

Implementation of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Coding structure for 2020 by Discovery Health from 1 September 2020

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Discovery Health medical scheme has launched the new obstetrics and gynaecology coding structure which went live on the first of September 2020.

The South African Medical Association Medical Coding Division had numerous engagement between the South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (SASOG), Healthman and Discovery Health regarding coding changes and implementing this new structure.

DISCONTINUED CODES WITH CHANGE OF CODE REFERRALS.

There are few items which were already discontinued in our Medical Doctors Coding Manual 2020. The codes were reviewed and code referrals were amended accordingly. There is one discontinued code for 2021 with code referral.

Discontinued codes with change of code referrals.

CODES	MDCM 2020 DESCRIPTION	YEAR ITEM WAS DISCONTINUED	CODE REFERRAL
2281	Excision of inclusion cyst	2019	2277
2418	Repair of tears: Sturmdorff repair of tears	2019	2391

2021 Discontinued code

CODES	MDCM 2020 DESCRIPTION	YEAR	CODE REFERRAL
2392	Cryo- or electro-cauterisation or Lletz of cervix (excluding cost of disposable loop electrode): In consulting room)	2021	2395

NEW CODE FOR 2021

A new code was requested based on CPT coding structure, code is approved and will be in use from the first of January 2021.

New code for 2021

CODES	DESCRIPTION	SPECIALIST UNITS	GP UNITS	ANAESTHETIC UNITS
2466	Laparotomy, myomectomy; > 4 tumours or > 250g	327.90	262.32	6.00T

CHANGE OF WORDING IN CODE DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATIONS,

In some of the items wording and interpretations were added or removed as per request. The request were accepted accordingly.

CODES	OBS AND GYNAE DESCRIPTIONS CHANGE OF WORDING	PROPOSED SP UNITS	PROPOSED GP UNITS	PROPOSED ANAESTHETIC UNITS
2324	Revision of prosthetic vaginal graft or mesh: Vaginal approach (removal included)	135.70	120.00	5.00T

CODES	OBS AND GYNAE DESCRIPTIONS CHANGE OF WORDING	PROPOSED SP UNITS	PROPOSED GP UNITS	PROPOSED ANAESTHETIC UNITS
2326	Revision of prosthetic vaginal graft or mesh: Abdominal approach (removal included)	266.70	213.36	6.00T
2370	Repair of VVF - Obstetric or radiation	232.00	185.60	5.00T
2544	Laparoscopic vaginal suspension for stress incontinence	216.90	173.52	5.00T
2468	Laparoscopy: Myomectomy up to 4 intramural myomas. (single or multiple)	257.20	205.76	6.00T
2478	Surgical endometrial destruction, i.e. thermal-ablation, high-energy radio waves (without hysteroscopic guidance)	62.20	62.20	6.00T
2489	Ectopic pregnancy; tubal or ovarian, requiring salpingectomy and / or oophorectomy, abdominal or vaginal approach	228.50	182.80	6.00T

For information about the interpretation changes please refer to the updated 2020 eMDCM

CODES WITH INCREASED OR DECREASED UNITS

The increase or decrease for procedure units codes are for specialist, General practitioner or Anaesthetics in some items procedure units for all disciplines are increased or reduced.

CODES	OBS AND GYNAE DESCRIPTIONS CHANGE OF WORDING	PROPOSED SP UNITS DECREASED	PROPOSED GP UNITS DECREASED	PROPOSED ANAESTHETIC UNITS
2340	Sacrocolpopexy: Laparoscopic with use of mesh	276.30	221.04	6.00T
2364	Enterocoele repair, abdominal approach (stand alone code)	228.30	120.00	6.00T
2337	Colpopexy: Vaginal, extra-peritoneal approach (sacrospinous, iliococcygeus)	142.40	120.00	5.00T
2319	Excision of vaginal cysts or tumours (benign)	49.40	49.40	3.00T
2361	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g; including colpo-urethrocytopexy, with or without endoscopic control	386.90	238.32	6.00T
2379	Vaginal hysterectomy, radical (Schauta type operation)	410.40	328.32	8.00T
2534	Resection (tumour cytoreduction) primary of recurrent ovarian, tubal, primary peritoneal, uterine malignancy (intra-abdominal/retroperitoneal tumours) with omentectomy, with or without pelvic or para-aortic lymphadenectomy	505.20	404.10	6.00T

CODES	OBS AND GYNAE DESCRIPTIONS CHANGE OF WORDING	PROPOSED SP UNITS INCREASED	PROPOSED GP UNITS INCREASED	PROPOSED ANAESTHETIC UNITS
2325	Construction of artificial vagina: Labial fusion without graft, after stenosis	150.10	120.08	4.00T
2278	Perineoplasty, non-obstetrical (stand alone procedure)	74.10	74.10	6.00T
2328	Paravaginal/ site specific defect repair (including repair of cystocele, if performed), laparoscopic approach	259.40	195.68	6.00T
2409	Cerclage of cervix, during pregnancy; vaginal	44.30	44.30	3.00T
2423	Removal of cervical stump, abdominal approach	240.50	192.40	5.00T
2560	Surgery (any method) for endometriosis AFS stage 3: Excision/destruction of endometriosis including endometriomas, 1 or more peritoneal/ mesenteric/ retroperitoneal lesions/nodules	444.20	355.36	6.00T
2565	Implantation hormone pellets (excluding after-care)	16.20	16.20	No Units
2532	Total abdominal hysterectomy, resection (initial) of ovarian, tubal or primary peritoneal malignancy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy and total omentectomy; with radical dissection for cytoreduction of peritoneal tumours (metastases)	586.70	469.36	6.00T

MEDICAL DOCTORS CODING MANUAL 2021

The codes changes will be published as an errata to the 2020 MDCM and will be incorporated in our 2021 Medical Doctors' Coding Manual which will be available by the middle of December 2020. The first copy of the 2021 edition of the MDCM will be sold at a discount for our members.

E-MDCM 2020

Please note that the eMDCM 2020 will be updated as soon as possible to reflect the amended information. The first licence for the eMDCM is free to SAMA members