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EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT, 1941: TARIFF OF FEES FOR PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND UNATTACHED OPERATING THEATRE UNITS

Under section 79 of the Employees' Compensation Act, 1941 (Act 30 of 1941) I hereby with effect from 1 July 1997 -

- (a) prescribe the Tariff of Fees for Private Hospitals and Unattached Operating Theatre Units and the general rules and general modifiers applicable thereto, as set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) repeal Government Notice 6 of 1996.

The fees as set out in the Schedule are applicable in respect of payments authorized for services rendered on or after 1 July 1997.

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NOTE: FEES INCLUDE VAT

GENERAL RULES**SCHEDULE**

- A. The Scale of Benefits set out in Sections 1 - 6 hereof, shall apply in respect of private hospitals and unattached operating theatre units with practice code numbers commencing with the digits 57, 58 or 77.
- B. The charges relating to each types of hospital/unattached operating theatre unit are indicated in the relevant column opposite the item codes.
- C. The charges indicated in Section 5 hereof, are applicable to both categories of such hospitals and unattached operating theatre units.
- D. The amounts stipulated in the Scale of Benefits shall be deemed to be inclusive of Value Added Tax.
- E.1 Procedure for the classification of hospitals.
- E.1.1 A committee of 3 (three) members shall be established, and shall consist of 2 (two) members nominated by the Representative Association of Medical Schemes and 1 (one) member nominated by representatives of the Private Hospital Industry to consider applications by private hospitals to be classified as private hospital having practice code numbers commencing with the digits 57 to 58 and for the approval of specialised intensive care units, specialised theatres, catheterisation laboratories and trauma units. The criteria to be applied and the procedures for considering such applications of for conducting any inspections, shall be laid down by the said committee and the decision of the said committee shall be final.
- E.1.2 The fee payable by a private hospital for the inspection for classification will be N\$2 508.00 or such other fee as may be determined by the committee from time to time. In addition, any such private hospital shall also be liable for all travelling and/or accommodation costs reasonably incurred.
- E.2 The fee payable by a private hospital for the inspection of specialised intensive care units, catheterisation laboratories and specialised theatres will be N\$502.00 or such other fee as may be determined by the committee from time to time. In addition any such private hospital shall also be liable for all travelling and/or accommodation costs reasonably incurred.
- E.3.1 The said committee shall also have the power to receive and investigate complaints that any private hospital having practice code numbers commencing with the digits 57 to 58 no longer meets the criteria required for such classification. The said committee may conduct such re-inspections as it considers desirable, and shall afford any such private hospital no longer meeting such criteria a reasonable opportunity to rectify matters, failing which said committee may reclassify any such private hospital as an institution having a practice code number commencing with the digits 90.
- E.3.2 The provisions referred to in E.3.1 shall apply mutatis mutandis to all approved intensive care units, specialised theatres, catheterisation laboratories and trauma units.
- F.1 Procedures for the reclassification of unattached operating theatre units with 76 practice numbers.
- F.1.1 A committee of 3 (three) members shall be established, and shall consist of 2 (two) members nominated by the Representative Association of Medical Schemes and 1 (one) member nominated by the South African Day Clinics Association to consider applications from unattached operating theatre units having practice code numbers commencing with the digits 76 to be reclassified as approved unattached operating theatre units having practice

code numbers commencing with the digits 77. The criteria to be applied and the procedure for considering such applications or for conducting any inspections, shall be laid down by the said committee and the decision of the said committee shall be final.

- F.1.2 The fee payable by an unattached operating theatre unit for an inspection for reclassification shall be N\$1 254.00 or such other fee as may be determined by the committee from time to time. In addition any such unattached operating theatre unit shall also be liable for all travel and/or accommodation costs reasonably incurred.
- F.2 The said committee shall also have power and investigate complaints that any unattached operating theatre unit having a practice code number commencing with the digits 77 no longer meets the criteria required for such classification. The said committee may conduct such re-inspections as it considers desirable and shall afford any such unattached operating theatre unit, no longer meeting such criteria, a reasonable opportunity to rectify matters, failing which said committee may reclassify and such unattached operating theatre unit as a unit having a practice code number commencing with the digits 76.
- G. All accounts submitted by private hospitals/unattached operating theatre units shall comply with all of the requirements of Regulation 7 promulgated in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, Act No. 72 of 1967, as amended by Act 23 of 1993. Where possible, such accounts shall also reflect the practice code numbers of the surgeon. The anaesthetist and of any assistant surgeon who may have been present during the course of an operation.
- H. All accounts shall be accompanied by a copy of the relevant theatre accounts specifying all details of items charged, as well as the procedure performed. Medical schemes shall have the right to inspect the original source documents at the hospital/unattached operating theatre unit concerned.
- I. All accounts containing items which are subject to a discount in terms of the Scale of Benefits shall indicate such items individually and shall show separately the gross amount of the discount.

