

# Neurosurgery and Neurology changes from 1 November 2020

## Overview of consolidated items

This document provides an overview of new neurosurgery and neurology MBS items that are the result of consolidated deleted items. The information below guides providers on new items that may be used where previously used items are no longer available on the MBS.

This is not an exhaustive list of the 1 November 2020 changes. Further information on all 1 November 2020 changes, including information on amended items and co-claiming restrictions, can be found in other online communications such as factsheets and Quick Reference Guides.

### Neurology services

Prior to 1 November 2020

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#### Other therapeutic procedures - Infusion pump and components

**14230**

Insertion or replacement of intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter

**14233**

Subcutaneous implantation or replacement of Infusion pump

**14239**

Removal of subcutaneously implanted infusion pump

**14234**

Infusion pump or components of an infusion pump, removal or replacement of, and connection to intrathecal or epidural catheter, and loading of reservoir with baclofen, with or without programming of the pump, for the management of severe chronic spasticity.

Fee: \$373.20

#### Other therapeutic procedures - Infusion pump and components

**14236**

Subcutaneous implantation of infusion pump, and insertion of intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter

**14242**

Insertion of subcutaneous reservoir and spinal catheter

**14237**

Infusion pump or components of an infusion pump, subcutaneous implantation of, and intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter insertion, and connection of pump to catheter, and loading of reservoir with baclofen, with or without programming of the pump, for the management of severe chronic spasticity.

Fee: \$680.55

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### Neurosurgery services

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#### General procedures – intracranial access

**39003**  
Cisternal puncture

**39006**  
Ventricular puncture (not including burr-hole)

**39009**  
Tap for subdural haemorrhage, each tap

**39012**  
Single burr-hole, for ventricular puncture or for inspection purpose

**39007**  
Procedure to obtain access to intracranial space (including subdural space, ventricle or basal cistern), percutaneously or by burr hole  
Fee: \$164.40

#### Pain procedures

**39106**  
Intracranial neurectomy for trigeminal neuralgia

**39112**  
Intracranial decompression of cranial nerve

**39500**  
Section of vestibular nerve via posterior fossa

**39113**  
Cranial nerve, neurectomy or intracranial decompression of, using microsurgical techniques, including stereotaxy and cranioplasty  
Fee: \$2,452.40

#### Cranio-cerebral injuries – Procedures for intracranial haemorrhage or swelling

**39600**  
Burr-hole craniotomy for intracranial haemorrhage

**39603**  
Osteoplastic craniotomy or extensive craniectomy for intracranial haemorrhage

**39721**  
Craniotomy for post-operative re-opening

**40015**  
Subtemporal decompression

**39604**  
Any of the following procedures for intracranial haemorrhage or swelling:  
(a) craniotomy, craniectomy or burr holes for removal of intracranial haemorrhage, including stereotaxy;  
(b) craniotomy or craniectomy for brain swelling, stroke or raised intracranial pressure, including for subtemporal decompression, including stereotaxy;  
(c) post operative re opening, including for swelling or post operative cerebrospinal fluid leak  
Fee: \$1,849.60

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### Cranio-cerebral injuries - Repair of skull fracture

**39606**

Operation for depressed or comminuted fractured skull

**39609**

operation for compound fractured skull, without dural penetration

**39610**

Fractured skull, without brain laceration or dural penetration, repair of

Fee: \$984.85

### Skull base surgery – anterior and middle cranial fossae and cavernous sinus

**39640**

Removal of tumour involving anterior cranial fossa involving craniotomy

**39642**

Removal of anterior cranial fossa tumour involving frontal craniotomy

**39646**

Removal of anterior cranial fossa tumour involving frontal craniotomy, with intracranial decompression of the optic nerve

**39641**

Anterior or middle cranial fossa or cavernous sinus, tumour or vascular lesion, removal or radical excision of, including stereotaxy and cranioplasty—one surgeon

Fee: \$4,630.50

**39650**

Removal of tumour involving middle cranial fossa and infra-temporal fossa

**39660**

Radical excision of tumour or vascular lesion of cavernous sinus

### Skull base surgery – petro-clival and foramen magnum

**39653**

Removal of petro-clival and clival tumour

**39658**

Radical or sub-total radical excision of tumour involving the clivus

**39662**

Radical excision of tumour or vascular lesion of foramen magnum

**39651**

Petro clival, clival or foramen magnum tumour or vascular lesion, removal or radical excision of, including stereotaxy and cranioplasty—one surgeon

Fee: \$5,712.85

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### Intracranial neoplasms

**39706**  
Biopsy or  
decompression of  
intracranial tumour

**39709**  
Craniotomy for removal  
of glioma, metastatic  
carcinoma or any other  
tumour in cerebrum,  
cerebellum or brain stem

**39710**  
Intracranial tumour, one or more, biopsy, drainage, decompression or removal  
of, through a single craniotomy, including stereotaxy and cranioplasty  
**Fee: \$2,499.10**

### Cerebrovascular disease

**39800**  
Clipping or  
reinforcement of  
aneurysm sac

**39806**  
Intracranial proximal  
artery clipping of  
aneurysm or  
arteriovenous  
malformation

**39812**  
Ligation of cervical  
vessel or vessels of  
intracranial aneurysm  
or arteriovenous  
fistula

**39801**  
Aneurysm, clipping, proximal ligation, or reinforcement of sac,  
including stereotaxy and cranioplasty  
**Fee: \$5,712.85**

### CSF circulation disorders – shunt procedures

**40000**  
Ventriculo-  
cisternostomy  
(Torkildsen's  
operation)

**40003**  
Insertion of  
cranial or  
cisternal shunt  
diversion

**40006**  
Insertion of  
lumbar shunt  
diversion

**40009**  
Revision or  
removal of  
cranial, cisternal  
or lumbar shunt

**40004**  
Ventricular, lumbar or cisternal shunt diversion, insertion  
or revision of, including stereotaxy  
**Fee: \$1,706.15**

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### Congenital disorders – Procedures for meningocele and myelomeningocele

**40100**

Excision and closure of meningocele

**40103**

Excision and closure of myelomeningocele

**40104**

Spinal myelomeningocele or spinal meningocele, excision and closure of, other than a service associated with a service to which item 40600 applies

Fee: \$1,046.95

### Congenital disorders – Procedures for craniostenosis

**40115**

Operation for craniostenosis - single suture

**40118**

Operation for craniostenosis – more than one suture

**40119**

Craniostenosis, operation for, other than a service associated with a service to which item 40600 applies

Fee: \$984.85

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