

Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) - Changes Effective from 1 February 2008

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CHANGES TO INDICATOR PROCEDURE CODES (IPCs) EFFECTIVE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2008

1. Introduction

This Policy Directive outlines changes to the list of Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) including new IPCs, modified description to existing IPCs and IPCs to be deactivated to be used by hospitals in the management of surgical and medical waiting list and reported under the Department's Waiting Times Collection.

This Policy Directive should be distributed to all staff involved in the management of waiting list (eg, booking and admission staff) and those involved in the maintenance of the Patient Administration Systems (PAS). The latter includes those who manage and develop PAS statewide systems and those who manage the PAS at the hospital level (eg PAS team managers).

Health Technology which maintains Cerner and iPM have been advised of these changes and have been requested to ensure that the changes to Indicator Procedure Codes are available for use from 1 February 2008.

2. Purpose

The current list of Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) being used by NSW Health and the Area Health Services has been acknowledged to be inadequate. This results in a large number of patients being coded into IPC 998 'Other Surgical'.

The Health Service Performance Improvement Branch in consultation with the Area Waiting List Coordinators had reviewed the current list to determine additional IPCs and identify IPCs that can be merged with other existing IPCs and be deactivated. Likewise, to reduce the need for using the IPC 998 'Other Surgical', new IPCs 'Other Surgical' for each specialty were developed, eg. Other – E.N.T, Other – Cardiothoracic, etc.

3. Indicator Procedure Codes

From 1 February 2008, there will be additional Indicator Procedure Codes available for use. These new codes represent a change in reporting practices as the new codes must be used wherever applicable.

4. List of New Indicator Procedure Codes

The table below shows the list of new valid Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) that will apply from 1 February 2008.

Code	Procedure Description
200	Arthrotomy
201	Reconstruction of shoulder
202	Closed reduction/internal fixation of fracture
203	Open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) of fracture
204	Examination under Anaesthesia (not including eyes)

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219	Removal of epididymal cyst
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221	Other - Cardiothoracic
222	Other - ENT
223	Other - General
224	Other - Gynaecology
225	Other - Neurosurgery
226	Other - Ophthalmology
227	Other - Orthopaedic
228	Other - Plastics
229	Other - Urology
230	Other - Vascular
231	Other - Gastroenterology

5. Existing Indicator Procedure Codes with Revised Descriptions

The table below shows the list of existing Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) with revised descriptions.

Code	Revised Procedure Description
005	Haemorrhoidectomy/Banding of Haemorrhoids
008	Myringoplasty/Tympanoplasty
010	Prostatectomy/open/TURP
017	Coronary angioplasty/DSA/PTA/Stent/Balloon Dilation
025	Colectomy/Anterior Resection/Large Bowel Resection
034	Repair of knee cartilage/Repair of knee ligament/ACL Reconstruction
038	Laminectomy/Other Spinal Surgery (excluding fusion and discectomy)
041	Removal of bunion (hallux valgus; hallux abducto valgus)
046	Biopsy/conization of cervix/LLetz
065	Sub-mucosal resection/Nasal
078	Repair incisional hernia
091	Myelogram

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121	Repair of Dupuytren's contracture/Fasciectomy/Palmar Fasciectomy
126	Meniscectomy (knee)
140	Urinary Meatoplasty
180	Parotidectomy/Submandibular gland - excision

6. Removed Indicator Procedure Codes

The table below shows the list of Indicator Procedure Codes (IPCs) that will be deactivated from 1 February 2008.

Code	Description
035	Repair of knee ligament (combined with IPC 034 'Repair of knee cartilage/Repair of knee ligament/ACL Reconstruction')
125	Lumbar myelogram (combined with IPC 091 'Myelogram')

7. Further Information

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Appendix A

**Complete List of Indicator Procedure Codes
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Code	Procedure Description
001	Cataract extraction
002	Cholecystectomy
003	Coronary artery bypass graft
004	Cystoscopy
005	Haemorrhoidectomy/Banding of Haemorrhoids
006	Hysterectomy
007	Inguinal herniorrhaphy
008	Myringoplasty/Tympanoplasty
009	Myringotomy
010	Prostatectomy/open/TURP
011	Septoplasty
012	Tonsillectomy
013	Total hip replacement
014	Total knee replacement
015	Varicose veins stripping and ligation
016	Cardiac catheterisation
017	Coronary angioplasty/DSA/PTA/Stent/Balloon Dilation
018	Heart valve replacement
019	Bronchoscopy
020	Colonoscopy
021	Gastroscopy
022	Endoscopy – small intestine
023	Removal of skin lesions
024	Removal of ingrown toenail
025	Colectomy/Anterior Resection/Large Bowel Resection
026	Dilatation of oesophagus
027	Biopsy of breast
028	Femoral herniorrhaphy
029	Repair of umbilical hernia
030	Mastectomy
031	Freeing abdominal adhesions
032	Nasal polypectomy
033	Rhinoplasty
034	Repair of knee cartilage/Repair of knee ligament/ACL Reconstruction
036	Release of carpal tunnel
037	Spinal fusion
038	Laminectomy/Other Spinal Surgery (excluding fusion and diskectomy)
039	Diskectomy
040	Removal of Pins and Plates