MODIFIERS

Orthopaedic, Neurosurgical and Vascular

- 0002 A surcharge shall be applicable in respect of item ..123 **only if** the specialised theatre has been **approved in terms of General Rule E.1.1.**

Cardia-Vascular and Transplants

- 0003 A surcharge shall be applicable in respect of item ..123 **only if** the specialised theatre has been **approved in terms of General Rule E.1.1.**

1. ACCOMMODATION

WARD FEES

Hospitals and unattached operating units shall indicate the exact time of admission and discharge on all accounts.

In the case of hospitals, ward fees shall be charged at fully daily rate if the patient is not discharged before 23H00 and day admission fees shall be charged in respect of all patients admitted as day patients and discharged before 23H00 on the same date.

The items appearing under code ..081 shall be deemed to be included in ward fees, and no charge is respect thereof may be levied.

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58	
		N\$	N\$
1.1	General Wards		
001	Surgical Cases: per day	417,00	-
003	Thoracic and neurosurgical cases, including laminectomies and spinal fusion: per day	432,00	-
005	Medical and neurological cases: per day	417,00	-
009	Day admission which includes all patients discharged by 23H00 on date of admission	206,00	206,00
011	Overnight fee (subject to ongoing review and a maximum of one night)	-	115,00
	Maternity cases		
	Natural births		
021	Maternity cases: Rates by arrangement with the scheme concerned	-	-
023	First day (Day of confinement)	*	-
025	Subsequent day(s)	*	-
027	Use of epidural anaesthesia for natural births	*	-
	Caesarean		
029	First day (Day of confinement)	*	-
031	Subsequent day(s)	*	-

* To be advised during 1996.

To above maternity fees **EXCLUDE** ward and theatre drugs in **INCLUDE** all other charges such as multiple births, after-hour deliveries including caesareans, labour ward or other ward fees, nursery fees, theatre and equipment fees and surgical items. The above fees also **EXCLUDE** the costs of special treatment of newly born infants certified as necessary by the attending practitioner, which shall be dealt with in accordance with the Scale of Benefits for private hospitals and the rules of relevant scheme pertaining to such dependents.

RAMS and the Hospital Industry agreed to re-negotiate the recommended maternity fee after further research and consultation have been completed.

A neonate required specialised treatment in an ICU shall be considered to be a patient in its own right and, for that reason, the Scale of Benefits shall be applied to such neonate.

Ward and Theatre Drugs

The amount charged shall not exceed the trade unit price, exclusive of VAT, as listed in the Ethical Price List prevailing from time to time, plus 25.4% (which shall be inclusive of mark-up and VAT), plus a dispensing fee of N\$3.08 which is of VAT.

Code 57/58	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58
		N\$
1.2	Private Wards	
041	Private wards on doctor's request. If accommodation in a private ward has been prescribed by a medical practitioner for medical reasons, fees for such accommodation may not exceed the rate shown.	570,00

Hospitals shall obtain a certificate motivating the necessity for accommodation in a private ward from the attendant practitioner and such certificate shall be forwarded to the relevant scheme together with the account.

043 Private ward on member's request. If a scheme undertakes to pay for a private ward requested by a member, a 10% discount on the ruling private ward rate will apply if the hospital is paid direct by the scheme concerned.

1.3 Special Care Ward

Hospitals shall obtain a certificate motivating the necessity for accommodation in any specialised or other intensive care unit or in high care ward from the attendant practitioner, and such certificate shall be forwarded to the relevant medical scheme together with the account.

No charge may be levied for special nursing whilst a patient is accommodated in a specialised intensive care unit, intensive care unit or high care ward.

