

MBS Items

Skin Excisions and Biopsies

Fact Sheet

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Malignant skin lesion surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair:

Size of lesion	Description	Item number	Fee*
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31356	\$230.30
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31358	\$281.85
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31361	\$194.30
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31363	\$254.15
<15mm	Body, other than above	31365	\$164.70
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31367	\$222.25
>30mm	Body, other than above	31369	\$255.90

Tumour, cyst, ulcer or scar, removal of and suture, if specimen excised and sent for histological examination:

Size of lesion	Description	Item number	Fee*
<10mm	Mucous membrane	31206	\$99.35
10-20mm	Mucous membrane	31211	\$128.10
>20mm	Mucous membrane	31216	\$149.40
<10mm	4 to 10 lesions** - from cutaneous or subcutaneous tissue	31220	\$223.25
<10mm	4 to 10 lesions** - from a mucous membrane	31221	\$223.25
>10mm	>10 lesions** - from skin or mucous membrane	31225	\$396.75

Benign skin lesion including cyst, ulcer or scar, excision and repair of, where specimen is sent for histological examination:

Size of lesion	Description	Item number	Fee*
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31357	\$114.10
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31360	\$174.85
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31362	\$139.35
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31364	\$174.85
<15mm	Body, other than above	31366	\$99.35
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31368	\$130.60
>30mm	Body, other than above	31370	\$149.40

Repair of wounds, skin and subcutaneous tissue or mucous membrane:

Size of lesion	Description	Item number	Fee*
<7cm	Superficial, other than on face or neck	30026	\$54.35
<7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck	30029	\$93.65
<7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30032	\$85.80
<7cm	Deep, face or neck	30035	\$122.35
>7cm	Superficial, other than on face or neck	30038	\$93.65
>7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck (GP item)	30042	\$193.10
>7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30045	\$122.35
>7cm	Deep, face or neck	30049	\$193.10

Other:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Soft tissue, deep or extensively contaminated, including debridement and suture	30023	\$339.25
Full thickness laceration of ear, eyelid, nose or lip	30052	\$264.25

Biopsy for diagnostic purposes, sent for pathological examination:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Biopsy of skin	30071	\$54.35
Biopsy of mucous membrane	30072	\$54.35
Biopsy of lymph gland, muscle, deep tissue or organ	30075	\$155.85

Removal of:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Ganglion or small bursa	30107	\$228.85

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (July 2021) – refer to source for full item details including eligibility & restrictions.

*75% and/or 85%/100% rebate also applies to these item numbers

** Items billed per lesion.

Note that the [Multiple Operation Rule](#) applies to procedural items.

Refer to MBS for full patient eligibility guidelines.