

Podiatry 2005

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY PODIATRISTS, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2005

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

General Rules

A	All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated: · name of practitioner · qualifications of the practitioner; · BHF practice number; · postal address and telephone number; · date on which service(s) were provided; · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; · the surname and initials of the member; · the first name of the patient; · the name of the scheme; · the membership number of the member; and · the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable.	A
B	The rate in respect of more than one procedure performed at the same consultation or visit, shall be the full rate for the major procedure plus half the rate in respect of each additional procedure carried out in the treatment of any one condition.	C
C	It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.	C
D	The amount charged in respect of medicines and scheduled substances shall not exceed the limits prescribed in the Regulations Relating to a Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances, dated 30 April 2004, made in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No 101 of 1965). In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus - * 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and * a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.	A

Modifiers

0002	For procedures 021 to 031 carried out in a day clinic or unattached operating theatre unit, the rate shall be reduced to two-thirds.	C
0004	Consultation or treatment in a nursing facility/hospital	C
0006	Consultation or treatment at the patient's residence	C

ITEMS

CONSULTATIONS.

	Modifier 0004 must be quoted for consultation or treatment rendered in a nursing home or hospital.				C
Code	Description	St	Add	36800	
				RVU	Value
001	First consultation (includes history and examination).	C		10.000	63.10 (55.40)
	Modifier 0006 must be quoted for consultations or treatment rendered at the patient's residence.	C			
003	Subsequent consultation (within 2 months for same condition).	C		6.400	40.40 (35.40)
006	More than one patient seen at a residence (See note below).	C		8.500	53.70 (47.10)

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	NOTE : This code is a blanket code for home visits away from the practitioners rooms where more than one but up to and including six patients are treated. The code may be used again if seven to twelve patients are seen.	C			
008	Extended consultation (See note below).	C		3.100	19.60 (17.20)
	NOTE : This code may be used and the rate added if the consultation and/or treatment of one patient takes longer than thirty minutes. This is in respect of General Podiatry Care only. It is not to be used for Biomechanical examinations.	C			
101	Appointments not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	C		-	-
INJECTIONS.					
009	Administration of injection, per administration	C		1.300	8.21 (7.20)
ROUTINE TREATMENTS.					
010	General podiatric care up to 15 minutes including the following: Trim nails, Debride and cut dystrophic nails; one to five, Evacuation of sub-ungual haematoma, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; single lesion, Drain paronychia; one nail and Nail spike removal; single	C		3.900	24.60 (21.60)
011	General podiatric care (30 minutes) including the following: Debride and cut dystrophic nails: six or more, Nail spike removal; two to four, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; two to four lesions, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; more than four lesions, Reduction of heel fissures, Enucleation of interdigital corns; more than two	C		7.800	49.20 (43.20)
012	Extended care for chronic disease management or ulcer management (applicable to diabetes, arthritis and peripheral vascular diseases)	C		7.400	46.70 (41.00)
013	General podiatric care more than 30 minutes (a combination of items 010 and 011)	C		11.800	74.50 (65.40)
VERRUCA TREATMENTS.					
014	Verruca Pedis (Chemotherapy first lesion) (consultation and treatment).	C		5.900	37.20 (32.60)
015	Subsequent lesion.	C		2.900	18.30 (16.10)
016	Cryotherapy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	C		7.800	49.20 (43.20)
017	Subsequent lesion.	C		3.900	24.60 (21.60)
018	Diathermy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	C		6.900	43.60 (38.20)
019	Subsequent lesion.	C		3.500	22.10 (19.40)
Nail Surgery.					
	Note : No consultation fee shall be charged for the same session unless the procedure is performed at the time of the initial consultation	C			
021	Nail wedge resection with matrix phenolisation : one nail - one side (including consultation).	C		19.600	123.70 (108.50)
022	Two nails - one side.	C		25.500	161.00 (141.20)
024	Two nails - both sides.	C		36.400	229.80 (201.60)
023	One nail - two sides (including consultation).	C		25.500	161.00 (141.20)
025	Avulsion with matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	C		19.600	123.70 (108.50)
031	Avulsion without matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	C		12.800	80.80 (70.90)
Other.					
040	Infection control, per patient	C		1.200	7.57 (6.64)
041	Remedial therapy.	C		4.900	30.90 (27.10)