Code 57/58	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58
		N\$
..061	Specialised ICU (As approved by the joint committee according to General Rule E.1.1)	1 947,00

(Subject to a maximum of 3 days, whereafter the fee under item ..063 will apply. Use of this unit shall be limited to cardia-thoracic, cardia-vascular and neuro-surgery cases)

Code 57/58	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58
		N\$
..063	Intensive Care Unit: Per day	1 464,00

Note: Definitions of Intensive Care and High Care Units to follow in 1996.

(The charges referred to under items ..061 and ..063 include the use of all equipment except Bennett MA, Servo and Beares respirators or equivalent apparatus plus the cost of oxygen)

Code 57/58	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58
		N\$
065	High Care Ward: per day	902,00

All admissions to units/wards referred to under ..063 and ..065 shall be confirmed with the relevant scheme for each 72 hours.

..081 Non chargeable items and equipment in Wards, High Care Wards and all Intensive Care Units (Which would always include the equivalent to the items named).

Acetone
 Alcohol or spirits
 Betadine skincleanser scrub, Shampoo and Spray
 Body lotions, powders, cream, oils and shampoo
 Catavlon
 Cidex and all sterilising fluid
 Collection charges (pathology)
 Connections, adaptors
 Dettol - Instrument Dettol
 Douche cans
 Disinfectants - e.g. Biocide
 ET tube introducers
 ET tube (non-disposable)
 Face masks
 Formalin in saline
 Fractional items
 * **Strapping** - e.g. Elastoplast, Microspore, Transpore, Dermicel, Zinc oxide
 * **Ophthalmic/ear/nose** drops, creams and ointments - e.g. Sofradex, Maxitrol,
 Lacrilube
 * Topical anaesthetics - e.g. Remicaine, Cocaine, Zylocaine
 * Sprays - e.g. Opsite, Disdine
 * Jellies - e.g. KY
 * Creams - e.g. Terracortril, EABS
 Gloves for non sterile procedures (except for barrier nursing)
 Gowns and briefs including disposable (except for barrier nursing)
 Habitan - all solutions
 Humidifiers (except Aquapac)
 Iodine - solution for prepping

Labstix, Multistix, Dextrostix (except when marked TTO)
 Lancets and autolets
 Linen, linen savers, draw sheets including disposable linen
 Liquid soups - except for burns and haemorrhoidectomies
 Meals ex kitchen or catering services, milk substitutes, baby foods and meal supplements
 excluding hyperalimentation - e.g. tube feeds
 Medicine glasses, spoons and syringes for feeding
 Merthiolate, mercurochrome for prepping
 Nursing
 Packs (sterile) (except for items ..491 and ..493)
 Patient controlled analgesia single use disposable pumps **NOT** conforming with the
 requirements of item ..413
 Prep equipment - shaving trays, razors, scrub-up brushes, antiseptic soaps and solutions,
 depilatory creams
 Receptal liners
 Savlon
 Sheepskins
 Shut-off valves
 Spatulas, tongue depressors and orange sticks
 Spigots and safety pins
 Spray top bottles
 Sputum cups
 Sterile water (except for flushing of wounds)
 Sterilisation of instruments or materials
 Stich cutters and staple removers (including disposable)
 Thermometers - except temperature probe in NNU/ICU (1 per patient)
 Trays (except items ..491 and ..493)
 Ventilator circuits, Bacterial - Viral filters and tubing (applicable to items ..417, ..425)

NON-CHARGEABLE EQUIPMENT IN WARDS

- * Dinamapp and Sphygmomanometer
- * ECG and paper - electrodes chargeable
- * Oximeter
- * Oxisensor except in Neonatal ICU (1 per case)
- * Oxygen analysers, hoods and attachments, (disposable attachments excluded)
- * Peak flow meters, excluding disposable mouth piece
- * Stethoscopes

1.4 Global fee for Rehabilitation and Psychiatry

Under discussion

2. **PROCEDURE ROOM/THEATRE FEES**

The items under code ..181 shall be deemed to be included in theatre or procedure room fees, and no charge in respect thereof may be levied.

