

**Unattached Operating Theatre Units 2006**

**NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST IN RESPECT OF UNATTACHED OPERATING THEATRE UNITS AND DAY CLINICS WITH A PRACTICE NUMBER COMMENCING WITH '76' WITH EFFECT 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	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
C	All accounts submitted by unattached operating theatre units/day clinics shall comply with all of the requirements in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, Act No. 131 of 1999. Where possible, such accounts shall also reflect the practice code numbers and names of the surgeon, the anaesthetist and of any assistant surgeon who may have been present during the course of an operation.	04.00
D	All accounts shall be accompanied by a copy of the relevant theatre accounts specifying all details of items charged, as well as all the procedures performed. Photocopies of all other documents pertaining to the patients account must be provided on request. Medical schemes shall have the right to inspect the original source documents at the rehabilitation hospital concerned.	04.00
E	All accounts containing items which are subject to a discount in terms of the recommended benefit shall indicate such items individually and shall show separately the gross amount of the discount.	04.00
F	Accommodation fees includes the services listed below:  A. The minimum services that are required are items 3, 5 and 6.  B. If managed care organisations or medical schemes request any of the other services included in this list, no additional charge may be levied by the hospital.  1 Pre-authorisation (up to the date of admission) of: · length of stay · level of care · theatre procedures  2 Provision of ICD-10 and CPT-4 codes when requesting pre-authorisation  3 Notification of admission  4 Immediate notification of changes to: · length of stay · level of care · theatre procedures  5 Reporting of length of stay and level of care · In standard format for purposes of creating a minimum dataset of information to be used in defining an alternative reimbursement system.  6 Discharge ICD-10 and CPT-4 coding · In standard format for purposes of creating a minimum dataset of information to be used in defining an alternative reimbursement system. · Including coding of complications and co-morbidity. To be done as accurately as practically possible by the hospital.  7 Case management by means of standard documentation and liaison between scheme and hospital appointed case managers · Liaison means communication and sharing of information between case managers, but does not include active case management by the hospital.	04.00

**SCHEDULE**

<b>9 UNATTACHED OPERATING THEATRE UNITS AND DAY CLINICS WITH A PRACTICE NUMBER COMMENCING WITH '76'</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ver</b>	<b>Add</b>	<b>Unattached operating theatres / Day clinics</b>	
				<b>RVU</b>	<b>Fee</b>
005	Local anaesthetic theatre, Per minute	04.00		-	7.29 (6.39)
010	General anaesthetic theatre, Per minute	04.00		-	22.90 (20.10)
015	Dental anaesthetic theatre (Applicable to units registered for dental procedures only), Per minute	04.00		-	15.40 (13.50)
061	Excimer laser theatre fee, per minute	04.00		-	16.40 (14.40)

