



# Removal of age restriction for glucocorticoid injections of keloid lesions (MBS Item 30210)

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- From 1 November 2021, MBS item 30210 will be amended to remove an age restriction.
- This item provides injections of glucocorticoid preparations for the treatment of keloid and other skin lesions.
- Patients will have access to a clinically relevant service irrespective of age.

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## What are the changes?

From 1 November 2021, an age restriction governing eligibility for glucocorticoid injections of keloid lesions will be removed.

## Why are the changes being made?

This change removes a barrier to patient access for a clinically relevant service and improves equity.

## What does this mean for providers?

Providers will be able to access this service for a broader population of suitable patients.

## How will these changes affect patients?

The change improves patient access to clinically relevant services.

## Who was consulted on the changes?

This amendment was developed in consultation with the Dermatology and Skin Services Advisory Group, a group of clinical experts representing the Australasian College of Dermatologists, Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons, Skin Cancer College of Australasia and the Australian Medical Association that advises the Department of Health on MBS dermatology and skin services policy.

## How will the changes be monitored and reviewed?

MBS item 30210 will continue to be subject to MBS compliance processes and activities, including random and targeted audits which may require a provider to submit evidence about the services claimed.



## Item Descriptor

<b>30210</b>	Keloid and other skin lesions, extensive, multiple injections of glucocorticoid preparations, if undertaken in the operating theatre of a hospital <del>on a patient less than 16 years of age</del> (H) (Anaes.)  Fee: \$169.55 Benefit: 75% = \$127.20
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## Where can I find more information?

The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the MBS Online website at [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au). You can also subscribe to future MBS updates by visiting [MBS Online](#) and clicking 'Subscribe'.

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The data file for software vendors was made available on 22 September 2021 and can be accessed via the MBS Online website under the [Downloads](#) page.

*Please note that the information provided is a general guide only. It is ultimately the responsibility of treating practitioners to use their professional judgment to determine the most clinically appropriate services to provide, and then to ensure that any services billed to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.*

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