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
2.1	Emergency Unit Fee		
..101	For consultative or similar services involving the use of the bed or couch but with minimal input from nursing staff. These charges specifically exclude routine consultations by medical practitioners.....	12,00	12,00
..103	Services other than those under ..101 that require the use of facilities and/or equipment outside of the theatre complex involving nursing staff input such as observation or counselling and limited to the use of items such as small dressings, injections, stitching and application, repair or removal of plaster of paris casts.....	105,00	105,00
2.2	Procedure Room		
	A facility where simple procedures which require limited instrumentation and drapery, minimum nursing input and no general anaesthetic, are carried out. No Sophisticated monitoring is required but resuscitation equipment must be available in the procedure room.		
	Time in procedure room		
	The exact time of admission to and discharge from the procedure room shall be stated upon which the procedure room charge shall be calculated as follows		
..121	Charge per minute.....	5,00	5,00
2.3	Operating Theatre		
	Time in Theatre		
	The exact time of admission to and discharge from theatre shall be stated, upon which the theatre charge shall be calculated as follows:		
..123	Charge per minute.....	17,00	17,00

Specialist Theatre

In addition to the theatre charge calculated as above, a surcharge (modifier 0002) shall be allowed in cases where specialised theatres referred to in General Rule E.1.1. are utilised for the performance of any of the undermentioned procedures, whether carried out individually or in combination with each other, which surcharge shall be deemed to cover the use of all specialised equipment required for such procedures.

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number 57/58	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
Mod 0002	<p>1. Orthopaedic, Neurosurgical and Vascular: (Modifier 0002)</p> <p>* Joint replacements (only hip, knee, shoulder ankle or elbow)</p> <p>* Femoral popliteal bypasses</p> <p>* Carotid endarterectomies</p>	465,00	-

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
2.4	After hours		
...131	After hours: per case, for cases admitted to theatre from 19H00 to 07H00 on weekdays, from 13H00 on Saturdays to 07H00 on Mondays, and public holidays.	126,00	126,00

...181 Non chargeable theatre items (which would always include the equivalent to the item named)

Acetone

Alcohol, spirits or any prep solution containing these

Anaesthetic circuits, masks, filters, humidifiers, rebreathing bags

Anaesthetic tray

Collection charges (pathology)

Connections and adaptors

Disinfectant - e.g. Biocide

Disposable gowns and drapers, C arm drapers, Mayo table drapers except: Disposable paper based barrier gowns and theatre table drapers may be charged for in the following instances:

- * Hip, knee, shoulder and elbow joint replacement
- * Open heart and cardiac bypass surgery
- * Vascular surgery
- * Neuro-surgery (Brain and spinal cord)
- * Arthroscopy
- * Spinal surgery where extensive internal fixation is used

ET tube introducers

ET tubes (non-disposable)

Face masks, head covers and overshoes

Formalin in saline

Fractional items

- * Strapping - e.g. Elastoplast, Microspore, Transpore, Dermicel, Zinc oxide
- * Ophthalmic/ear/nasal drops, creams and ointments - e.g. Sofradex, Maxierol, Lacrilube
- * Topical anaesthetics - e.g. Remicaine, Cocaine, Xylocaine
- * Sprays - e.g. Opsite Disadine
- * Jellies - e.g. KY and Cardiotrace
- * Creams - e.g. Terracortril
- Glass syringes, utensils and apparatus
- Gloves not used by sterile surgical item
- Linen and linen savers including incontinent pads and sheets
- Patient Controlled Analgesia single use disposable pumps
- Preptics/webcols
- Preparation items - shaving trays, razors
- Receptal liners
- Recovery room
- Re-usable operating instruments and dental ENT drills, burrs, bits and cutters except for items referred to in Section 5
- Skin preparation solutions, antiseptic solutions and soaps
 - * Bioscrub
 - * Betadine scrub, skincleanser, spray
 - * Cetavlon
 - * Chlorhexadine gluconate
 - * Dettol
 - * Hibitane - all solutions
 - * Iodine - all solutions
 - * Liquid soaps e.g. Gill
 - * Merthiolate and mercurochrome
 - * Povidone Iodine
- Scrub-up materials, solutions, creams, soaps, brushes
- Spigots and safety pins
- Standard packs
- Sterile trays
- Sterilising of instruments or materials and Steripeel
- Sterilising solutions, gases or tablets used to sterilise instruments e.g.
 - * Biocide
 - * Cidex or any solution to sterilise instruments
 - * Chlorhexadine gluconate
 - * Formalin tablets
 - * Hibitane solution
- Sterile water - except for flushing of wounds
- Suction catheters, handles, tips and nozzles (non-disposable)
- Stitch cutters and staple removers (including disposable)
- Thermometers (except core temperature probes 1 only in Cardio Thoracic cases)

X-ray detectable swabs except during thoracic, abdominal, deep orthopaedic, spinal, perineal- and neuro-surgery.

