



Specialist Plastic Surgeons' Guide to the Orthopaedic Section of the MBS

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What is this Guide

This Guide has been developed for Specialist Plastic Surgeons who conduct procedures that are listed within the "Orthopaedic Surgery" section of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS). The items concerned are mainly hand surgery items but additional surgeries such as bone grafts are also listed. Only procedures which are likely to be carried out by Specialist Plastic Surgeons have been included in this guide, but any Specialist can use an item from any section in the MBS unless it is specifically reserved for a named specialty, so the absence of an item from this guide does not mean you are not able to use the item.

The Guide sets out the new suite of item numbers effective 1 July 2021, considered by the Orthopaedic Surgery Clinical Committee of the MBS Review Taskforce. MBS item numbers, fees, item descriptors and associated Explanatory Notes are listed under relevant subsections.

The MBS items listed are accurate as at 1 July 2021 as published on the [MBS Online](#) website. Guide users are reminded that minor amendments can be made to the MBS without notice. Given this is a standalone document, ASPS aims to update this Guide as required. As such, please feel free to email us with any suggested amendments or revisions as you discover them.

Amendment suggestions can be emailed to MBS@plasticsurgery.org.au.

How to use this Guide

This is a guide only. Please continue to check the MBS Online when generating invoices or quotes as minor changes may be made that are not captured in this document version.

- **Plastics items not included.** This guide does not contain associated items considered by the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Clinical Committee of the MBS Review Taskforce as these items are not yet finalised and are not due for implementation until 1 November 2022.
- **New and Amended items.** Where an item number has changed or been amended from its pre-Taskforce version, or is a new item number, this is noted in the first column in **red text**. A change in fees only has not been marked.
- **Deleted items.** A full list of deleted item numbers is provided at the end of the Guide.

General themes and changes

The MBS Review promoted a notion of a "complete procedure" where possible and so some item numbers have been designed so that only one item number is needed for a surgical procedure. Although it was decided that for hand surgery, in particular, it was not possible to have a "3 item rule", as was imposed in other specialty areas, the Department of Health has committed to scrutinising areas where there seem to be an excessive number of items claimed per procedure, and will be performing provider by provider analyses.

Trauma and Elective. In the Orthopaedic Surgery Clinical Committee there was a decision to separate out elective from trauma items. This means that in general, it is not possible to claim both trauma items and elective items in the same procedure. This is a major change for the items in this section of the schedule.

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HAND AND WRIST – ELECTIVE

AMPUTATIONS

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| Amend | 44325 | Amputation of hand, transcarpal (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$307.70 Benefit: 75% = \$230.80 |
| Amend | 44328 | Amputation of hand, proximal to wrist radiocarpal joint, through forearm (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$370.80 Benefit: 75% = \$278.10 |
| Amend | 46464 | Amputation of a supernumerary complete digit of hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$234.85 Benefit: 75% = \$176.15 |
| Amend | 46465 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$234.85 Benefit: 75% = \$176.15 |
| Amend | 46468 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —2 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$410.85 Benefit: 75% = \$308.15 |
| Amend | 46471 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps |

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| | | —3 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$586.90 Benefit: 75% = \$440.20 |
| Amend | 46474 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —4 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$763.10 Benefit: 75% = \$572.35 |
| Amend | 46477 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —5 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$939.15 Benefit: 75% = \$704.40 |
| Amend | 46480 | Amputation of ray of hand, proximal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) recontouring; (c) resection of bone; (d) skin cover with local flaps —one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.35 Benefit: 75% = \$293.55 |
| Amend | 46483 | Revision of amputation stump of hand to provide adequate cover, including any of the following (if performed): (a) bone shortening; (b) excision of nail bed remnants; (c) excision of neuroma (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$313.00 Benefit: 75% = \$234.75 |
| Amend | 50396 | Amputation of congenital abnormalities or duplication of digits of the hand or foot, including any of the following (if performed): |

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| | | (a) splitting of phalanx or phalanges; (b) ligament reconstruction; (c) joint reconstruction (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$483.40 Benefit: 75% = \$362.55 |
| Amend | 50399 | Forearm, radial aplasia or dysplasia (radial club hand), centralisation or radialisation of (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$959.40 Benefit: 75% = \$719.55 |

BONE PROCEDURES

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| Amend | 46399 | Osteotomy of phalanx or metacarpal of hand, with internal fixation—one bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$538.80 Benefit: 75% = \$404.10 |
| Amend | 46401 | Operative treatment of non-union of phalanx or metacarpal of hand, including internal fixation (if performed) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$432.45 Benefit: 75% = \$324.35 85% = \$367.60 |
| New | 46493 | Resection of boss of metacarpal base of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) excision of ganglion; (b) synovectomy (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$342.90 Benefit: 75% = \$257.20 85% = \$291.50 |

DUPUYTREN DISEASE

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| Amend | 46370 | Percutaneous fasciotomy for Dupuytren's contracture, by needle or chemical method, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) immediate or delayed manipulation; (b) local or regional nerve block; —one ray (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$133.10 Benefit: 75% = \$99.85 85% = \$113.15 |
| Amend | 46372 | Fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture, including dissection of nerves (if performed)—one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$445.25 Benefit: 75% = \$333.95 |
| Amend | 46375 | Fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture, including dissection of nerves (if performed)—2 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |

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| | | Fee: \$528.25 Benefit: 75% = \$396.20 |
| Amend | 46378 | Fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture, including dissection of nerves (if performed)—3 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$704.40 Benefit: 75% = \$528.30 |
| New | 46379 | Fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture, including dissection of nerves (if performed)—4 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$887.40 Benefit: 75% = \$665.55 |
| New | 46380 | Fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture, including dissection of nerves (if performed)—5 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,118.05 Benefit: 75% = \$838.55 |
| Amend | 46381 | Release of interphalangeal joint of hand, by open procedure, when performed in conjunction with an operation for Dupuytren's contracture—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$313.00 Benefit: 75% = \$234.75 |
| Amend | 46384 | Z-plasty or similar local flap procedure, when performed in conjunction with an operation for Dupuytren's contracture, including raising, transfer in-setting and suturing of both components (flaps)—one Z-plasty or local flap procedure (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$313.00 Benefit: 75% = \$234.75 |
| Amend | 46387 | Fasciectomy for recurrence of Dupuytren's contracture, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) dissection of nerves; (b) neurolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$645.75 Benefit: 75% = \$484.35 |
| Amend | 46390 | Fasciectomy for recurrence of Dupuytren's contracture, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) dissection of nerves; (b) neurolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—2 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$861.05 Benefit: 75% = \$645.80 |
| Amend | 46393 | Fasciectomy for recurrence of Dupuytren's contracture, including either or both of the following (if performed): |

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| | | <p>(a) dissection of nerves;</p> <p>(b) neurolysis;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—3 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$997.85 Benefit: 75% = \$748.40</p> |
| New | 46394 | <p>Fasciectomy for recurrence of Dupuytren's contracture, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) dissection of nerves;</p> <p>(b) neurolysis;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—4 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,243.45 Benefit: 75% = \$932.60</p> |
| New | 46395 | <p>Fasciectomy for recurrence of Dupuytren's contracture, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) dissection of nerves;</p> <p>(b) neurolysis;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—5 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,549.55 Benefit: 75% = \$1 162.20</p> |

FINGERNAIL

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| Amend | 46513 | <p>Removal of nail of finger or thumb—one nail (Anaes.)</p> <p>Fee: \$58.75 Benefit: 75% = \$44.10 85% = \$49.95</p> |
| Amend | 46528 | <p>Wedge resection for ingrowing nail of finger or thumb:</p> <p>(a) including each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) excision and partial ablation of germinal matrix; (ii) removal of segment of nail; (iii) removal of unguis fold; and <p>(b) including phenolisation (if performed) (Anaes.)</p> <p>Fee: \$176.35 Benefit: 75% = \$132.30 85% = \$149.90</p> |
| Amend | 46531 | <p>Partial resection of ingrowing nail of finger or thumb, including phenolisation (Anaes.)</p> |

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| | | Fee: \$88.60 Benefit: 75% = \$66.45 85% = \$75.35 |
| Amend | 46534 | Complete ablation of nail germinal matrix (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$245.05 Benefit: 75% = \$183.80 |
| TN.8.188 Amend | 46489 | Secondary reconstruction of nail bed deformity using magnification, including removal of nail (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 46513 or 45451 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$273.95 Benefit: 75% = \$205.50 |

TN.8.188 Procedure for reconstruction of nail bed (Item 46489)

'Reconstruction' refers to a late secondary procedure.

