

NEUROLOGICAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES

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Z811 Intravenous drug test for pain		54.10	6
# E919 - intracranial duroplasty (greater than 2 cm diameter) to any intracranial procedure add		244.80	
# E381 - intra-operative, diagnostic or physiological neuro monitoring add		179.30	
# E921 - repeat cranial procedure - payable in addition to any intracranial procedure and N111 but excluding N127 add		215.35	

BRAIN

Craniotomy plus excision

Astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma, glioblastoma or metastatic tumour

# N103 - supratentorial	15	1384.75	15
# N151 - infratentorial	15	1598.45	15
# N152 Craniotomy plus lobectomy	15	1451.55	15
# E901 - with operating microscope. add		215.35	

Meningioma and other tumourous lesions, including pituitary tumours

# N102 - supratentorial	15	1598.45	15
# N153 - infratentorial or basal	15	2078.10	15
# E901 - with operating microscope. add		215.35	
# E902 - lesion greater than 2 cm diameter, to N102, N153 add		373.80	
# E903 - team fee for acoustic neuroma, same approach add		614.70	

# N111 Transsphenoidal microscopic approach to the pituitary fossa for hypophysectomy, removal of adenoma or other tumours	15	1598.45	15
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Note:

M061 is not eligible for payment when rendered for performing the approach to the pituitary fossa as part of N111.

[Commentary:

As described in the surgical preamble, the surgical fee includes the generally accepted surgical components of the procedure. As such, the payment for N111 includes rendering the approach. In the event the service described by N111 is performed by two surgeons, (one performing the approach and the other the remainder of the procedure), the physicians are responsible for apportioning payment amongst themselves.]

INTRACRANIAL ANEURYSM REPAIR

Craniotomy or endovascular approaches

# N105 Carotid circulation - per vessel.	15	1704.50	15
# N154 Vertebrobasilar circulation, including aneurysm of vein of Galen	15	1362.35	15
# E901 - with operating microscope, to N105 or N154 add		215.35	
# E898 - lesion greater than 2.5 cm, to N105 or N154. add		229.55	
# E979 - clinoidal drilling for complex aneurysms, to N105 or N154 add		215.50	

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CEREBRAL ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION

Craniotomy for obliteration and/or excision

# N106	- supratentorial	15	1311.15	15
# N155	- infratentorial	15	1362.35	15
# E895	- of cerebral arteriovenous malformation greater than 4 cm. add		373.80	
# E901	- with operating microscope. add		215.35	
# E908	- removal of intracerebral and/or subdural haematoma in conjunction with a ruptured intracranial aneurysm or arteriovenous malformation, to N105, N106, N154, or N155 add		230.55	
# N107	Extracranial approach to include balloon catheter or embolization techniques	15	941.40	15
# N218	Extracranial-intracranial microvascular anastomosis superficial temporal artery	15	1178.35	15
# N156	Occipital artery.	15	1229.55	15
# E904	- posterior fossa add		241.00	
# N121	Extracranial-intracranial long venous bypass (from internal carotid in the neck or any of the trunk vessels in the neck or chest to a major intracerebral vessel, i.e. vertebral, internal carotid, middle cerebral)	15	1711.40	15

Carotid-cavernous fistula

# N108	- intracranial obliteration to include combined cervical and intracranial procedure.	15	1229.55	15
# N118	- extracranial approach to include balloon catheter or embolization techniques	15	747.60	15

SPONTANEOUS INTRACEREBRAL HAEMORRHAGE

Craniotomy plus removal

# N104	- supratentorial	15	881.30	15
# N157	- infratentorial	15	988.60	15
# N120	Burr hole plus drainage	15	481.90	15

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Craniotomy plus evacuation

# N158	- supratentorial	15	881.30	15
# N159	- infratentorial	15	1014.15	15

Note:

N158, N159 to include interventriculostomy.