NON-CHARGEABLE EQUIPMENT

- * Anaesthetic machine
- * Cautery, Diathermy and Fulguration (plates chargeable)
- * Humidifier
- * Monitors, ECG and Dinamapp (Electrodes chargeable)
- * Patient Controlled Anegesia pumps (programmable re-usable)
- * Ventilators

NON-CHARGEABLES IN CATHETERISATION LABORATORY (As per item ...181)

- * Medrad pump - high infuser (equipment non-chargeable, but HP syringe used is chargeable).

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
3.	Procedural fees		
3.1	Procedures		
..201	Hysterosalpingograms.....	171,00	171,00
..203	Angiograms.....	171,00	-
..205	Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)	171,00	171,00
..207	Cardiac or cerebral angiography or vascular catheterisation when carried out in a laboratory equipped with a recognised monoplane unit and in a hospital equipped to perform the relevant surgery, as approved by the committee established in terms of General Rule E.1.1.	614,00	
..211	Cardiac or cerebral angiography or vascular catheterisation when carried out in a laboratory equipped with a recognised bi-plane unit, and in a hospital equipped to perform the relevant surgery, as approved by the committee established in terms of General Rule E.1.1.	1 156,00	

The fees quoted for items ..201 to ..211 shall be all-inclusive and no additional charges of whatsoever nature may be raised, except for any items chargeable in terms of Section 15 hereof.

NOTE: Ward fees will however be chargeable together with items ..203, ..207, ..209 and ..211.

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
3.3	Radiation Oncology		
	Simulation - Fixed custom made		
..251	Simple - Simulation of a single area with either a single port or parallel opposed ports. Simple or no blocking or use of custom/home made simulation.....	175,00	-
..253	Intermediate - Simulation of three or more converging ports, two separate treatment areas or multiple blocks.....	267,00	-
..255	Complex- Simulation of tangential portals, three or more treatment areas, rotation or arc therapy, complex blocks, custom shielding blocks, brachytherapy source verification, hyperthermia probe verification, any use of contrast	350,00	-
..257	Computerised Tomographic.....	350,00	-

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
	Treatment Planning		
..261	Manual	-	-
..263	Simple - Planning requiring single treatment area of interest in a single port or simple parallel opposed ports with simple or no blocking	165,00	-
..265	Computerised (intermediate) - Planning requiring three or more ports, two separate treatment areas, multiple blocks or special time dose constraints.....	252,00	-
..267	Computerised (complex) - Planning requiring highly complex blocking, custom shielding blocks, tangential ports, special wedges or compensators, three or more separate treatment areas, rotational or special beam considerations or a combination of therapeutic modalities	330,00	-
	Technical Aids		
..271	Control films		
..273	Dosimetric procedures	10,00	
..275	Artefacts: Simple - design and construction (simple block or bolus)	24,00	-
..277	Artefacts: Intermediate - design and construction (multiple blocks, sents, bite blocks, special bolus).....	65,00	-
..279	Artefacts: Complex (specify) - design and construction (irregular blocks, special shields, compensators, wedges, molds or casts)	131,00	-
	Linear accelerator treatment		
..291			
..292	Photon treatment - First two fields	253,00	-
..293	Additional fields.....	85,00	-
..294	Electron treatment - First two fields	253,00	-
	Additional fields.....	85,00	-