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041	Removal of bunion (hallux valgus; hallux abducto valgus)
042	Arthroscopy
043	Diagnostic Laparoscopy
044	Hysteroscopy
045	Female sterilisation
046	Biopsy/conization of cervix/LLetz
047	Repair of cystocele, rectocele
048	Insufflation of fallopian tube (Rubin's test)
049	Endometrial ablation
050	Myomectomy
051	Vaginal repair
052	Excision of ovarian cyst
053	Vasectomy
054	Circumcision
055	Dilatation of urethra
056	Lithotripsy
057	Endarterectomy
058	Pleurodesis
059	Pulmonary artery shunt
060	Repair ventricular-septal defect
061	Repair atrial-septal defect
062	Repair patent ductus arteriosus
063	Ethmoidectomy
064	Microlaryngoscopy
065	Sub-mucosal resection/Nasal
066	Insertion P.E. tubes (grommets)
067	Adenoidectomy
068	Correction of bat ears
069	Nasal cautery
070	Mastoidectomy
071	Stapedectomy
072	Laryngectomy
073	Tracheostomy
074	Correction of cleft lip/palate
075	Cochlear implant
076	Release of tongue tie
077	Excision lesion of pharynx
078	Repair incisional hernia
079	Thyroidectomy/hemi-thyroidectomy
080	Excision of anal fissure
081	Pilonidal sinus
082	Liver biopsy
083	Laparotomy
084	Excision of breast lump
085	Amputation of limb
086	Excision of ganglion
087	Coeliac plexus block

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088	Endoscopy – ERCP
089	Fundoplication
090	Sympathectomy
091	Myelogram
092	Epidural steroid injection
093	Diathermy of warts
094	Repair of hiatus hernia
095	Sphincterotomy
096	Insertion of hepatic artery catheter
097	Appendicectomy
100	Dilatation and curettage
101	Colposcopy
102	Tubal reanastomosis
103	Drainage of Bartholin's cyst
104	Craniotomy
105	Drainage of sub-dural haematoma
106	CT scan
107	MRI scan
108	Craniectomy
109	Insertion of ventricular shunt
110	Replacement/removal of ventricular shunt
111	Correction of ectropian
112	Excision of pterygium
113	Corneal graft
114	Repair of exostosis
115	Repair of squint
116	Examination of eye under anaesthesia
117	Probing of naso/lacrimal duct
118	Dacryocystorhinostomy
119	Excision of chalazion
120	Change of plaster (GA)
121	Repair of Dupuytren's contracture/Fasciectomy/Palmar Fasciectomy
122	Arthrodesis
123	Repair of rotator cuff
124	Acromioplasty
126	Meniscectomy (knee)
127	Release of clubfoot
128	Change of muscle or tendon length
129	Tenotomy of hip
130	Reduction of fractured zygoma
131	Reduction of fractured orbit
132	Removal of breast implants
133	Radical neck dissection
134	Interdental wiring
135	Mandibulectomy/hemi-mandibulectomy
136	Revision of scar

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137	Bladder neck incision
138	Orchidopexy
139	Orchidectomy
140	Urinary Meatoplasty
141	Nephrectomy
142	Insertion of ureteric stent
143	Cystectomy
144	Retrograde pyelogram
145	Pyeloplasty
146	Trial of voiding
147	Prostatic biopsy
148	Removal of stone from urinary tract
149	Reimplantation of ureters
150	Repair of hydrocele
151	Correction of uretero-pelvic junction
152	Pylorotomy
153	Resection of abdo-aortic aneurysm
154	Femoro-popliteal bypass graft
155	Apicectomy
156	Dental extractions
157	Haemodialysis
158	Peritoneal dialysis
159	Chemotherapy
160	Radiotherapy
161	Blood transfusion
162	Stabilisation of respiratory condition
163	Stabilisation of diabetes
164	Stabilisation of cardiac condition
165	Respite care
166	Sleep studies
167	Rehabilitation
168	Diagnostic radiology procedures – scans, cardiac echo, angiogram
169	Medication infusion/injection
170	Confinement – LSCS
171	Confinement – Vaginal delivery
172	Other dental procedures, e.g. fillings
173	Salpingo-oophorectomy/oophorectomy
174	Hypospadias repair
175	Aortic bifurcation graft
176	Closure colostomy/ileostomy
177	Hernia – epigastric, repair
178	Biopsy – muscle
179	Foreign body – removal
180	Parotidectomy/Submandibular gland - excision
181	Lymph node – excision
182	Trabeculectomy

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183	Ptosis - repair, correction
184	Blepharoplasty
185	Functional Endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS)
186	ECOG-IMPEBAP-electro-cochleography-implant evoked brain auditory procedure
187	Pharyngoplasty
188	Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP)
189	Turbinectomy
190	Tendon Release
191	Nerve decompression / release
192	Bursa – excision
193	Osteotomy – ankle/foot/arm/facial
194	Osteotomy - hip/femur/tibia/shoulder
195	Manipulation under anaesthetic
196	Trigger finger / thumb – repair, release
197	Amputation digit (toe/finger)
198	Hammertoe – correction/repair
199	Joint replacement eg shoulder (other than hip & knee)
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800	Boarder
810	Type A
820	Type B
900	Type C
910	Type D
997	Cosmetic surgery
998	Other Surgical
999	Other Medical