

**NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY PODIATRISTS, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2006**

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:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· name of practitioner</li> <li>· qualifications of the practitioner;</li> <li>· BHF practice number;</li> <li>· postal address and telephone number;</li> <li>· date on which service(s) were provided;</li> <li>· The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered;</li> <li>· the surname and initials of the member;</li> <li>· the first name of the patient;</li> <li>· the name of the scheme;</li> <li>· the membership number of the member; and</li> <li>· the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable.</li> </ul>	05.03
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.	04.00
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.	04.00
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.	05.03

**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.	04.00
0004	Consultation or treatment in a nursing facility/hospital	04.00
0006	Consultation or treatment at the patient's residence	04.00

**ITEMS**

	Modifier 0004 must be quoted for consultation or treatment rendered in a nursing home or hospital.	04.00
	Modifier 0006 must be quoted for consultations or treatment rendered at the patient's residence.	04.00

**CONSULTATIONS.**

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Podiatry	
				RVU	Fee
301	Consultation (initial or follow up) 0-10 minutes	06.03		5.000	36.60 (32.10)
302	Consultation (initial or follow up) 11-20 minutes	06.03		15.000	109.90 (96.40)
303	Consultation (initial or follow up) 21-30 minutes	06.03		25.000	183.10 (160.60)
304	Consultation (initial or follow up) 31-45 minutes	06.03		37.500	274.70 (241.00)
006	More than one patient seen at a residence (See note below).	06.02		8.500	56.30 (49.40)
	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.	06.02			
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).	04.00		-	-

**INJECTIONS.**

009	Administration of injection, per administration	04.00		1.300	8.61 (7.55)
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**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	04.00		3.900	25.80 (22.60)
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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	04.00		7.800	51.60 (45.30)
012	Extended care for chronic disease management or ulcer management (applicable to diabetes, arthritis and peripheral vascular diseases)	04.00		7.400	49.00 (43.00)
013	General podiatric care more than 30 minutes (a combination of items 010 and 011)	04.00		11.800	78.10 (68.50)
<b>VERRUCA TREATMENTS.</b>					
	Note : No consultation fee shall be charged for the same session unless the procedure is performed at the time of the initial consultation				04.00
014	Verruca Pedis (Chemotherapy first lesion) (consultation and treatment).	04.00		5.900	39.10 (34.30)
015	Subsequent lesion.	04.00		2.900	19.20 (16.80)
016	Cryotherapy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	04.00		7.800	51.60 (45.30)
017	Subsequent lesion.	04.00		3.900	25.80 (22.60)
018	Diathermy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	04.00		6.900	45.70 (40.10)
019	Subsequent lesion.	04.00		3.500	23.20 (20.40)
<b>Nail Surgery.</b>					
	Note : No consultation fee shall be charged for the same session unless the procedure is performed at the time of the initial consultation				04.00
021	Nail wedge resection with matrix phenolisation : one nail - one side (including consultation).	04.00		19.600	129.80 (113.90)
022	Two nails - one side.	04.00		25.500	168.80 (148.10)
024	Two nails - both sides.	04.00		36.400	241.00 (211.40)
023	One nail - two sides (including consultation).	04.00		25.500	168.80 (148.10)
025	Avulsion with matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	04.00		19.600	129.80 (113.90)
031	Avulsion without matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	04.00		12.800	84.70 (74.30)
<b>Other.</b>					
040	Infection control, per patient	04.00		1.200	7.95 (6.97)
041	Remedial therapy.	04.00		4.900	32.40 (28.40)
044	Suturing (includes consultation).	04.00		7.800	51.60 (45.30)
046	Incision Biopsy.	04.00		5.900	39.10 (34.30)
047	Removal of foreign body.	04.00		8.900	58.90 (51.70)
146	Excision biopsy.	04.00		8.900	58.90 (51.70)
056	Computerised gait analysis	06.02		19.600	129.80 (113.90)
	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.	04.00			
215	Padding and strapping : Digital, per foot	04.00		2.800	18.50 (16.20)
217	Padding and strapping: Metatarsal, per foot	04.00		3.500	23.20 (20.40)
219	Padding and strapping: Heel, per foot	04.00		3.500	23.20 (20.40)
<b>Appliances and Orthotics</b>					
	(By arrangement with the scheme concerned).				04.00
043	Biomechanical examination.	04.00		15.700	103.90 (91.10)
051	Neutral impression Plaster of Paris casting	04.00		8.500	56.30 (49.40)
052	Orthotic repair.	04.00		12.800	84.70 (74.30)
053	Temporary orthotic or corrective component.	04.00		12.800	84.70 (74.30)

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054	Prescription covering and soft tissue supplements.	04.00		8.900	58.90 (51.70)
055	Silicone devices: Digital	04.00		5.400	35.80 (31.40)
057	Template measurement.	04.00		2.900	19.20 (16.80)
058	Plaster of Paris Immobilisation casting	04.00		10.600	70.20 (61.60)
059	Simple insole - one foot.	04.00		11.100	73.50 (64.50)
061	Simple insoles - both feet.	04.00		20.100	133.10 (116.80)
060	Silicone devices: metatarsal	04.00		10.700	70.80 (62.10)
064	Silicone devices: heel	04.00		15.900	105.30 (92.40)
	The rates for items 063 and 065 include the cost of intrinsic and extrinsic posting adjustments	04.00			
063	Prescription orthotic : one foot.	04.00		19.100	126.50 (111.00)
065	Prescription orthotics : both feet.	04.00		38.300	253.60 (222.50)
067	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, both feet	04.00		22.100	146.30 (128.30)
069	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, one foot	04.00		11.000	72.80 (63.90)
071	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, both feet	04.00		17.000	112.60 (98.80)
073	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, one foot	04.00		8.500	56.30 (49.40)

**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 Monochloroacetic 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	04.00
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