4. STANDARD CHARGES FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
..401	Stone basket for the removal of kidney-, bladder-, gallstones: Per case.....	566,00	566,00
..403	Stereotactic equipment for use in neuro-surgical procedures, when used in conjunction with x-rays, MRI scans or CAT scans: Per case.....	539,00	
..405	Continuous Passive Exerciser: Per day.....	43,00	43,00
..407	Operating microscope - motorised. This is applicable to a binocular operating microscope with motorised focusing, positioning and zoom magnification changer. Spinal, intra-cranial and ophthalmic surgery only (all ENT and other surgery excluded): Per case....	119,00	119,00
..409	Operating microscope - manually operated. Applicable to a binocular operating microscope with manual focusing, positioning, and multistep magnification changer. Microscopic surgery only: Per case.....	59,00	59,00
..411	Laparoscopic equipment for surgery applicable only to operative endoscopic laparoscopies where more than 3 instruments, inclusive for the telescope, are inserted into the thoracic or abdominal cavities of simultaneous use. The equipment must include a high-resolution camera system with 2 monitors. Per case.....	253,00	253,00
..413	Patient-controlled analgesia pump, being a programmable analgesia infusion system, providing patient control and/or continuous analgesia modes with mechanisms to limit self administration per time period and with lockout interval. Applicable only to administration of analgesics. Per day.....	46,00	46,00
..415	Monitors (3 channel Hellige or equivalent - in high care wards only) Monitors: per day or part thereof.....	50,00	-
..417	Ventilators, (Bennett PR2 or equivalent - in high care, general and private wards only) (excluding oxygen): Per day or part thereof.....	36,00	36,00
..419	Croupettes (excluding oxygen) per day or part thereof.	10,00	-
..421	Incubators (excluding oxygen) per day or part thereof.	19,00	-
..423	Oxygen tents (excluding oxygen) per day or part thereof.....	16,00	-

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
..425	Bennet MA, Servo and Beares respirator, or equivalent (in ICU and high care ward only) (excluding oxygen): per day or part thereof	159,00	-
..427	CUSA (plus lowest available manufacturer's price, excluding VAT, or CUSA pack, plus 25.4% which shall be inclusive of mark-up and Value Added Tax) ...	774,00	-
..429	Lasers - Argon (ophthalmic).....	240,00	-
..431	Lasers - CO2 (surgical).....	309,00	-
..433	Lasers - Copper Vapour (Rates by arrangement with the scheme concerned). NB: This instrument may be used for cosmetic procedures.		
..435	Occutomes	101,00	101,00
..437	Lasers - YAG (ophthalmic).....	269,00	269,00
..439	Lasers - YAG (surgical)	337,00	337,00
..441	Ballistic Lithotripsy/Lithoclast: First lithotripsy treatment for one or more stones in same kidney or gall bladder which are eliminated in one treatment/Ballistiese litotripsie	291,00	291,00
..443	Ballistic Lithotripsy/Lithoclast: Second lithotripsy treatment on same kidney or gall bladder (Hospitals shall provide a certificate by the attending surgeon certifying that a second treatment was medically necessary).....	195,00	195,00
..445	Laser Lithotripsy: First lithotripsy treatment for one or more stones in same kidney or gall bladder which are eliminated in one treatment.	1 056,00	1 056,00
..447	Laser Lithotripsy: Second lithotripsy treatment on same kidney or gall bladder. Hospitals shall provide a certificate by the attending surgeon certifying that a second treatment was medically necessary.....	708,00	708,00
..449	First *ESWL treatment on same kidney which are eliminated in one treatment.	3 227,00	-
..451	Second *ESWL treatment on same kidney (Hospitals shall provide a certificate by the attending surgeon certifying that a second treatment was medically necessary).....	2 163,00	2 163,00
..453	First *ESWL treatment for one or more stones in gall bladder - which are eliminated in one treatment.	3 227,00	3 227,00

