

Bulletin



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Independent Health Facilities		

Subject: Removal of 7% Discount on Payment of Facility Fees to Licensed Independent Health Facilities

In accordance with the agreement reached between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association in April of 2003, the current seven percent discount on the payment of facility fees to licensed independent health facilities will be removed effective August 1, 2003.

There is also a change being made to the Schedule of Facility Fees (SOFF) to correspond to the change negotiated to the Schedule of Benefits under the *Health Insurance Act*.

General Ultrasound

Effective April 1, 2003, the technical fee for J182B/J482B is increased from \$24.05 to \$25.90.

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Code	Vascular System (continued)	F
J198/J498	Venous assessment (bilateral - includes assessment of femoral, popliteal and posterior or tibial veins with appropriate functional manoeuvres and permanent record) not to be claimed during surgery or during patient's post-operative stay in hospital	7.50
J205/J505	Doppler evaluation of organ transplantation - arterial and/or venous	22.40
J206/J506	Duplex evaluation of portal hypertension - must include doppler interrogation and documentation of superior mesenteric vein, splenic vein, portal veins, hepatic veins and hepatic arteries (not to be billed unless study specifically requested by referring physician)	22.40
J207/J507	Duplex assessment of patency, obstruction, and flow direction of vascular shunts - must include doppler interrogation and documentation of vascular shunts (not to be billed unless study specifically requested by referring physician)	22.40
Vascular Laboratory Fees		
J200/J500	Ankle pressure measurements with segmental pressure recordings and/or pulse volume recordings and/or Doppler recordings	20.70
J196/J496	Ankle pressure measurements with exercise and/or quantitative measurements added to the above	8.10
J197/J497	Penile pressure recordings - two or more pressures	7.00
J203/J503	Transcutaneous tissue oxygen tension measurements	24.45
J204/J504	- when done in addition to Doppler studies	13.40
Note:	For ankle pressure determination see G517 under Cardiovascular Diagnostic & Therapeutic Procedures	
Miscellaneous		
J182/J482	Extremities - per limb (excluding vascular study)	25.90
J127/J427	Breast – scan B-mode (per breast)	24.05
J183/J483	Scrotal – scan	48.00
SPECIFIC ELEMENTS FOR ULTRASONIC GUIDANCE (J149)		
<p>In addition to the common elements, the components of Ultrasonic guidance include the following specific elements:</p> <p>Providing premises, equipment, supplies and personnel for all specific elements of the facility and professional components except for the premises for an aspect(s) of A and D of the professional component that is (are) not performed at the place in which the procedure is performed.</p>		
J149	Ultrasonic guidance of biopsy, aspiration, amniocentesis or drainage procedure (one physician only)	48.00

Schedule of Facility Fees
For Independent Health Facilities

Revised May 13, 2003