GANGLION

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| Amend | 46495 | Complete excision of one or more ganglia or mucous cysts of interphalangeal, metacarpophalangeal or carpometacarpal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) osteophyte resections (c) synovectomy other than a service associated with a service to which item 30107 or 46336 applies—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$211.40 Benefit: 75% = \$158.55 |
| Amend | 46498 | Excision of ganglion of flexor tendon sheath of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) flexor tenosynovectomy; (b) sheath excision; (c) skin closure by any method other than a service associated with a service to which item 30106, 30107 or 46363 applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$228.85 Benefit: 75% = \$171.65 85% = \$194.55 |
| Amend | 46500 | Excision of ganglion of dorsal wrist joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) capsular or ligament repair (or both); (c) synovectomy |

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| | | other than a service associated with a service to which item 30106 or 30107 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$273.95 Benefit: 75% = \$205.50 85% = \$232.90 |
| Amend | 46501 | Excision of ganglion of volar wrist joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) capsular or ligament repair (or both); (c) synovectomy; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30106, 30107 or 46325 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$342.50 Benefit: 75% = \$256.90 85% = \$291.15 |
| Amend | 46502 | Excision of recurrent ganglion of dorsal wrist joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) capsular or ligament repair (or both); (c) synovectomy (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$410.90 Benefit: 75% = \$308.20 85% = \$349.30 |
| Amend | 46503 | Excision of recurrent ganglion of volar wrist joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) capsular or ligament repair (or both); (c) synovectomy; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30106 or 30107 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$393.70 Benefit: 75% = \$295.30 85% = \$334.65 |

INFECTIONS

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| Amend | 46519 | Drainage of midpalmar, thenar or hypothelar spaces or dorsum of hand, excluding aftercare (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$146.95 Benefit: 75% = \$110.25 85% = \$124.95 |
| Amend | 46522 | Open operation and drainage of infection for flexor tendon sheath of finger or thumb, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) synovectomy; (b) tenolysis; |

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| | | other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—one digit (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$438.25 Benefit: 75% = \$328.70 |
| Amend | 46525 | Incision for pulp space infection of hand: (a) other than a service: (i) to which another item in this Group applies; or (ii) associated with a service to which item 30023 applies; and (b) excluding aftercare (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$58.75 Benefit: 75% = \$44.10 |

INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS

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| TN.8.184 TN.8.185 New | 46335 | Synovectomy of digital extensor tendons of hand, distal to wrist, for diagnosed inflammatory arthritis, including any of the following (if performed): (a) reconstruction of extensor retinaculum; (b) removal of tendon nodules; (c) tenolysis; (d) tenoplasty; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39331 or 39330 applies—applicable only once per occasion on which the service is performed (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$485.10 Benefit: 75% = \$363.85 85% = \$412.35 |
| Amend | 46336 | Synovectomy of interphalangeal, metacarpophalangeal or carpometacarpal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) capsulectomy; (b) debridement; (c) ligament or tendon realignment (or both); other than a service combined with a service to which item 46495 applies—one joint (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$273.95 Benefit: 75% = \$205.50 85% = \$232.90 |
| Amend | 46339 | Synovectomy of digital flexor tendons at wrist level, for diagnosed inflammatory arthritis, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) tenolysis; (b) release of median nerve and carpal tunnel; |

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| | | <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39331 or 39330 applies—applicable only once per occasion on which the service is performed (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$485.10 Benefit: 75% = \$363.85</p> |
| <p>TN.8.184 TN.8.185 New</p> | 46340 | <p>Synovectomy of wrist flexor or extensor tendons of hand or wrist, for diagnosed inflammatory tenosynovitis, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) reconstruction of flexor or extensor retinaculum;</p> <p>(b) removal of tendon nodules;</p> <p>(c) tenolysis;</p> <p>(d) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39331 or 39330 applies—one or more compartments (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$412.35 Benefit: 75% = \$309.30</p> |
| <p>TN.8.185 New</p> | 46341 | <p>Synovectomy of wrist flexor or extensor tendons of hand or wrist, for non-inflammatory tenosynovitis or post traumatic synovitis, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) reconstruction of flexor or extensor retinaculum;</p> <p>(b) removal of tendon nodules;</p> <p>(c) tenolysis;</p> <p>(d) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39331 or 39330 applies—one or more compartments (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$264.45 Benefit: 75% = \$198.35</p> |
| Amend | 46348 | <p>Flexor tenosynovectomy of hand, distal to lumbrical origin, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) removal of intratendinous nodules;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> <p>(c) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$254.35 Benefit: 75% = \$190.80</p> |
| Amend | 46351 | <p>Flexor tenosynovectomy of hand, distal to lumbrical origin, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) removal of intratendinous nodules;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> |

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| | | <p>(c) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—2 rays of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$379.60 Benefit: 75% = \$284.70</p> |
| Amend | 46354 | <p>Flexor tenosynovectomy of hand, distal to lumbrical origin, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) removal of intratendinous nodules;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> <p>(c) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—3 rays of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$508.65 Benefit: 75% = \$381.50</p> |
| Amend | 46357 | <p>Flexor tenosynovectomy of hand, distal to lumbrical origin, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) removal of intratendinous nodules;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> <p>(c) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—4 rays of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$633.90 Benefit: 75% = \$475.45</p> |
| Amend | 46360 | <p>Flexor tenosynovectomy of hand, distal to lumbrical origin, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) removal of intratendinous nodules;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> <p>(c) tenoplasty;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—5 rays of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$763.10 Benefit: 75% = \$572.35</p> |
| New | 46364 | <p>Digital sympathectomy of hand, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46363 applies—one digit or palmer arch (or both) or radial or ulnar artery (or both) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$485.10 Benefit: 75% = \$363.85 85% = \$412.35</p> |

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| New | 46365 | Excision of rheumatoid nodules of hand —one lesion (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$273.95 Benefit: 75% = \$205.50 85% = \$232.90 |
| TN.8.184 Procedure for synovectomy (Items 46335 and 46340) | | |
| Item 46340 is intended to be used at wrist level, while item 46335 is intended to be used distal to the wrist. | | |
| TN.8.185 Procedure for synovectomy (Items 46335, 46340 and 46341) | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures 46335, 46340 and 46341, if performed, include tenoplasty, tenolysis, tendon nodules removal, neurolysis and carpal tunnel release. The item claimed should be chosen based on the tendons being treated rather than the site of the incision. | | |
| JOINT PROCEDURES | | |
| Amend | 46300 | Arthrodesis of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) joint debridement; (b) synovectomy —one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$422.55 Benefit: 75% = \$316.95 |
| Amend | 46303 | Arthrodesis of carpometacarpal joint of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) joint debridement; (b) synovectomy —one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$547.85 Benefit: 75% = \$410.90 |
| New | 46308 | Volar plate or soft tissue interposition arthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) realignment procedures; (b) tendon transfer —one joint (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$547.80 Benefit: 75% = \$410.85 85% = \$465.65 |
| Amend | 46309 | Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) ligament reconstruction; |

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| | | <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$547.80 Benefit: 75% = \$410.85</p> |
| Amend | 46312 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—2 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$704.40 Benefit: 75% = \$528.30</p> |
| Amend | 46315 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—3 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$939.15 Benefit: 75% = \$704.40</p> |
| Amend | 46318 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—4 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,173.95 Benefit: 75% = \$880.50</p> |
| Amend | 46321 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> |

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| | | <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer;</p> <p>—5 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,408.75 Benefit: 75% = \$1056.60</p> |
| New | 46322 | <p>Revision of prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) bone grafting;</p> <p>(b) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(c) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(d) synovectomy;</p> <p>(e) tendon or ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(f) tendon transfer;</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$821.80 Benefit: 75% = \$616.35</p> |
| Amend | 46324 | <p>Trapezium replacement arthroplasty or prosthetic interpositional replacement of carpometacarpal joint of thumb, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament and tendon transfers;</p> <p>(b) rebalancing procedures (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$958.55 Benefit: 75% = \$718.95</p> |
| Amend | 46325 | <p>Excisional arthroplasty of carpometacarpal joint of thumb, with excision of adjacent trapezoid, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament and tendon transfers;</p> <p>(b) realignment procedures (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$958.55 Benefit: 75% = \$718.95</p> |
| Amend | 46330 | <p>Ligamentous or capsular repair or reconstruction of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) arthrotomy;</p> <p>(b) joint stabilisation;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$360.10 Benefit: 75% = \$270.10</p> |