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
..455	Second *ESWL treatment on gall bladder (Hospitals shall provide a certificate by the attending surgeon certifying that a second treatment was medically necessary).....	2 163,00	2 163,00
	Note: The fees in respect of items ..441 to ..455 are inclusive of all equipment and components but exclusive of theatre fees and items chargeable under Section 5.		
..457	C Arm (not chargeable when Modifiers 0002 or 0003 applies).....	100,00	100,00
..459	Ultrasonic imaging equipment..... (Limited to real-time imaging equipment for transrectal applications with needle-biopsy capability or Doppler ultrasound for vascular anatomy and haemo-dynamics).	168,00	168,00
..461	Screening table (including all radiographic equipment).....	226,00	226,00
..463	Gastroscope (fibre optic/flexible only).....	51,00	51,00
..465	Colonoscope (fibre optic/flexible only).....	51,00	51,00
..467	Duodenoscope (fibre optic/flexible only).....	51,00	51,00
..469	Sigmoidoscope (fibre optic/flexible only).....	51,00	51,00
..471	Bronchoscope (rigid or flexible).....	25,00	25,00
..473	Laryngoscope (fibre optic/rigid or flexible excluding routine intubation).....	25,00	25,00
..475	Sinoscope (fibre optic/flexible only).....	25,00	25,00
..477	Oesophagoscope.....	25,00	25,00
..479	Laparoscope (not chargeable in conjunction with fixed fee procedures).....	25,00	25,00
..481	Hysteroscope.....	25,00	25,00
..483	Colposcope.....	25,00	25,00
..485	Cysto Urethroscope.....	25,00	25,00
..487	Arthroscope (with closed circuit television facilities and power tools).....	51,00	51,00
..489	Arthroscope (without the additional items listed under ..487).....	25,00	25,00
..491	Large sterile trays - per tray (excluding theatre).....	8,00	8,00
..493	Sterile swabbing and ENT trays - per tray (excluding theatre).....	6,00	6,00

Code 57/58/77	Description	Practice Code Number	
		57/58 N\$	77 N\$
..495	Specialised instruments/equipment for integrated osseous implants. (Hospitals/unattached operating theatre units shall provide a certificate by the practitioner concerned that the instruments/equipment were used.)	42,00	42,00
..501	Soluble bags for barrier nursing only, limited to 2 per patient per day.	6,00	-
..503	Transcranial Doppler	279,00	-
..505	Harmonic Scalpel.....	77,00	77,00
..507	Argon Beamer.....	31,00	31,00
	Note: The Argon Beamer will not apply where a standard electrosurgery unit is used. It can only be used with surgery on internal organs and in neurosurgery.		
..509	Endometrial Resection.....	185,00	185,00
..511	Colour Doppler.....	555,00	555,00
513	Transoesophageal Colour Doppler.....	670,00	670,00
..515	Cardiorhythm Ablater.....	365,00	365,00
..517	Phacoemulsifier	262,00	262,00

5. STANDARD DRUG AND MATERIAL CHARGES

In respect of items not otherwise dealt with in the Scale of Benefits. Hospitals/unattached operating theatre units shall, where possible, show all items which patients take home as TTO on accounts.

5.1 Over the counter and proprietary items

(Only substances controlled by the Medicine Control Council)

The amount charged shall not exceed the trade unit price, exclusive of VAT, as listed in the Ethical Price List prevailing from time to time, plus 25.4% (which shall be inclusive of mark-up and VAT), plus a dispensing fee of N\$3.08 which is inclusive of VAT.

57/58/77 601	Pharmacy
57/58/77 605	Ward stock
57/58/77 607	Theatre
57/58/77 603	To take out

5.2 Dispensed items

(Only substances controlled by the Medicine Control Council)

The amount charged shall not exceed the trade unit price, exclusive of VAT, as listed in the Ethical Price List prevailing from time to time, plus 25.4% (which shall be inclusive of mark-up and VAT), plus a dispensing fee of N\$3.08 which is inclusive of VAT.

57/58/77 601	Pharmacy
57/58/77 605	Ward stock
57/58/77 603	To take out

5.3 Disposable drills, burrs, cutters, blades (e.g. Stryker or equivalent) and laryngeal masks

57/58/77 621	Neuro/Craniotomy	33 1/3%
57/58/77 623	Arthroscopy	20%
57/58/77 625	Orthopaedic	33 1/3%
57/58/77 627	Laryngeal masks	4%
57/58/77 629	Maxillo-Facial drills and burrs	33 1/3%
57/58/77 631	Flourosshield gloves (1 pair per procedure)	33 1/3%

5.4 Surgical laser fibre optic leads, hand pieces and probes or scalpels

57/58/77 621	Vascular surgery	100%
57/58/77 623	General surgery	12½%

Hospitals/unattached operating theatre units shall show the name and reference number of each item together with the manufacturer's name, and scheme shall have the right to call for such invoices from the institution concerned.

Consumable, disposable, and surgical items, including sutures, drapes and skin graft blades, trephines and Beaver blades not otherwise dealt with in section 5.

(When used in ward or theatre)

Lowest available manufacturer's price exclusive of VAT, plus 25.4% (which shall be inclusive of mark-up and VAT). Items to be fully specified.