# N160	Burr hole plus aspiration	15	399.45	15
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# N117	Craniotomy	15	1385.05	15
# N127	Re-opening of craniotomy for post-operative haematoma or for removal of bone flap	11	450.60	11
# N113	Craniotomy for brain biopsy (other than for tumour)	11	614.70	11
# N130	Craniotomy plus midline commissurotomy.	15	1014.85	15

Burr hole

# N115	- aspiration	7	533.20	7
# Z818	- subsequent aspiration through existing burr hole within 30 days		215.35	
# Z813	- plus needling of brain for biopsy.	7	296.90	7
# N109	Hemispherectomy	15	1878.35	15
# N110	Lobectomy and/or excision of cortical scar for epilepsy.	15	2184.20	15
# N128	Repair of encephalocele	15	798.80	15
# N129	Posterior fossa decompression for Arnold Chiari malformation	15	963.00	15
# E901	- with operating microscope, to N129 add		215.35	
# N126	Intra-oral approach to lesions of the skull base and upper cervical spine	15	1442.95	15
# E381	- intra-operative, diagnostic or physiological neuro monitoring add		179.30	
# N123	Stereotaxis - intracranial (to include ventriculography)	11	1076.75	11
# E931	- with implantation (and removal) of radioactive sources into brain tumour. add		222.85	

Functional Stereotaxy

Payable for neuroablative and implantation therapy for treatment of movement disorders of basal ganglia and connections (e.g. Parkinson's disease). Must include pre-operative planning, application of stereotactic frame, intraoperative imaging, micro-electrode placement and recording, ablation of lesion and/or electrode implantation.

# N124	Functional stereotaxy.	9	1551.20	11
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Note:

N123 performed in conjunction with N124 is an insured service payable at nil.

# E896	- sophisticated micro-electrode recording during stereotaxis (not billable in conjunction with E381). add		400.40	
# N119	Intracranial implantation of chronic surface electrodes	11	901.25	11
# Z823	Implantation or revision of stimulation pack or leads (peripheral nerve, brain).		307.40	
# Z824	Removal of chronic surface or depth electrodes		266.60	
# Z802	Ventricular puncture through previous burr hole or fontanelle or puncture and/or aspiration of cisterna ,		81.65	7

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Ventriculoscapy

# Z825	- to include burr hole		317.85	7
# E916	- with biopsy add		132.80	
# E917	- with interventriculostomy. add		132.80	
# E918	- with removal of foreign body add		132.80	
# Z819	External ventricular drainage	nil	215.35	6
# Z820	Insertion of intracranial catheter or transducer for purposes of monitoring.	nil	317.85	6
# Z812	Subsequent revisions or replacements within 30 days. each	6	215.35	6

CRANIO-CEREBRAL INJURIES

UVC Non-operative care visit. fee

Reduction of skull fracture

# N139	- simple, depressed	7	373.80	7
# N140	- compound.	11	507.55	11
# E912	- with repair of dural laceration add		132.80	6

Extracerebral haematoma and/or hygroma

# N143	Drainage by burr hole(s) - unilateral.	7	507.55	7
# N144	Drainage and/or removal by craniotomy	11	798.80	11

Note:

The Medical Consultant will be requested to give professional assessment to claims with multiple procedures e.g. N144, N148.

CEREBRAL INJURY

# N148	Removal of intracerebral haematoma and/or debridement of traumatized brain (includes management of any skull fracture)	15	881.30	15
# N149	Removal of foreign body from brain.	15	881.30	15
# N150	C.S.F. leak - intracranial repair (to include trans-sphenoidal approach)	15	1065.45	15
# N200	Decompressive craniectomy (frontal, sub-temporal)	11	614.70	11

Subdural tap(s)

# Z803	- unilateral.		53.10	
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CRANIAL NERVES

# N258	Percutaneous coagulation or glycerol injection of gasserian (trigeminal) ganglion or root - unilateral	nil	409.85	11
# N259	V - Decompression or rhizotomy (partial or complete) trigeminal nerve	11	481.90	11
# N265	VII - Differential section facial nerve for hemi-facial spasm (extracranial approach).	6	348.30	6
# N266	Anastomosis hypoglossal or accessory to facial nerve.	6	563.50	6
# N267	Occipital and/or suboccipital craniectomy for compression, decompression or section of cranial nerves	11	963.00	11
# E901	- with operating microscope, to N266 or N267 add		215.35	
# N269	XI - Division of nerves to sternomastoid in neck	6	292.25	6
# Z826	Inferior dental neurectomy	6	184.00	6
# Z827	Infraorbital or supraorbital neurectomy	6	158.45	6

CAROTID AND VERTEBRAL ARTERIES

# N220	Carotid endarterectomy (with or without bypass and/or patch graft).	10	764.20	10
# N223	Vertebral endarterectomy	10	798.80	10
# Z815	Temporal artery - biopsy, ligation or cryosurgery.		107.20	6
# Z808	Progressive carotid occlusion by Selverstone clamp.	10	317.85	10
# Z807	Removal of Selverstone clamp	10	266.60	10
# E381	- intra-operative diagnostic or physiological neuro monitoring, to N220 or Z808 add		179.30	