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<b>Ward fees (including recovery room)</b>					
019	Out-patients facility fee for ambulatory admission - chargeable for patients NOT requiring general anaesthetic- No ward fees applicable.  Definition: Item 019 may only be used in conjunction with item 071 which is for pre-booked patients and may not be used in conjunction with items 301, 302, 061 and 335.	04.00		-	268.90 (235.90)
025	Day rate.	04.00		-	308.40 (270.50)
<b>Emergency units</b>					
035	Theatre drugs 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).	04.00		-	-
301	For all consultations including those requiring basic nursing input, e.g. BP measurement, urine testing, application of simple bandages, administration of injections.	04.00		-	-
302	For all consultations which require the use of a procedure room or nursing input, e.g. for application of plaster of Paris, stitching of wounds, insertion of IV Therapy. Includes the use of the procedure room. No per minute charge may be levied.	04.00		-	265.20 (232.60)
<b>Non-chargeable items (1)</b>					
040	Theatre items: Refer to Appendix B.	05.03		-	-
<b>Non chargeable items (2)</b>					
060	Wards: Refer to Appendix B.	05.03		-	-
<b>THE CHARGE FOR A MONITOR HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE THEATRE FEE. NO EXTRA CHARGE IS PAYABLE</b>					
<b>STANDARD CHARGES FOR EQUIPEMENT AND MATERIALS</b>					
227	Operating microscope - motorised. This is applicable to a binocular operating microscope with motorised focusing, positioning and zoom magnification changer. Spinal, intra-cranial and ophthalmic surgery only (all ENT and other surgery excluded): Per case	04.00		-	267.00 (234.20)
228	Operating microscope - manually operated. Applicable to a binocular operating microscope with manual focusing, positioning and multistep magnification changer. Microscopic surgery only: Per case	04.00		-	132.00 (115.80)
335	Excimer laser: Hire fee per eye	04.00		-	1865.30 (1636.20)
337	Microkeratome used with an excimer laser, per operation	04.00		-	342.60 (300.50)
<b>GASES</b>					
<b>Oxygen and Nitrous Oxide</b>					
	For both gases together, per minute				04.00
283	PWV area	04.00		-	2.77 (2.43)
701	Cape Town	04.00		-	3.81 (3.34)
702	Port Elizabeth	04.00		-	3.38 (2.96)
703	East London	04.00		-	3.74 (3.28)
704	Durban	04.00		-	3.47 (3.04)
705	Other areas	04.00		-	3.11 (2.73)
<b>Oxygen, ward use</b>					
	Fee for oxygen, per quarter hour or part thereof, outside the operating theatre complex				04.00
284	PWV area	04.00		-	4.07 (3.57)
710	Cape Town	04.00		-	6.76 (5.93)
711	Port Elizabeth	04.00		-	6.48 (5.68)
712	East London	04.00		-	6.23 (5.46)
713	Durban	04.00		-	5.28 (4.63)
714	Other areas	04.00		-	5.02 (4.40)
<b>Oxygen, recovery room and emergency units</b>					
	Flat rate for oxygen per case				04.00
720	PWV area	04.00		-	8.10 (7.11)
721	Cape Town	04.00		-	13.40 (11.80)
722	Port Elizabeth	04.00		-	12.90 (11.30)
723	East London	04.00		-	12.40 (10.90)
724	Durban	04.00		-	10.60 (9.30)
725	Other areas	04.00		-	10.00 (8.77)
<b>Oxygen in Theatre</b>					
	Fee for oxygen per minute in the operating theatre when no other gas administered.				04.00
730	PWV area	04.00		-	0.25 (0.22)
731	Cape Town	04.00		-	0.44 (0.39)
732	Port Elizabeth	04.00		-	0.43 (0.38)

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733	East London	04.00		-	0.43 (0.38)
734	Durban	04.00		-	0.34 (0.30)
735	Other areas	04.00		-	0.33 (0.29)
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>					
291	Per minute	04.00		-	0.49 (0.43)
<b>Laser</b>					
292	Per minute	04.00		-	9.73 (8.54)
<b>Entonox</b>					
293	Per 30 minutes	04.00		-	92.50 (81.10)
<b>Inhalation anaesthetics</b>					
285	Halothane (Halothane): per minute	04.00		-	1.04 (0.91)
752	Ethrane (Enflurane): per minute	04.00		-	5.50 (4.82)
753	Forane (Isoflurane): per minute	04.00		-	5.16 (4.53)
754	Isofor ( Isoflurane); per minute	04.00		-	4.69 (4.11)
755	Ultane (Sevoflurane): per minute	04.00		-	9.47 (8.31)
756	Suprane (Desflurane); per minute	04.00		-	8.07 (7.08)
757	Aerrane (Isoflurane): per minute	04.00		-	4.21 (3.69)
758	Alyrane (enflurane): per minute	04.00		-	4.23 (3.71)
759	Fluothane (Halothane): per minute	04.00		-	1.00 (0.88)