57/58/77 601	Pharmacy
57/58/77 605	Ward stock
57/58/77 607	Theatre

5.5 GASES

Oxygen and Nitrous Oxide

	For both gases together per minute	N\$
..701	PWV area.....	1,32
..703	Cape Town.....	1,82
..705	Port Elizabeth.....	1,62
..707	East London.....	1,82
..709	Durban.....	1,66
..711	Other areas.....	1,49
..712	Namibia.....	3,19

5.6 Oxygen ward use

Fee for oxygen, per quarter hour or part thereof, outside the operating theatre complex

..713	PWV area.....	1,95
..715	Cape Town.....	3,23
..717	Port Elizabeth.....	3,10
..719	East London.....	2,98
..721	Durban.....	2,53
..723	Other areas.....	2,40
..725	Namibia.....	3,23

5.7 Oxygen, recovery room

Flat rate for oxygen per case

..725	PWV area.....	3,88
..727	Cape Town.....	6,46
..729	Port Elizabeth.....	6,20
..731	East London.....	5,95
..733	Durban.....	5,06
..735	Other areas.....	4,81
..736	Namibia.....	4,81

5.8 Carbon Dioxide

..741	Per minute.....	0,24c
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5.9 Laser Mix

..743	Per minute.....	4,66
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5.10 Entonon

..745	Per 30 minutes.....	44,31
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5.11 Inhalation anaesthetics

..747	Halothane/Fluothane: per minute.....	0,74
..749	Ethane: per minute.....	3,34
..751	Forane: per minute.....	3,65

5.12 Prostheses (surgically implanted)

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A prosthesis shall mean a fabricated or artificial substitute for a diseased or missing part of the body, surgically implanted, and shall be deemed to include all components such as pins, rods, screws, plates or similar items, forming and integral and necessary part of the device so implanted, and shall be charged as a single unit. Pins, rods, screws, plates or similar items, when used independently of a prosthesis and for the purpose of furthering any healing process, shall be chargeable under item ..607.

Hospitals/unattached operating theatre units shall show the name and reference number of each item together with the manufacturer's name, and schemes shall have the right to call for such invoices from the institution concerned.

Lowest available manufacturer's price, exclusive of VAT, plus 25.4% (which shall be inclusive of mark-up and VAT), up to a maximum of N\$1 650,00.

5.13 Medical artificial items (non-prostheses)

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According to agreement with schemes concerned. (Examples of items included hereunder shall be artificial limbs, wheelchairs, crutches and exertion bags). Copies of invoices shall be supplied to schemes.

5.14 Electronic requisites

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By arrangement with schemes concerned

5.15 Transportation Charges

An additional charge may be made to cover the cost of railage paid on items sent to areas outside the supplier's free delivery area.

5.16 Price increases

Should a change occur in the manufacturer's price of any item listed under ..701 to ..705 the new price shall be as notified by the Representative Association of Medicine Schemes from time to time.

5.17 Blood collection charges

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Blood collection charges, when incurred in respect of blood or related products procured from a recognised blood bank for transfusion purposes, may be charged at N\$8,97 per collection, plus N\$1.,79 per kilometre travelled.

5.18 Incise drapes

..691 Incise drapes: a maximum benefit of N\$46,00 per procedure, except for the following types of procedures:

- * Surgery in respect of hip, knee, shoulder and elbow joint replacements
- * All open heart and cardiac bypass surgery with or without the insertion of prostheses
- * All vascular surgery, with or without the insertion of prostheses
- * Neuro-surgery
- * All arthroscopy
- * Spinal surgery

..695 Ophthalmic drapes: a maximum benefit of N\$34,50 per procedure.

Note: The name, item number and cost must be shown

- * Opsite 1311 = N\$33,80
- * Steridrape 1037 = N\$26,90
- * Ioban 6633 = N\$28,20

NON STANDARD ITEMS/SERVICES

Such items are not covered by the Scale of Benefits and schemes reserves the right to decide individually how these items/services will be dealt with.

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Items/services e.g. telephone calls/hire, television hire, boarding, extra meals, dry cleaning of clothing, extra nursing in ward etc. The nature of each service shall be specified.

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Procedures: Open heart and cardiac by-pass surgery

Total account by arrangement with the scheme concerned.