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| Amend | 46333 | <p>Ligamentous or capsular repair or reconstruction of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand with graft, using graft or implant, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) arthrotomy;</p> <p>(b) harvest of graft;</p> <p>(c) joint stabilisation;</p> <p>(d) synovectomy;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 48245, 48248, 48251, 48254 or 48257 apply—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$586.90 Benefit: 75% = \$440.20</p> |
| Amend | 46444 | <p>Reconstruction of Boutonniere or swan neck deformity of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) tendon graft harvest;</p> <p>(b) tendon transfer</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$508.65 Benefit: 75% = \$381.50</p> |
| Amend | 46492 | <p>Surgical correction of contracture of joint of hand, flexor or extensor tendon, involving tissues deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissue—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$375.70 Benefit: 75% = \$281.80</p> |

NERVE COMPRESSION SYNDROMES

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| TN.8.189 | 39321 | <p>Transposition of nerve, excluding the ulnar nerve at the elbow, other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$492.85 Benefit: 75% = \$369.65</p> |
| TN.8.196 TN.8.200 Amend | 39330 | <p>Neurolysis by open operation without transposition, other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39321, 39328, 39329, 39332, 39336, 39339, 39342, 39345, 49774 or 49775 applies (H)</p> <p>(Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$288.00 Benefit: 75% = \$216.00</p> |
| Amend | 39331 | <p>Carpal tunnel release, including division of transverse carpal ligament or release of median nerve, by any method, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) synovectomy;</p> <p>(b) neurolysis</p> |

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| | | Other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46339 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$288.00 Benefit: 75% = \$216.00 85% = \$244.80 |
| New | 39332 | Revision of carpal tunnel release, including division of transverse carpal ligament or release of median nerve, by any method, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) synovectomy; (b) neurolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 46339 applies. (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$432.05 Benefit: 75% = \$324.05 85% = \$367.25 |
| | 39333 | BRACHIAL PLEXUS, exploration of, not being a service to which another item in this Group applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$414.70 Benefit: 75% = \$311.05 85% = \$352.50 |
| New | 39336 | Ulnar nerve decompression at elbow or wrist (cubital tunnel or Guyon's canal) without transposition, by any method, including neurolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$288.00 Benefit: 75% = \$216.00 85% = \$244.80 |
| New | 39339 | Revision of ulnar nerve decompression at elbow (cubital tunnel) without transposition, by any method, including neurolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$432.05 Benefit: 75% = \$324.05 85% = \$367.25 |
| New | 39342 | Ulnar nerve decompression at elbow (cubital tunnel), including any of the following (if performed): (a) associated transposition; (b) subcutaneous or submuscular transposition of the nerve; (c) medial epicondylectomy; (d) ostectomy and reconstruction of the flexor origin; (e) neurolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$566.75 Benefit: 75% = \$425.10 85% = \$482.05 |
| TN.8.186 New | 39345 | Localised decompression of radial, median or ulnar nerve, or branches of, in the forearm for compressive neuropathy, including neurolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) |

Fee: \$288.00 **Benefit:** 75% = \$216.00 85% = \$244.80

TN.8.186 Procedure for neurolysis (Item 39329)

“Extensive” neurolysis should include scar tissue involvement of greater than 5 cm and / or post traumatic adhesions not isolated to a local point of decompression.

TN.8.189 Procedure for nerve transposition (Item 39321)

The item may be claimed in elective or trauma contexts in association with fractures.

TN.8.196 Procedure for osteotomy (Items 48400 - 48421 and 48430)

- Removal of prominent bone or osteophytes can be billed as an isolated procedure under 48430 or when through a separate incision to other procedures.
- When an osteotomy is performed through the bone to correct a deformity then the appropriate number is chosen from 48400, 48403, 48406, 48409, 48418 or 48421.
- Not to be used when performing joint arthroscopy (49703, 49730 or 49732), bunion correction (49827, 49830, 49833, 49836, 49837 or 49838), neurolysis (39330), wound debridement (30023) or an arthrodesis procedure unless performed at a site separate to the excluded items.

TN.8.200 Procedure for arthrodesis

- An arthrodesis consists of joint preparation, removal of surrounding osteophytes, intraarticular joint correction and fixation by any means.
- Bone procedures items (48430, 48400, 48403, 48406, 48409, 48418, or 48421) are not to be claimed unless performed at a separate site to the arthrodesis.
- Neurolysis (39330), wound debridement (30023) and ganglion excision (30107) items are not to be claimed unless performed at a site separate to the arthrodesis site.

NERVE INJURIES AND OTHER DISORDERS

Amend

39303

Nerve, digital or cutaneous, delayed repair of, using microsurgical techniques, including either or both of the following (if performed):

- (a) neurolysis;
- (b) transposition of nerve to facilitate repair;

other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies—applicable once per nerve (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)

Fee: \$485.00 **Benefit:** 75% = \$363.75

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| Amend | 39309 | <p>Nerve trunk, delayed repair of, using microsurgical techniques, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) neurolysis;</p> <p>(b) transposition of nerve or nerve transfer to facilitate repair;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 39321 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$743.35 Benefit: 75% = \$557.55</p> |
| Amend | 39312 | <p>Nerve trunk, internal (interfascicular), neurolysis of, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$414.70 Benefit: 75% = \$311.05</p> |
| Amend | 39315 | <p>Nerve trunk, nerve graft to, by cable graft, using microsurgical techniques, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) harvesting of nerve graft;</p> <p>(b) proximal and distal anastomosis of nerve graft;</p> <p>(c) transposition of nerve to facilitate grafting;</p> <p>(d) neurolysis;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,071.95 Benefit: 75% = \$804.00</p> |
| Amend | 39318 | <p>Nerve, digital or cutaneous, nerve graft to, using microsurgical techniques, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) harvesting of nerve graft from separate donor site;</p> <p>(b) proximal and distal anastomosis of nerve graft;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$665.15 Benefit: 75% = \$498.900</p> |
| TN.8.4 Amend | 39324 | <p>Neurectomy or removal of tumour or neuroma from superficial peripheral nerve (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$288.00 Benefit: 75% = \$216.00 85% = \$244.80</p> |
| TN.8.4 | 39327 | <p>NEURECTOMY, NEUROTOMY or removal of tumour from deep peripheral or cranial nerve, by open operation, not being a service to which item 41575, 41576, 41578 or 41579 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$492.95 Benefit: 75% = \$369.75</p> |

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| New | 39328 | Neurectomy, neurotomy or removal of tumour from deep peripheral nerve, by open operation, for upper limb surgery (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$492.95 Benefit: 75% = \$369.75 |
| TN.8.186 New | 39329 | Extensive neurolysis of radial, median or ulnar nerve trunk nerve in the forearm or arm, other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023, 39303, 39309, 39312, 39315, 39318, 39324, 39327 or 39333 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$367.70 Benefit: 75% = \$275.80 85% = \$312.55 |

TN.8.186 Procedure for neurolysis (Item 39329)

“Extensive” neurolysis should include scar tissue involvement of greater than 5 cm and / or post traumatic adhesions not isolated to a local point of decompression.

TN.8.4 Aftercare (Post-operative Treatment)

See full text online [here](#).

SOFT TISSUE/RECONSTRUCTIVE PROCEDURES

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| TN.8.187 Amend | 46504 | Neurovascular island flap, heterodigital, for pulp re-innervation and soft tissue cover (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,150.35 Benefit: 75% = \$862.80 85% = \$1065.65 |
| Amend | 46507 | Transposition or transfer of digit or ray on vascular pedicle of hand, including any of the following (if performed): (a) nerve transfer; (b) skin closure, by any means; (c) rebalancing procedures (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,560.75 Benefit: 75% = \$1170.60 |
| Amend | 46510 | Surgical reduction of enlarged elements resulting from macrodactyly, including any of the following (if performed): (a) nerve transfer; (b) skin closure, by any means; (c) rebalancing procedures —one digit (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$365.20 Benefit: 75% = \$273.90 |

TN.8.187 Procedure for pulp re-innervation and soft tissue cover (Item 46504)

- Item 46504 includes all steps of the surgical procedure.
- Reconstruction of the secondary defect by direct closure or a split or full thickness graft is also covered by this item.