ANNEXURES

	<p>APPENDIX A</p> <p>LAPAROSCOPIC AND THORACOSCOPIC CPT CODES AND CATEGORIES</p> <p>CATEGORY 1 (CPT4 2000 code numbers included where possible)</p> <p>Diagnostic laparoscopy (49320)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with fulgeration of oviducts (with/without transection) (58670)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with occlusion of oviducts (e.g.band, clip, Falope ring) (58771)  Hysteroscopy diagnostic (58555)  Hysteroscopy, with sampling of endometrium and/or polypectomy, with/without D&amp;C (58558)</p> <p>THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC with biopsy  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC lungs and pleural space, with biopsy  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC pericardial sac, without biopsy  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC pericardial sac with biopsy  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC mediastinal space without biopsy  THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC mediastinal space with biopsy</p> <p>CATEGORY 2</p> <p>Laparoscopy, surgical; with salpingostomy (salpingoneostomy) (58673)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with fimbrioplasty (58672)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with fulgeration or excision of the ovary, pelvic viscera or peritoneal surface, any method (58662)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with lysis of adhesions (changed 1998 to salpigolysis, ovariolysis) (58660)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with removal leiomyomata (58551)  Laparoscopy surgical; withenterolysis (freeing intestinal adhesion) (44200)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with retroperitoneal node sampling (biopsy) (38570)  Laparoscopy,surgical, abdomen, peritoneum, omentum; with drainage lymphocele to peritoneal cavity (49323)  Laparoscopy, surgical; appendectomy (44970)  Laparoscopy, surgical, abdomen, peritoneum and omentum; with biopsy (49321)  Laparoscopy, surgical, abdominal, peritoneum and omentum; with aspiration of cavity or cyst (e.g. ovarian cyst) single or multiple (49322)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with removal of adnexal structures (partial or total oophorectomy and/or salpingectomy) (58661)  Laparoscopy, surgical; orchiopexy for intra-abdominal testis (54692)  Laparoscopy, surgical; ligation spermatic veins for varicocele (55550)  Laparoscopy, surgical; ablation of renal cysts (50541)  Laparoscopy, surgical; urethral suspension for stress incontinence (51990)  Laparoscopy, surgical; sling operation for stress incontinence (51992)  Hysteroscopy with lysis intra-uterine adhesions (58559)  Hysteroscopy with removal impacted foreign body (58562)  Hysteroscopy with removal leiomyomata \ (58561)  Hysteroscopy with endometrial ablation \ (58563)  Laparoscopic treatment of ectopic pregnancy, without salpingectomy and/or oophorectomy (59150)  Laparoscopic treatment of ectopic pregnancy; with salpingectomy and/or oophorectomy (59151)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with vaginal hysterectomy. (Lap assisted vag. Hyst) (58550)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with bilat. Total pelvic lymphadenectomy (38571)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with bilat. Total pelvic lymphadenectomy and peri-aortic lymph node sampling (biopsy) (38572)  Laparoscopy with adrenalectomy (60650)  Laparoscopy, surgical; pyeloplasty (50544)  Laparoscopy, surgical; nephrectomy (50540)  Laparoscopy, surgical; donor nephrectomy (50547)  Laparoscopically assisted nephroureterectomy (50548)  Laparoscopy, surgical, ureterolithotomy 50945)  Laparoscopy, surgical; transection of Vagus nerve, truncal (43651)  Laparoscopy, surgical; transection of Vagus nerves, selective or highly selective (43652)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with guided transhepatic cholangiography, without biopsy (47560)  Laparoscopy, surgical; with guided transhepatic cholangiography, with biopsy (47561)  Laparoscopy, surgical; cholecystoenterostomy (47570)  Laparoscopy, surgical; cholecystectomy with cholangiography (47563)  Laparoscopy, surgical; cholecystectomy with explor, common bile duct (47564)  Laparoscopy, surgical; splenectomy (38120)  Laparoscopy, surgical; gastrostomy, without construction of gastric tube (e.g. Stamm procedure) (43653)  Laparoscopy, surgical; jejunostomy (44201)  Laparoscopy, surgical; intestinal resection, with anastomosis (44202)  Laparoscopy, surgical; oesophagogastric fundoplasty eg Nissen, Toupet procedures) (43280)  Unlisted laparoscopic procedure, uterus (58578)  