

MBS Items

Skin Excisions and Biopsies

Fact Sheet

Version 6 / April 2022

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

Size of lesion	Description	Item number
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31356
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31358
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31361
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31363
<15mm	Body, other than above	31365
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31367
>30mm	Body, other than above	31369

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

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

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
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31357
>6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or contiguous area	31360
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31362
>14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal limb	31364
<15mm	Body, other than above	31366
15-30mm	Body, other than above	31368
>30mm	Body, other than above	31370

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

Size of lesion	Description	Item number
<7cm	Superficial, other than on face or neck	30026
<7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck	30029
<7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30032
<7cm	Deep, face or neck	30035
>7cm	Superficial, other than on face or neck	30038
>7cm	Deep, other than on face or neck (GP item)	30042
>7cm	Superficial, face or neck	30045
>7cm	Deep, face or neck	30049

Other:

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

Biopsy for diagnostic purposes, sent for pathological examination:

Description	Item number
Biopsy of skin	30071
Biopsy of mucous membrane	30072
Biopsy of lymph gland, muscle, deep tissue or organ	30075

Removal of:

Description	Item number
Ganglion or small bursa	30107

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (April 2022) – 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.

WWW.PRACTICEASSIST.COM.AU

WA Primary Health Alliance is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the PHN Program. Rural Health West is funded by the Australian Government and WA Country Health Service.

Whilst all care has been taken in preparing this document, this information is a guide only and subject to change without notice.

Disclaimer: While the Australian Government has contributed funding support for this resource the information contained within it does not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Australian Government and has not been endorsed by the Australian Government.