TENDON PROCEDURES

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| Amend | 46363 | <p>Trigger finger release, for stenosing tenosynoviti, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) synovectomy;</p> <p>(b) synovial biopsy;</p> <p>—one ray (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$219.10 Benefit: 75% = \$164.35 85% = \$186.25</p> |
| New | 46367 | <p>De Quervain's release, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) synovectomy of extensor pollicis brevis;</p> <p>(b) synovectomy of abductor pollicis longus tendons;</p> <p>(c) retinaculum reconstruction;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 46339 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$413.70 Benefit: 75% = \$310.30 85% = \$351.65</p> |
| Amend | 46408 | <p>Reconstruction of tendon of hand or wrist, by tendon graft, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) harvest of graft;</p> <p>(b) tenolysis;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$720.00 Benefit: 75% = \$540.00</p> |
| Amend | 46411 | <p>Reconstruction of complete flexor tendon pulley of hand or wrist, with graft, including harvest of graft (if performed)—one pulley (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$422.60 Benefit: 75% = \$316.95</p> |
| Amend | 46414 | <p>Insertion of artificial tendon prosthesis in preparation for grafting of tendon of hand or wrist, including tenolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$547.70 Benefit: 75% = \$410.80 85% = \$465.55</p> |

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| Amend | 46417 | Transfer of tendon of hand or wrist, for restoration of hand or digit motion, including harvest of donor motor unit (if performed)—one transfer (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$508.65 Benefit: 75% = \$381.50 |
| Amend | 46423 | Delayed repair of extensor tendon of hand or wrist, including tenolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$340.45 Benefit: 75% = \$255.35 85% = \$289.40 |
| New | 46434 | Delayed repair of flexor tendon of hand or wrist, including tenolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$505.80 Benefit: 75% = \$379.35 85% = \$429.95 |
| Amend | 46450 | Tenolysis of extensor tendon of hand or wrist, following tendon injury or graft, other than a service: (a) for acute, traumatic injury; or (b) associated with a service to which item 30023 applies —one ray (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$234.85 Benefit: 75% = \$176.15 |
| Amend | 46453 | Tenolysis of flexor tendon of hand or wrist, following tendon injury, repair or graft, other than a service: (a) for acute, traumatic injury; or (b) associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.35 Benefit: 75% = \$293.55 |
| Amend | 46456 | Percutaneous tenotomy of digit of hand (Anaes.) Fee: \$101.75 Benefit: 75% = \$76.35 85% = \$86.50 |

WRIST - ARTHROSCOPY

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| Amend | 46342 | Synovectomy of distal radioulnar or carpometacarpal joint of hand—one or more joints (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$485.10 Benefit: 75% = \$363.85 |
| Amend | 46345 | Resection arthroplasty of distal radioulnar joint of hand, partial or complete, including any of the following (if performed): (a) ligament or tendon reconstruction; |

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| | | (b) joint stabilisation; (c) synovectomy (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$586.90 Benefit: 75% = \$440.20 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49209 | Prosthetic replacement of wrist or distal radioulnar joint, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) ligament realignment; (b) tendon realignment (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$783.80 Benefit: 75% = \$587.85 |
| Amend | 49210 | Revision of total replacement arthroplasty of wrist or distal radioulnar joint, including any of the following (if performed): (a) ligament rebalancing; (b) removal of prosthesis; (c) tendon rebalancing (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,034.60 Benefit: 75% = \$775.95 |
| New | 49213 | Sauve-Kapandji procedure of distal radioulnar joint, including any of the following (if performed): a) radioulnar fusion; b) osteotomy; c) soft tissue reconstruction (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$876.65 Benefit: 75% = \$657.50 85% = \$791.95 |

TN.8.116 Wrist Surgery - (Items 49200 to 49227)

For the purposes of these items, the wrist includes both the radiocarpal joint and the midcarpal joint.

WRIST – DIAGNOSTIC / THERAPEUTIC

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| TN.8.116 Amend | 49200 | Wrist, arthrodesis of, with synovectomy if performed, with or without bone graft and internal fixation of the radiocarpal joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$852.15 Benefit: 75% = \$639.15 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49203 | Limited fusion of wrist, with or without bone graft, including each of the following: (a) ligament or tendon transfers; (b) partial or total excision of one or more carpal bones; (c) rebalancing procedures; |

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| | | (d) synovectomy (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$807.20 Benefit: 75% = \$605.40 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49206 | Proximal row carpectomy of wrist, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) styloidectomy; (b) synovectomy (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$587.75 Benefit: 75% = \$440.85 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49212 | Arthrotomy of wrist or distal radioulnar joint, for infection, including any of the following (if performed): (a) joint debridement; (b) removal of loose bodies; (c) synovectomy (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$245.05 Benefit: 75% = \$183.80 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49215 | Reconstruction of single or multiple ligaments or capsules of wrist, by open procedure, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) ligament harvesting and grafting; (c) synovectomy; (d) tendon harvesting and grafting; (e) insertion of synthetic ligament substitute (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$676.05 Benefit: 75% = \$507.05 |
| TN.8.116 Amend | 49218 | Wrist, diagnostic arthroscopy of, including radiocarpal or midcarpal joints, or both (including biopsy)—other than a service associated with another arthroscopic procedure of the wrist joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$284.00 Benefit: 75% = \$213.00 |
| New | 49219 | Diagnosis of carpometacarpal of thumb or joint of digit, by arthroscopic means, including biopsy (if performed) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$284.00 Benefit: 75% = \$213.00 |
| New | 49220 | Treatment of carpometacarpal of thumb or joint of digit, by arthroscopic means—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$636.75 Benefit: 75% = \$477.60 |

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| <p>TN.8.116 Amend</p> | <p>49221</p> | <p>Treatment of wrist, by arthroscopic means, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) drilling of defect; (b) removal of loose bodies; (c) release of adhesions; (d) synovectomy; (e) debridement; (f) resection of dorsal or volar ganglia; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of performing an arthroscopic procedure of the wrist joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$636.75 Benefit: 75% = \$477.60</p> |
| <p>TN.8.116 Amend</p> | <p>49224</p> | <p>Osteoplasty of wrist, by arthroscopic means, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) excision of the distal ulna; (b) total synovectomy; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of performing an arthroscopic procedure of the wrist joint—2 or more distinct areas (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$734.65 Benefit: 75% = \$551.00</p> |
| <p>TN.8.116 Amend</p> | <p>49227</p> | <p>Treatment of wrist by one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) pinning of osteochondral fragment, by arthroscopic means; (b) stabilisation procedure for ligamentous disruption; (c) partial wrist fusion or carpectomy, by arthroscopic means; (d) fracture management; <p>other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of performing an arthroscopic procedure of the wrist joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$734.65 Benefit: 75% = \$551.00</p> |
| <p>New</p> | <p>49230</p> | <p>Total, hemi or interpositional prosthetic replacement of carpal bone of wrist, for trauma or emergency, including all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) ligament and tendon rebalancing procedures; (b) limited wrist fusions; (c) limited bone grafting (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |

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| | | Fee: \$958.55 Benefit: 75% = \$718.95 |
| New | 49233 | <p>Excisional arthroplasty of single (or part of) carpal bone of wrist, when transfers of ligaments or tendons, or rebalancing procedures, are not required, including all of the following:</p> <p>(a) radial styloidectomy;</p> <p>(b) ulnar styloidectomy;</p> <p>(c) proximal hamate;</p> <p>(d) partial scaphoid;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of performing a distal radial ulnar joint reconstruction, a proximal row carpectomy or another wrist procedure—applicable once for a single operation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$403.60 Benefit: 75% = \$302.70</p> |
| New | 49236 | <p>Stabilisation of soft tissue of distal radioulnar joint, by open procedure, with or without ligament or tendon grafting, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) graft harvest;</p> <p>(b) triangular fibrocartilage complex repair or reconstruction (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$608.45 Benefit: 75% = \$456.35</p> |
| New | 49239 | <p>Excision of pisiform or hook of hamate, including release of ulnar nerve (if performed) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$302.70 Benefit: 75% = \$227.05</p> |

TN.8.116 Wrist Surgery - (Items 49200 to 49227)

For the purposes of these items, the wrist includes both the radiocarpal joint and the midcarpal joint.

