, including labyrinthectomy, decompression, with or without mobilization of facial nerve and/ or petrous carotid artery	No			€ €2,550.36	€ €1,316.00	€ €1,308.71	€ €740.00		
5786	Stereotactic lesioning (functional)	No			€ €1,197.43	€ €620.00	€ €617.29	€ €349.00		
5787	Stereotactic biopsy (CT or MRI targeted)	No			€ €1,260.90	€ €650.00	€ €644.82	€ €366.00		
5788	Cranioplasty for skull defect (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ €970.00	€ €499.00	€ €491.29	€ €279.00		
5789	Transoral approach to skull base, brain stem or upper spinal cord for biopsy, decompression or excision of lesion (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ €2,459.39	€ €1,269.00	€ €1,285.41	€ €727.00		
5791	Orbitocranial approach to anterior cranial fossa, extradural, including supraorbital ridge osteotomy and elevation of frontal and/ or temporal lobe(s) (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ €2,481.60	€ €1,280.00	€ €1,296.00	€ €734.00		
5792	Transtemporal approach to posterior cranial fossa, jugular foramen or midline skull base, including mastoidectomy, decompression of sigmoid sinus and/ or facial nerve (I.P.)	No	Independent Procedure		€ €2,116.66	€ €1,092.00	€ €1,085.30	€ €615.00		
5797	Endoscopic third ventriculostomy or cyst fenestration	No			€ €1,312.73	€ €677.00	€ €674.47	€ €380.00		