CSF SHUNTING PROCEDURES

# N230	CSF shunting procedures - all types	11	474.45	11
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Revision of CSF shunt

# N245	- operative - all types.	7	281.70	7
# Z801	- non-operative		40.80	

Conversion of shunt (e.g. ventriculoperitoneal to ventriculoatrial)

# N174	- includes removal of existing shunt	7	420.30	7
# N246	Removal of shunt - any type	7	184.00	7
# Z809	Insertion of CSF reservoir (Ommaya) including burr holes	11	241.00	11
# N249	Third ventriculostomy	11	655.60	11
# Z821	Injection of diagnostic or therapeutic agent into shunt apparatus		53.10	

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SKULL

Repair of skull defect

# N161	Acrylic or metal cranioplasty	11	563.50	11
# N201	Rib graft cranioplasty (defect less than 7.5 cm)	15	855.80	15
# N202	Replacement of bone flap	11	481.90	11
# N203	Skull tumour, excision	11	373.80	11

Craniosynostosis, linear craniectomy

# N206	- one suture.	11	430.75	11
# N207	- multiple sutures	15	563.50	15

Morcellation procedure

# N162	- one suture.	11	430.75	11
# N163	- multiple sutures	15	614.70	15

Lateral canthal advancement

Unilateral

# N164	- one surgeon	15	696.35	15
# N165	- two surgeons, major portion	15	430.75	15
# N166	- two surgeons, lesser portion.		345.35	

Bilateral

# N167	- one surgeon	15	952.55	15
# N168	- two surgeons, major portion	15	614.70	15
# N169	- two surgeons, lesser portion.		461.10	

Craniotomy

# N208	- for craniofacial repair	15	918.15	15
# E922	- with repair of frontonasal encephalocele. add		215.35	

ORBIT

Craniotomy

# N211	- plus removal of orbital tumour	15	1116.60	15
# N212	- plus orbital decompression (roof of orbit with or without lateral wall)	15	1045.45	15
# N213	- for decompression of optic nerve(s)	15	1116.60	15
# E901	- with operating microscope, to N211 or N213 add		215.35	

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PERIPHERAL NERVES

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# E906	- to basic fee for neurolysis, tumour excision, nerve suture or graft when using operating microscope add 40%		
# E381	- intra-operative, diagnostic or physiological neuro monitoring add		179.30
# E925	- to basic fee for a repeat peripheral nerve procedure, (e.g. repair, transposition, graft or tumour excision) when repair delayed for more than 4 weeks add 30%		

Exploration, decompression, division, excision, biopsy, neurolysis and/or transposition

# N188	- minor nerve - including digital, cutaneous or lateral femoral cutaneous nerve	6	153.70	6
# N285	- major nerve - excluding carpal tunnel or ulnar nerve at elbow	6	256.15	6

Note:

N188 or N285 when performed through the same incision as flexor tendon repairs R585 or E581 is an insured service payable at nil.

# N282	Brachial plexus (excluding thoracic outlet syndrome or cervical rib)	6	1000.00	6
# N177	Sciatic nerve in buttock	6	430.75	6
# N286	Tumour or neuroma - major nerve	6	317.85	6

Nerve suture

# N289	- minor - (sensory/cutaneous nerve)	6	250.00	6
# N287	- major - (mixed sensory and motor nerve, or pure motor nerve)	6	500.00	6

Nerve graft

# N183	- minor - (sensory/cutaneous nerve)	6	307.40	6
# N288	- major - (mixed sensory and motor nerve, or pure motor nerve)	6	614.70	6
# E899	- for each additional cable, to N288 add		102.45	

Note:

Nerve graft fees include harvesting of the nerve(s) required for grafting.

# Z816	Implantation of electrode for peripheral nerve stimulation	6	241.00	6
# Z823	Implantation or revision of stimulation pack or leads, (peripheral nerve, brain)	6	307.40	8
# N290	Carpal tunnel release	6	156.75	6
# N190	Exploration and/or decompression and/or neurolysis of ulnar nerve (elbow)	6	215.35	6
# N189	Ulnar nerve transposition at elbow - may include exploration, decompression and/or neurolysis	6	279.25	6
# N283	Decompression, exploration for thoracic outlet syndrome including excision of cervical and/or first rib and to include scalenotomy	6	389.05	6
# N295	Excision of Morton's or subcutaneous neuroma, glomus or small cutaneous nerve tumour	6	109.95	6
# E911	- implantation of neuroma into bone or muscle, to N286 or N295 add 40%			

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NOT ALLOCATED