DEFINITIONS – HAND AND WRIST ITEMS

TN.8.190 Definitions - Hand and Wrist Items

- **Ray:** From the tip of the digit to proximal metacarpal base of that digit, including phalanges and metacarpal.
- **Index ray:** First web in Dupuytren contracture releases is considered part of the index ray.
- **Primary:** Acute injury and first management of a pathology.
- **Secondary:** Delayed or subsequent to primary treatment, or occurring after normal expected relevant tissue healing time.

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- **Vascular graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and anastomosis of both ends of graft.
 - **Nerve graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and neurorrhaphy at both ends of graft.
 - **Tendon graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and tensioning of graft and tendon weave/repair at both ends of graft.
 - **Transcarpal amputation:** Includes the hand through the radiocarpal, midcarpal or carpometacarpal joints.
 - **Wrist joint:** Includes radiocarpal, midcarpal and radioulnar joints, which are not to be billed independently.
 - **Z-plasty:** Raising, transfer, inseting and suturing of both components (flaps) of the Z-plasty procedure.
 - **Flexor tendon:** A tendon on the volar aspect of the digits, hand or wrist.
 - Treatment of only two flexors can be claimed per digit/ray.
 - The two slips of flexor digitorum superficialis (FDS) inserting to the middle phalanx are not to be claimed as two tendons and are to be billed as part of the single FDS tendon.
 - **Nerve Trunk:** A bundle of nerve fibers enclosed in a connective tissue sheath.
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HAND AND WRIST – TRAUMA

AMPUTATION

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| Amend | 44325 | Amputation of hand, transcarpal (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$307.70 Benefit: 75% = \$230.80 |
| Amend | 46465 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$234.85 Benefit: 75% = \$176.15 |
| Amend | 46468 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —2 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$410.85 Benefit: 75% = \$308.15 |
| Amend | 46471 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —3 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$586.90 Benefit: 75% = \$440.20 |
| Amend | 46474 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps |

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| | | —4 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$763.10 Benefit: 75% = \$572.35 |
| Amend | 46477 | Amputation of digit of hand, distal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) resection of bone; (c) skin cover with local flaps —5 rays (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$939.15 Benefit: 75% = \$704.40 |
| Amend | 46480 | Amputation of ray of hand, proximal to metacarpal head, including any of the following (if performed): (a) excision of neuroma; (b) recontouring; (c) resection of bone; (d) skin cover with local flaps —one ray (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.35 Benefit: 75% = \$293.55 |
| Amend | 46483 | Revision of amputation stump of hand to provide adequate cover, including any of the following (if performed): (a) bone shortening; (b) excision of nail bed remnants; (c) excision of neuroma (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$313.00 Benefit: 75% = \$234.75 |

DISLOCATIONS

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| Amend | 46300 | Arthrodesis of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) joint debridement; (b) synovectomy —one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$422.55 Benefit: 75% = \$316.95 |
| Amend | 46309 | Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed): |

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| | | <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$547.80 Benefit: 75% = \$410.85</p> |
| Amend | 46312 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—2 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$704.40 Benefit: 75% = \$528.30</p> |
| Amend | 46315 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—3 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$939.15 Benefit: 75% = \$704.40</p> |
| Amend | 46318 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer</p> <p>—4 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,173.95 Benefit: 75% = \$880.50</p> |
| Amend | 46321 | <p>Prosthetic replacement arthroplasty or hemiarthroplasty of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> |

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| | | <p>(a) ligament reconstruction;</p> <p>(b) ligament realignment;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>(d) tendon transfer;</p> <p>—5 joints of one hand (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$1,408.75 Benefit: 75% = \$1056.60</p> |
| Amend | 46330 | <p>Ligamentous or capsular repair or reconstruction of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) arthrotomy;</p> <p>(b) joint stabilisation;</p> <p>(c) synovectomy;</p> <p>—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$360.10 Benefit: 75% = \$270.10</p> |
| Amend | 46333 | <p>Ligamentous or capsular repair or reconstruction of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint of hand with graft, using graft or implant, including any of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) arthrotomy;</p> <p>(b) harvest of graft;</p> <p>(c) joint stabilisation;</p> <p>(d) synovectomy;</p> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 48245, 48248, 48251, 48254 or 48257 apply—one joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$586.90 Benefit: 75% = \$440.20</p> |
| Amend | 47024 | <p>Treatment of dislocation of distal or proximal radioulnar joint, by closed reduction, other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of treating fracture or dislocation in the same region (Anaes.)</p> <p>Fee: \$205.60 Benefit: 75% = \$154.20 85% = \$174.80</p> |
| Amend | 47027 | <p>Treatment of dislocation of distal or proximal radioulnar joint, by open reduction, including either or both of the following (if performed):</p> <p>(a) styloid fracture;</p> <p>(b) triangular fibrocartilage complex repair;</p> |

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| | | other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of treating fracture or dislocation in the same region (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$676.05 Benefit: 75% = \$507.05 85% = \$ 591.35 |
| Amend | 47042 | Treatment of dislocation of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint, by closed reduction (Anaes.) Fee: \$117.40 Benefit: 75% = \$88.05 85% = \$99.80 |
| Amend | 47045 | Treatment of dislocation of interphalangeal or metacarpophalangeal joint, by open reduction, including any of the following (if performed): (a) arthrotomy; (b) capsule repair; (c) ligament repair; (d) volar plate repair (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$438.55 Benefit: 75% = \$328.95 85% = \$372.80 |

FRACTURES – RADIUS AND ULNA

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| Amend | 47381 | Treatment of fracture of shaft of radius or ulna, by closed reduction (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$264.45 Benefit: 75% = \$198.35 |
| Amend | 47384 | Treatment of fracture of shaft of radius or ulna, by open reduction with internal fixation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$352.55 Benefit: 75% = \$264.45 |
| Amend | 47385 | Treatment of: (a) fracture of shaft of radius or ulna; and (b) dislocation of distal radio-ulnar joint or proximal radio-humeral joint (Galeazzi or Monteggia injury); by closed reduction (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$303.55 Benefit: 75% = \$227.70 |
| Amend | 47386 | Treatment of: (a) fracture of shaft of radius or ulna; and (b) dislocation of distal radio-ulnar joint or proximal radio-humeral joint (Galeazzi or Monteggia injury); |

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| | | by open reduction, with internal fixation, including reduction of dislocation (if performed) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$489.75 Benefit: 75% = \$367.35 |
| Amend | 47387 | Treatment of fracture of distal or shaft of radius or ulna (or both), by cast immobilisation, other than a service to which item 47390 or 47393 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$284.00 Benefit: 75% = \$213.00 85% = \$241.40 |
| Amend | 47390 | Treatment of fracture of shafts of radius and ulna, by closed reduction (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$426.15 Benefit: 75% = \$319.65 |
| Amend | 47393 | Treatment of fracture of shafts of radius and ulna, by open reduction, with internal fixation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$568.10 Benefit: 75% = \$426.10 |
| FRACTURES – CARPUS | | |
| Amend | 47348 | Treatment of fracture of carpus (excluding scaphoid), by cast immobilisation, other than a service associated with a service to which item 47351 applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$97.80 Benefit: 75% = \$73.35 85% = \$83.15 |
| Amend | 47351 | Treatment of fracture of carpus (excluding scaphoid), by open reduction, with internal fixation (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$245.05 Benefit: 75% = \$183.80 85% = \$208.30 |
| Amend | 47354 | Treatment of fracture of carpal scaphoid, by cast immobilisation, other than a service associated with a service to which item 47357 applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$176.35 Benefit: 75% = \$132.30 85% = \$149.90 |
| Amend | 47357 | Treatment of fracture of carpal scaphoid, by open reduction, with internal or percutaneous fixation (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.80 Benefit: 75% = \$293.85 85% = \$333.05 |
| Amend | 47030 | Treatment of dislocation of carpus, carpus on radius and ulna or carpometacarpal joint, by closed reduction (Anaes.) Fee: \$205.60 Benefit: 75% = \$154.20 85% = \$174.80 |
| Amend | 47033 | Treatment of dislocation of carpus, carpus on radius and ulna or carpometacarpal joint, by open reduction, including ligament repair (if performed) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$676.05 Benefit: 75% = \$507.05 85% = \$591.35 |