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042	Sterile pack.	C		5.900	37.20 (32.60)
044	Suturing (includes consultation).	C		7.800	49.20 (43.20)
046	Incision Biopsy.	C		5.900	37.20 (32.60)
047	Removal of foreign body.	C		8.900	56.20 (49.30)
048	Suturing / Wound closure material : Cost of material plus 10%	C		-	-
146	Excision biopsy.	C		8.900	56.20 (49.30)
201	Sterile Surgical Blades (maximum of 2 per patient)	C		1.000	6.31 (5.54)
203	Wound dressing material (maximum of 2 per patient)	C		2.000	12.60 (11.10)
205	Plaster of Paris bandage roll (maximum of 2 per patient). At net acquisition price.	C		-	-
207	Moulded Orthotic material fee	C		11.800	74.50 (65.40)
209	Simple insole material fee	C		5.900	37.20 (32.60)
211	Local anaesthetic medication per ampoule (maximum of 5 per patient)	C		2.000	12.60 (11.10)
213	Injection medication fee (other than local anaesthetic). At net acquisition price.	C		-	-
	Items 215, 217 or 219 may be used for corrective or supportive strapping or padding placed into footwear. The area of the foot must be specified.	C			
215	Padding and strapping : Digital, per foot	C		2.800	17.70 (15.50)
217	Padding and strapping: Metatarsal, per foot	C		3.500	22.10 (19.40)
219	Padding and strapping: Heel, per foot	C		3.500	22.10 (19.40)
Appliances and Orthotics					
	(By arrangement with the scheme concerned).	C			
043	Biomechanical examination.	C		15.700	99.10 (86.90)
051	Neutral impression Plaster of Paris casting	C		8.500	53.70 (47.10)
052	Orthotic repair.	C		12.800	80.80 (70.90)
053	Temporary orthotic or corrective component.	C		12.800	80.80 (70.90)
054	Prescription covering and soft tissue supplements.	C		8.900	56.20 (49.30)
055	Silicone devices: Digital	C		5.400	34.10 (29.90)
056	Computerised gait analysis or footpressure measurement and analysis	C		19.600	123.70 (108.50)
057	Template measurement.	C		2.900	18.30 (16.10)
058	Plaster of Paris Immobilisation casting	C		10.600	66.90 (58.70)
059	Simple insole - one foot.	C		11.100	70.10 (61.50)
060	Silicone devices: metatarsal	C		10.700	67.50 (59.20)
	The rates for items 063 and 065 include the cost of intrinsic and extrinsic posting adjustments	C			
061	Simple insoles - both feet.	C		20.100	126.90 (111.30)

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063	Prescription orthotic : one foot.	C		19.100	120.60 (105.80)
064	Silicone devices: heel	C		15.900	100.40 (88.10)
065	Prescription orthotics : both feet.	C		38.300	241.70 (212.00)
067	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, both feet	C		22.100	139.50 (122.40)
069	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, one foot	C		11.000	69.40 (60.90)
071	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, both feet	C		17.000	107.30 (94.10)
073	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, one foot	C		8.500	53.70 (47.10)

CONSUMABLE LIST

STERILISING ITEMS Cold Sterilant e.g. Cidex, Steri 101, Etc. Ultraviolet Tubes (Replacements) Autoclave Bags WASTE DISPOSAL Sharps Container Medical Waste Bin REGULARLY USED ITEMS Disposable Hand Towels e.g. Kimdri Disinfecting Handwash e.g. Hibiscrub Linen Savers Cotton Wool Gloves: Non-Sterile Sterile Gauze: Non-Sterile Sterile Tube Gauze (Various Sizes) Padding e.g. Semi Compressed Felt Strapping e.g. Hapla, Zopla Disinfecting Hand Gel e.g. Steri 601 Surface Disinfectant e.g. Steri 201 Tongue Depressors Applicator Sticks Friars Balsam Silver Nitrate? Hibitane Concentrate Phenol Silicone & Activator for Devices Monochloracetic Acid Salicylic Acid in Lanolin Dental Needles Xylotox Se Plain Solution for Injection Emergency Drugs e.g. Adrenaline/Epipen Penrose Drains / Tournicot Hydrogen Peroxide 70% Alcohol Hibicol Acetone Sterile Blades (Various Sizes) Moores Discs Sterile Dressing Trays Sutures Single Use Sterile Syringes	C			
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