Unlisted hysteroscopy procedure, uterus (58579)  Unlisted laparoscopic procedure, oviduct, ovary (58679)  Unlisted laparoscopic spleen procedure (38129)  Unlisted laparoscopic lymphatic procedure (38589)  Unlisted laparoscopic oesophagus procedure (43289)  Unlisted laparoscopic stomach procedure (43659)  Unlisted laparoscopic intestinal procedure (except rectum) (44209)  Unlisted laparoscopic appendix procedure (44979)  Unlisted laparoscopic biliary tract procedure (47579)  Unlisted laparoscopy procedure, abdomen, peritoneum &amp; omentum (49329)  Unlisted laparoscopic hernia procedure (49659)  Unlisted laparoscopic renal procedure (50549)  Unlisted laparoscopic procedure, testis (54699)  Unlisted laparoscopic procedure, spermatic cord (55559)  Unlisted laparoscopic procedure, maternity care and delivery (59898)  Unlisted laparoscopic endocrine procedure (60659)</p>	<p>05.03</p>
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APPENDIX B	05.03
PRINCIPLES	
The following principles are applicable:	
1.	At all times best clinical practice must be adhered too.
2.	Items listed in the Recommended Guide to Reimbursement for Consumable and Disposable Items Charged by Private Hospitals and Same Day Surgery Facilities are described generically according to product classification and function. Trade names may be included, by means of example, for clarification purposes only. Photocopies of all documents pertaining to the patients account must be provided on request. Medical schemes shall have the right to inspect the original source documentation at the hospital/sameday surgical facilities concerned. The Recommended Guide to Reimbursement for Consumable and Disposable Items Charged by Sub-Acute Facilities, Private Hospitals and Sameday Surgery Facilities will be reviewed half-yearly.
3.	The cost of consumable and disposable items used on a patient in a hospital must be recovered by means of a charge mechanism as follows:
¢	Items included in the per minute theatre fee.
¢	Items included in the per day ward or unit fee.
¢	Items are charged to the patient's account where reimbursement is not granted by a medical scheme.
4.	Any agreed difference on the basic interpretation of the Recommended Guide to Reimbursement for Consumable and Disposable Items Charged by Private Hospitals and Same Day Surgery Facilities list will be made in accordance with the approval of the duly appointed representatives of the individual contractor, medical aid, MCO and representatives of private hospitals. Such approval shall be ratified in writing and circulated to all parties concerned. Where the hospital uses an excessively priced product, a review process should be conducted, and appropriate price adjustment made.
5.	Disposable items are single use only and must never be reused.
¢	Single use items will be charged at 100%.
¢	Hospitals will sign an ethical undertaking that single use items will only be used once. If a hospital does not conform it may be reported to the group head office. If an acceptable explanation is not supplied within 14 days, payment on that account may be withheld.
6.	Limited life re-usable products are products intended for multiple use and endorsed as such by the manufacturers. Such products will be charged according to the "Fractional" charges as detailed and are under continual review. The item will be considered life re-usable (limited multiple use) if it can re re-used less than 100 times (endorsed as such by the manufacturer).
7.	Where a hospital uses an excessively priced product, a review process with the parties as listed under 3 above should be conducted, and appropriate price adjustment made.
8.	TTO's will be issued and charged according to the rules of the scheme.
9.	All prescribed items will be recoverable according to the rules of the scheme.
Key Indicators	
The different key indicators in the Recommended Guide to Reimbursement for Consumable and Disposable Items charged by Private Hospitals and Same Day Surgery Facilities List are as follows:	
All prescribed items dispensed in wards or theatre are fully recoverable according to scheme's rules.	
Key	Description
THR	Theatre consumable and disposable items
WRD	Ward consumable and disposable items
NR	Item is non-recoverable
C	Item is chargeable under certain circumstance
R	Item is recoverable
P	Item is recoverable from patient
F	Fractional (re-usable) and is charged out on a pro-rata basis (as per 5.5.1-
5.5.4).	
N/A	Not used/not applicable
Disposable	Means the manufacturer states one time use only. S/U(Single use) Item =Payable 100%
Medical Prescribed Meals	See List
Practice Code	References to the NRPL -HS includes 57/58, 76 and 77