FRACTURES – HAND

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| TN.8.124 Amend | 47301 | Treatment of fracture of middle or proximal phalanx, by closed reduction, requiring anaesthesia—one bone (Anaes.) Fee: \$90.30 Benefit: 75% = \$67.75 85% = \$76.80 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47304 | Treatment of fracture of metacarpal, by closed reduction, requiring anaesthesia—one bone (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$102.90 Benefit: 75% = \$77.20 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47307 | Treatment of fracture of phalanx or metacarpal, by closed reduction, including percutaneous K-wire fixation (if performed)—one bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$208.10 Benefit: 75% = \$156.10 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47310 | Treatment of fracture of phalanx or metacarpal, by open reduction, with internal fixation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$343.40 Benefit: 75% = \$257.55 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47313 | Treatment of intra-articular fracture of phalanx or metacarpal, by closed reduction, including: (a) percutaneous K-wire fixation; and (b) external or dynamic fixation (if performed) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$332.95 Benefit: 75% = \$249.75 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47316 | Treatment of intra-articular fracture of phalanx or metacarpal, by open reduction with fixation, other than a service provided on the same occasion as a service to which item 47319 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$660.75 Benefit: 75% = \$495.60 |
| TN.8.124 Amend | 47319 | Treatment of intra-articular fracture of proximal end of middle phalanx, by open reduction, with fixation, other than a service provided on the same occasion as a service to which item 47316 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$676.35 Benefit: 75% = \$507.30 |

TN.8.124 Treatment of Wrist and Finger Fractures - (Items 47301 to 47319, and 47361 to 47373)

- For the purposes of these items, fixation includes internal and external.
- Regarding item 47362, major regional anaesthesia includes bier block.

FRACTURES – MALLET FINGER

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| Amend | 46438 | Closed pin fixation of mallet finger (Anaes.) Fee: \$140.90 Benefit: 75% = \$105.70 85% = \$119.80 |
| Amend | 46441 | Open reduction of mallet finger, including any of the following (if performed): (a) joint release; (b) pin fixation; (c) tenolysis (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$340.45 Benefit: 75% = \$255.35 85% = \$289.40 |
| | 46442 | MALLET FINGER with intra articular fracture involving more than one third of base of terminal phalanx - open reduction (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$292.25 Benefit: 75% = \$219.20 |

FLEXOR TENDONS

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| Amend | 46408 | Reconstruction of tendon of hand or wrist, by tendon graft, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) harvest of graft; (b) tenolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$720.00 Benefit: 75% = \$540.00 |
| Amend | 46411 | Reconstruction of complete flexor tendon pulley of hand or wrist, with graft, including harvest of graft (if performed)—one pulley (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$422.60 Benefit: 75% = \$316.95 |
| Amend | 46414 | Insertion of artificial tendon prosthesis in preparation for grafting of tendon of hand or wrist, including tenolysis (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$547.70 Benefit: 75% = \$410.80 85% = \$465.55 |
| Amend | 46417 | Transfer of tendon of hand or wrist, for restoration of hand or digit motion, including harvest of donor motor unit (if performed)—one transfer (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$508.65 Benefit: 75% = \$381.50 |
| Amend | 46420 | Primary repair of extensor tendon of hand or wrist—one tendon (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$212.85 Benefit: 75% = \$159.65 85% = \$180.95 |

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| Amend | 46426 | Primary repair of flexor tendon of hand or wrist, proximal to A1 pulley, other than a service to repair a tendon of a digit if 2 tendons of the same digit have been repaired during the same procedure—one tendon (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$352.10 Benefit: 75% = \$264.10 |
| Amend | 46432 | Primary repair of flexor tendon of hand or wrist, distal to A1 pulley, other than a service to repair a tendon of a digit if 2 tendons of the same digit have been repaired during the same procedure—one tendon (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$587.10 Benefit: 75% = \$440.35 |

NERVE ITEMS

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| Amend | 39300 | Nerve, digital or cutaneous, primary repair of, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies—applicable once per nerve (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$367.70 Benefit: 75% = \$275.80 |
| Amend | 39306 | Nerve trunk, primary repair of, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$704.25 Benefit: 75% = \$528.20 |
| New | 39307 | Reconstruction of nerve trunk using biological or synthetic nerve conduit, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$857.55 Benefit: 75% = \$643.20 85% = \$772.85 |
| Amend | 39315 | Nerve trunk, nerve graft to, by cable graft, using microsurgical techniques, including any of the following (if performed): (a) harvesting of nerve graft; (b) proximal and distal anastomosis of nerve graft; (c) transposition of nerve to facilitate grafting; (d) neurolysis; other than a service associated with a service to which item 30023 or 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,071.95 Benefit: 75% = \$804.00 |
| Amend | 39318 | Nerve, digital or cutaneous, nerve graft to, using microsurgical techniques, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) harvesting of nerve graft from separate donor site; |

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| | | (b) proximal and distal anastomosis of nerve graft; other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$665.15 Benefit: 75% = \$498.90 |
| New | 39319 | Reconstruction of digital or cutaneous nerve using biological or synthetic nerve conduit, using microsurgical techniques, other than a service associated with a service to which item 39330 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$485.00 Benefit: 75% = \$363.75 85% = \$412.25 |

MICROVASCULAR ITEMS

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| | 45500 | MICROVASCULAR REPAIR using microsurgical techniques, with restoration of continuity of artery or vein of distal extremity or digit (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,134.50 Benefit: 75% = \$850.90 |
| | 45501 | MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS of artery using microsurgical techniques, for re-implantation of limb or digit (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,846.60 Benefit: 75% = \$1384.95 |
| | 45502 | MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS of vein using microsurgical techniques, for re-implantation of limb or digit (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,846.60 Benefit: 75% = \$1384.95 |
| | 45503 | MICRO-ARTERIAL OR MICRO-VEINOUS GRAFT using microsurgical techniques (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$2,112.65 Benefit: 75% = \$1584.50 |
| | 45504 | MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS of artery using microsurgical techniques, for free transfer of tissue including setting in of free flap (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,846.60 Benefit: 75% = \$1384.95 |
| | 45505 | MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS of vein using microsurgical techniques, for free transfer of tissue including setting in of free flap (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,846.60 Benefit: 75% = \$1384.95 |

FINGERNAIL ITEMS

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| Amend | 46486 | Accurate reconstruction of nail bed laceration using magnification (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$234.85 Benefit: 75% = \$176.15 |
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DEFINITIONS – HAND AND WRIST ITEMS

TN.8.190 Definitions - Hand and Wrist Items

- **Ray:** From the tip of the digit to proximal metacarpal base of that digit, including phalanges and metacarpal.
- **Index ray:** First web in Dupuytren contracture releases is considered part of the index ray.
- **Primary:** Acute injury and first management of a pathology.
- **Secondary:** Delayed or subsequent to primary treatment, or occurring after normal expected relevant tissue healing time.
- **Vascular graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and anastomosis of both ends of graft.
- **Nerve graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and neurorrhaphy at both ends of graft.
- **Tendon graft:** Harvesting of graft, inseting and tensioning of graft and tendon weave/repair at both ends of graft.
- **Transcarpal amputation:** Includes the hand through the radiocarpal, midcarpal or carpometacarpal joints.
- **Wrist joint:** Includes radiocarpal, midcarpal and radioulnar joints, which are not to be billed independently.
- **Z-plasty:** Raising, transfer, inseting and suturing of both components (flaps) of the Z-plasty procedure.
- **Flexor tendon:** A tendon on the volar aspect of the digits, hand or wrist.
 - Treatment of only two flexors can be claimed per digit/ray.
 - The two slips of flexor digitorum superficialis (FDS) inserting to the middle phalanx are not to be claimed as two tendons and are to be billed as part of the single FDS tendon.
- **Nerve Trunk:** A bundle of nerve fibers enclosed in a connective tissue sheath.

