

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	\$228.25
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31358	\$279.35
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31361	\$192.55
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31363	\$251.90
<15mm	Body, other than above	31365	\$163.25
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31367	\$220.25
>30mm	Body, other than above	31369	\$253.60

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	\$98.45
10-20mm	Mucous membrane	31211	\$126.95
>20mm	Mucous membrane	31216	\$148.05
<10mm	4 to 10 lesions** - from cutaneous or subcutaneous tissue	31220	\$221.25
<10mm	4 to 10 lesions** - from a mucous membrane	31221	\$221.25
>10mm	>10 lesions** - from skin or mucous membrane	31225	\$393.20

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	\$113.10
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31360	\$173.30
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31362	\$138.10
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31364	\$173.30
<15mm	Body, other than above	31366	\$98.45
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31368	\$129.45
>30mm	Body, other than above	31370	\$148.05

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	\$53.85
<7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck	30029	\$92.80
<7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30032	\$85.05
<7cm	Deep, face or neck	30035	\$121.25
>7cm	Superficial, other than on face or neck	30038	\$92.80
>7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck (GP item)	30042	\$191.40
>7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30045	\$121.25
>7cm	Deep, face or neck	30049	\$191.40

Other:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Soft tissue, deep or extensively contaminated, including debridement and suture	30023	\$336.20
Full thickness laceration of ear, eyelid, nose or lip	30052	\$261.90

Biopsy for diagnostic purposes, sent for pathological examination:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Biopsy of skin	30071	\$53.85
Biopsy of mucous membrane	30072	\$53.85
Biopsy of lymph gland, muscle, deep tissue or organ	30075	\$154.45

Removal of:

Description	Item number	Fee*
Ganglion or small bursa	30107	\$226.80
Large bursa, including olecranon, calcaneum or patella	30111	\$383.10

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (July 2020) – 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.