	<p>APPENDIX C</p> <p>Infectious Diseases</p> <p>CONDITION</p> <p>Acute Flaccid Paralysis</p> <p>Anthrax</p> <p>Chicken Pox</p> <p>Diphtheria</p> <p>Haemophyllis Influenza</p> <p>Haemorrhagic fevers of Africa:</p> <p>    ¢ Crimean-Congo Ebola</p> <p>    ¢ Lassa</p> <p>    ¢ Marburg</p> <p>    ¢ Rift Valley</p> <p>    ¢ Dengue</p> <p>Herpes Zoster</p> <p>HIV/AIDS</p> <p>Legionnaires Disease</p> <p>Measles:</p> <p>    ¢ Rubeola</p> <p>    ¢ Rubella</p> <p>Meningococcal infections</p> <p>Multi-drug Resistant Bacteria:</p> <p>    ¢ MRSA</p> <p>    ¢ VRE</p> <p>    ¢ MRSE</p> <p>Poliomyelitis</p> <p>Pyrexia unknown origin</p> <p>Rabies</p> <p>Small Pox</p> <p>Tuberculosis Pulmonary</p> <p>Typhus Fever</p> <p>Viral Hepatitis</p> <p>Whooping Cough (Pertussis)</p> <p>Note: The above is a general list and the clinical appropriate use of items for specific conditions is subject to Case Management.</p>	05.03
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APPENDIX D				05.03
Medically Prescribed Meals:				
ORAL SUPPLEMENTS (oral and tube feeds)	Standard	Ensure	Fortisip	
			Fortimel	
			Fresubin Original drink (Vanilla)	
			Nutren And Nutren Jnr (Gluten -free)	
	Standard & Fibre	Ensure with Fibre	Nutren with Fibre	
	Isotonic	Fresubin Original		
	Isotonic &Fibre	Fresubin Original Fibre	Jevity	
			Osmolite	
	Low Residue	Modulen N	Osmolite HN	
			Peptamen & Peptamen Jnr	
Capuchino)	High Energy, High Protein & Fibre	Fresubin Energy Fibre drink	(Lemon, Banana, Chocolate &	
	High Energy & High Protein	Fresubin Energy drink	(Strawberry & Vanilla)	
TUBE FEEDS	Semi-Elemental	Alitraq	Peptamen & Peptamen Jnr RTH	
			Peptisorb	
			Survimed OPD (Liquid)	
			Vital	
	Standard	Nutren RTH	Nutrison	
			Nutrison Energy	
			Nutrison Paediatric	
	High Energy & High Protein	Fresubin 750 MCT(HP Energy)		
	Semi-Elemental High Protein	Perative,		
	And High Fibre		Nutren Fibre RTH	
DISEASE SPECIFIC	MaximumGlucose Tolerance	Fresubin Diabetes	Glucerna	
			Nutren Diabetes	
	Pulmonary Insufficiency	Pulmocare	Supportan	
	Renal Failure	Suplena		
	HIV/Aids	Advera	Survimed OPD	
			Supportan	
	Cancer Patients	Supportan drink (Milk Coffee),	Stresson Multi	
Fibre, Peptisorb	Protein	Promod	Protifar	
	MCT Oil	MCT Oil		
			Fresubin 750MCT(HP Energy)	
	Glutamine		Glutapack-10	
			Dipeptiven 50ml & 100ml	
	Food thickener	Thick & Easy		
MODULAR	Carbohydrate	Fantomalt		
			Polycose	
Note: Or generic equivalents. All tubes feeds subject to Case Management				