GENERAL ORTHOPAEDIC ITEMS

BONE GRAFT ITEMS

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| TN.8.177 New | 48245 | Harvesting and insertion of bone graft (autograft) via separate incisions and at separate surgical fields (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$325.45 Benefit: 75% = \$244.10 |
| TN.8.177 New | 48248 | Harvesting and insertion of bone graft (autograft) via separate incisions, including internal fixation of the graft or fusion fixation (or both) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$504.00 Benefit: 75% = \$378.00 |
| TN.8.177 New | 48251 | Harvesting and insertion of osteochondral graft (autograft) via separate incisions at the same joint or joint complex (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$414.75 Benefit: 75% = \$311.10 |
| TN.8.177 New | 48254 | Harvesting and insertion of pedicled bone flap (autograft), including internal fixation of the bone flap (if performed), other than a service associated with a service to which item 45562, 45504 or 45505 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$950.25 Benefit: 75% = \$712.70 |
| TN.8.177 TN.8.178 New | 48257 | Preparation and insertion of metallic, cortical or other graft substitute (allograft), where substitute is structural cortico-cancellous bone or structural bone (or both), including internal fixation (if performed) (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$414.75 Benefit: 75% = \$311.10 |

TN.8.177 Procedure for bone graft (Items 48245 - 48257)

- Bone grafts may be free, meaning the bone flap is not vascularised which would be considered a free flap or free tissue transfer (item 45562).
- Bone harvested with a vascular pedicle would be referred to as a pedicled bone flap.

A note from ASPS: ASPS believe this Explanatory Note is erroneous and have suggested that TN.8.177 be removed to avoid confusion. ASPS believe the item descriptors are sufficiently clear on their own.

TN.8.178 Procedure for bone graft (Item 48257)

'Other graft substitute' does not include demineralised bone matrix or bone graft substitutes such as synthetic materials, ceramics (bone void fillers), collagen composites, composite cement materials, bone morphogenetic protein, or recombinant human bone morphogenetic protein.

OSTEOTOMY ITEMS

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| TN.8.168 | 48406 | Osteotomy of fibula, radius, ulna, clavicle, scapula (other than acromion), rib, tarsus or carpus, for correction of deformity, including any of the following (if performed): |
| TN.8.196 | | (a) removal of bone; |
| TN.8.200 | | (b) excision of surrounding osteophytes; |
| Amend | | (c) synovectomy; |
| | | (d) joint release; |
| | | —one bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| | | Fee: \$342.90 Benefit: 75% = \$257.20 |

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| TN.8.168 | 48409 | Osteotomy of fibula, radius, ulna, clavicle, scapula (other than acromion), rib, tarsus or carpus, for correction of deformity, with internal fixation, including any of the following (if performed): |
| TN.8.196 | | (a) removal of bone; |
| TN.8.200 | | (b) excision of surrounding osteophytes; |
| Amend | | (c) synovectomy; |
| | | (d) joint release; |
| | | —one bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| | | Fee: \$538.80 Benefit: 75% = \$404.10 |

TN.8.168 Procedure for osteotomy (47501, 48400 - 48427)

An osteotomy is a planned bone cut that is intended to realign the bone or alter the length of a bone.

TN.8.196 Procedure for osteotomy (Items 48400 - 48421 and 48430)

- Removal of prominent bone or osteophytes can be billed as an isolated procedure under 48430 or when through a separate incision to other procedures.
- When an osteotomy is performed through the bone to correct a deformity then the appropriate number is chosen from 48400, 48403, 48406, 48409, 48418 or 48421.
- Not to be used when performing joint arthroscopy (49703, 49730 or 49732), bunion correction (49827, 49830, 49833, 49836, 49837 or 49838), neurolysis (39330), wound debridement (30023) or an arthrodesis procedure unless performed at a site separate to the excluded items.

TN.8.200 Procedure for arthrodesis

- An arthrodesis consists of joint preparation, removal of surrounding osteophytes, intraarticular joint correction and fixation by any means.
- Bone procedures items (48430, 48400, 48403, 48406, 48409, 48418, or 48421) are not to be claimed unless performed at a separate site to the arthrodesis.
- Neurolysis (39330), wound debridement (30023) and ganglion excision (30107) items are not to be claimed unless performed at a site separate to the arthrodesis site.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

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| TN.8.169 Amend | 47900 | Injection into, or aspiration of, unicameral bone cyst (Anaes.) Fee: \$176.35 Benefit: 75% = \$132.30 85% = \$149.90 |
| Amend | 47903 | Epicondylitis, open operation for (Anaes.) Fee: \$245.05 Benefit: 75% = \$183.80 85% = \$208.30 |
| Amend | 47904 | Digital nail of toe, removal of, not being a service to which item 47906 applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$58.75 Benefit: 75% = \$44.10 85% = \$49.95 |
| Amend | 47906 | Digital nail of toe, removal of, in the operating theatre of a hospital (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$117.40 Benefit: 75% = \$88.05 |
| Amend | 47921 | Orthopaedic pin or wire, insertion of, as an independent procedure (Anaes.) Fee: \$117.40 Benefit: 75% = \$88.05 85% = \$99.80 |
| TN.8.179 Amend | 47924 | Removal of one or more buried wires, pins or screws (inserted for internal fixation purposes), with incision, other than a service associated with a service to which item 47927 or 47929 applies—one bone (Anaes.) Fee: \$39.15 Benefit: 75% = \$29.40 85% = \$33.30 |
| TN.8.179 Amend | 47927 | Removal of one or more buried wires, pins or screws (inserted for internal fixation purposes)—one bone (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$146.95 Benefit: 75% = \$110.25 |

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| TN.8.179 New | 47929 | Removal of fixation elements (including plate, rod or nail and associated wires, pins, screws or external fixation), other than a service associated with a service to which item 47924 or 47927 applies—one bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.80 Benefit: 75% = \$293.85 |
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TN.8.169 Procedure for the treatment of unicameral bone cysts (Item 47900)

The item is for the treatment of unicameral bone cysts and is not to be used for the treatment of other cystic lesions of bone such as geodes, subchondral cysts, arthritis associated cysts, or cysts associated with anterior cruciate ligament grafts.

TN.8.179 Procedure for removal of internal fixation (Item 47924 - 47929)

- Items 47924, 47927 and 47929 are appropriate to be claimed once per bone.
- Where an implant crosses a joint, or multiple bones, the item should be claimed once, using one of the items, rather than multiple claims of items 47924 and 47927 and 47929.

TENDON ITEMS

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| New | 47953 | Repair of distal biceps brachii tendon, by any method, performed as an independent procedure (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$450.50 Benefit: 75% = \$337.90 85% = \$382.95 |
| TN.8.180 Amend | 47954 | Repair of traumatic tear or rupture of tendon, other than a service associated with: (a) a service to which item 39330 applies; or (b) a service to which another item in this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of repairing peripheral nerve items in the same region (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$391.80 Benefit: 75% = \$293.85 85% = \$333.05 |
| | 47960 | Tenotomy, subcutaneous, other than a service to which another item in this Group applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$137.15 Benefit: 75%=\$102.86 85%=\$116.58 |

TN.8.180 Procedure for tendon repair (Item 47954)

For the purpose of item 47954:

1. the service is per tendon if it is the primary procedure; and
2. where a tendon is conjoined or has common origin, it is considered one tendon.

DECOMPRESSION FASCIECTOMY ITEMS

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| Amend | 47975 | Forearm or calf, decompression fasciotomy of, for acute compartment syndrome, requiring excision of muscle and deep tissue (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$384.15 Benefit: 75% = \$288.15 |
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| Amend | 47978 | Forearm or calf, decompression fasciotomy of, for chronic compartment syndrome, requiring excision of muscle and deep tissue (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$233.30 Benefit: 75% = \$175.00 |
| Amend | 47981 | Forearm, calf or interosseous muscle space of hand, decompression fasciotomy of, other than a service to which another item in this Group applies (Anaes.) Fee: \$156.65 Benefit: 75% = \$117.50 85% = \$133.20 |

OTHER JOINT ITEMS

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| Amend | 50112 | Cicatrical flexion or extension contraction of joint, correction of, involving tissues deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissue, other than a service to which another item in this Group applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$375.70 Benefit: 75% = \$281.80 |
| Amend | 50115 | Manipulation of one or more joints, excluding spine, other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Group applies (H) (Anaes.) Fee: \$148.80 Benefit: 75% = \$111.60 |
| Amend | 50130 | Joint or joints, application of external fixator to, other than for treatment of fractures (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$324.95 Benefit: 75% = \$243.75 |

OSTEOMYELITIS ITEMS

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| New | 43527 | Operation on sternum, clavicle, rib, metacarpus, carpus, phalanx, metatarsus, tarsus, mandible or maxilla (other than alveolar margins), by open or arthroscopic means, for septic arthritis or osteomyelitis—one approach, inclusive of the adjoining joint (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$370.80 Benefit: 75% = \$278.10 |
| New | 43530 | Operation on scapula, ulna, radius, tibia, fibula, humerus or femur, by open or arthroscopic means, for septic arthritis or osteomyelitis—one approach, inclusive of the adjoining joint (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$370.80 Benefit: 75% = \$278.10 85% = \$315.20 |
| New | 43533 | Operation on spine or pelvic bones, by open or arthroscopic means, for septic arthritis or osteomyelitis—one approach, inclusive of the adjoining joint (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$611.40 Benefit: 75% = \$458.55 85% = \$526.70 |

BURSA ITEMS

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| Amend | 30107 | Excision of ganglion, other than a service associated with a service to which another item in this Group applies (Anaes.) |
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Fee: \$228.85 **Benefit:** 75% = \$171.65 85% = \$194.55

AMPUTATIONS

44331

AMPUTATION AT SHOULDER (Anaes.) (Assist.)

Fee: \$611.40 **Benefit:** 75% = \$458.55

44334

INTERSCAPULOTHORACIC AMPUTATION (Anaes.) (Assist.)

Fee: \$1,242.65 **Benefit:** 75% = \$932.00 85% = \$1157.95

BONE AND SOFT TISSUE TUMOUR ITEMS

DIAGNOSTIC BIOPSIES

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| TN.8.209 Amend | 50200 | Core needle biopsy of aggressive or potentially malignant bone or soft tissue tumour, excluding aftercare (Anaes.) Fee: \$195.80 Benefit: 75% = \$146.85 85% = \$166.45 |
| TN.8.209 Amend | 50201 | Incisional biopsy of aggressive or potentially malignant bone or soft tissue tumour, excluding aftercare (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$342.80 Benefit: 75% = \$257.10 85% = \$291.40 |

TN.8.209 Procedure for diagnostic biopsy of bone tumor (Items 50200 and 50201)

- Histological proof of either the benign, the aggressive benign, or the malignant nature of the process should be obtained.
- Histological proof may be obtained in conjunction with items 50203, 50206 or 50209. It may be obtained at the time of the procedure (e.g. by intraoperative frozen section analysis of the tumour tissue).

NEOPLASTIC MASS LESIONS – INTRALESIONAL OR MARGINAL EXCISIONS

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| TN.8.171 TN.8.209 Amend | 50203 | Intralesional or marginal excision of bone or soft tissue tumour (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$431.05 Benefit: 75% = \$323.30 85% = \$366.40 |
| TN.8.171 TN.8.209 Amend | 50206 | Intralesional or marginal excision of bone tumour, with at least one of the following: (a) autograft; (b) allograft; (c) cementation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$636.75 Benefit: 75% = \$477.60 |
| TN.8.171 TN.8.209 Amend | 50209 | Intralesional or marginal excision of bone tumour, with at least 2 of the following: (a) autograft; (b) allograft; (c) cementation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |

Fee: \$783.80 **Benefit:** 75% = \$587.85

TN.8.209 Procedure for diagnostic biopsy of bone tumor (Items 50200 and 50201)

- Histological proof of either the benign, the aggressive benign, or the malignant nature of the process should be obtained.
- Histological proof may be obtained in conjunction with items 50203, 50206 or 50209. It may be obtained at the time of the procedure (e.g. by intraoperative frozen section analysis of the tumour tissue).

TN.8.171 Procedure for neoplastic mass lesions - intralesional or marginal excision of bone tumor (Items 50203 - 50209)

- The items 50203, 50306 and 50209 are not for removal of a subchondral cyst (geode).
- The items include all aspects of the surgical approach, the resection, and the subsequent reconstruction (as required).
- The resection of a tumour and associated reconstruction includes any neurolysis, arthrotomy, synovectomy, joint stabilisation, ligamentous stabilisation or reconstruction, tendon transfer of any kind, use of any arthroscopic procedure, osteotomy or osteectomy (with or without bone grafting and / or internal fixation), bone grafting (with or without internal fixation), arthroplasty, arthrodesis, internal fixation by any technique, rhizolysis, laminectomy, or spinal fixation, fusion or grafting.

NEOPLASTIC MASS LESIONS – WIDE EXCISION

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| TN.8.173 | | Wide excision of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both), affecting a limb, trunk or scapula (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| TN.8.174 | 50212 | |
| Amend | | Fee: \$1,714.30 Benefit: 75% = \$1285.75 |
| TN.8.173 | | Wide excision of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both), with intercalary reconstruction of bone by prosthesis, allograft or autograft (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| TN.8.175 | 50215 | |
| Amend | | Fee: \$2,155.10 Benefit: 75% = \$1616.35 |
| TN.8.173 | | Wide excision of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both), with reconstruction, replacement or arthrodesis of adjacent joint, by prosthesis, allograft or autograft (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| TN.8.175 | 50218 | |
| Amend | | Fee: \$2,840.95 Benefit: 75% = \$2130.75 |
| TN.8.173 | | Wide excision of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both) of pelvis, sacrum or spine, without reconstruction (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| TN.8.175 | 50221 | |
| Amend | | Fee: \$2,644.85 Benefit: 75% = \$1983.65 |
| TN.8.173 | | Wide excision of malignant or bone or soft tissue tumour (or both) of pelvis, sacrum or spine, with reconstruction of bone defect, or one or more joints, by any technique (Anaes.) (Assist.) |
| TN.8.175 | 50224 | |
| Amend | | Fee: \$2,938.80 Benefit: 75% = \$2204.10 85% = \$2854.10 |

TN.8.173 Procedure for neoplastic mass lesions - wide excision of bone tumor (Items 50212 - 50224)

The histological diagnosis of the aggressive or malignant nature of the tumour should have been previously documented.

TN.8.174 Procedure for neoplastic mass lesions - wide excision of bone tumor (Item 50212)

- The item includes all aspects of the surgical approach, the resection, and the subsequent reconstruction by the same surgeon (as required).
- The resection of a tumour and associated reconstruction includes any bony or soft tissue procedures.
- A second surgeon may claim additional items used in soft-tissue reconstruction associated with tumour resections

TN.8.175 Procedure for neoplastic mass lesions - wide excision of bone tumor (Items 50215 - 50224)

- The items include all aspects of the surgical approach, the resection, and the subsequent reconstruction by the same surgeon (as required).
- The resection of a tumour and associated reconstruction includes any bony or soft tissue procedures, except for bone grafting items which may be co-claimed where appropriate.
- A second surgeon may claim additional items used in soft-tissue reconstruction associated with tumour resections.

NEOPLASTIC MASS LESIONS - AMPUTATION

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| TN.8.176 Amend | 50233 | Treatment of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both) by hindquarter or forequarter amputation (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$2,253.10 Benefit: 75% = \$1 689.85 |
| TN.8.176 Amend | 50236 | Treatment of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both), by hip disarticulation, shoulder disarticulation or amputation through the proximal one third of the femur (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,763.30 Benefit: 75% = \$1 322.50 |
| TN.8.176 Amend | 50239 | Treatment of malignant or aggressive bone or soft tissue tumour (or both), by amputation, other than a service associated with a service to which item 50233 or 50236 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.) Fee: \$1,175.40 Benefit: 75% = \$881.55 |

TN.8.176 Procedure for neoplastic mass lesions - amputation (Items 50233 - 50239)

- The histological diagnosis of the aggressive or malignant nature of the tumour should have been previously documented. The item includes all aspects of the surgical approach, the resection, and the subsequent reconstruction by the same surgeon (as required).
- The resection of a tumour and associated reconstruction includes any bony or soft tissue procedures.
- A second surgeon may claim additional items used in soft-tissue reconstruction associated with tumour resections.

REVISION ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH MASS LESIONS – WIDE EXCISION

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| New | 50242 | <p>Revision of endoprosthesis replacement, if item 50218 or 50224, or an item that describes a service substantially similar to either of those items, applied to the initial procedure:</p> <p>(a) including any of the following:</p> <p>(i) rebushing;</p> <p>(ii) patella resurfacing;</p> <p>(iii) polyethylene exchange or similar; and</p> <p>(b) excluding removal of prosthetic from bone (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$881.65 Benefit: 75% = \$661.25</p> |
| New | 50245 | <p>Revision of reconstructive procedure, if item 50215, 50218 or 50224, or an item that describes a service substantially similar to any of those items, applied to the initial procedure, by any technique or combination of techniques (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>Fee: \$2,645.05 Benefit: 75% = \$1983.80</p> |

DELETED ITEM NUMBERS

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