

Commonly used Medicare Benefits Schedule items for skin lesions, excisions, biopsies and wounds

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Size of lesion	Description	Item number	Schedule Fee	85% Rebate
Benign skin lesions (other than common warts and seborrheic keratosis) for diagnostic purposes				
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or a contiguous area	31357*	\$109.70	\$93.25
6mm +	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or a contiguous area	31360*	\$168.05	\$142.85
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31362	\$133.90	\$113.85
14mm +	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31364*	\$168.05	\$142.85
<15mm	Body, other than above	31366*	\$95.45	\$81.15
15 to 30mm	Body, other than above	31368*	\$125.55	\$106.75
>30mm	Body, other than above	31370	\$143.55	\$122.05
Malignant skin lesions (malignancy confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy)				
<6mm	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or a contiguous area	31356	\$221.35	\$188.15
6mm +	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or a contiguous area	31358*	\$270.85	\$230.25
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31361*	\$186.70	\$158.70
14mm+	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31363*	\$244.30	\$207.70
<15mm	Body, other than above	31365*	\$158.30	\$134.60
15 to 30mm	Body, other than above	31367*	\$213.60	\$181.60
>30mm	Body, other than above	31369*	\$245.90	\$209.05
Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin (malignancy confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy)				
6mm+	Nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia or a contiguous area	31371	\$357.00	\$303.45
<14mm	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31372*	\$308.70	\$262.40
14mm+	Face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, distal lower/upper limb	31373*	\$356.80	\$303.30
<15mm	Body, other than above	31374*	\$281.90	\$239.65
15 to 30mm	Body, other than above	31375*	\$303.40	\$257.90
>30mm	Body, other than above	31376*	\$351.60	\$298.90

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Tumour, cyst, ulcer, scar, removal and suture (^other than common warts and seborrheic keratosis)				
<10mm	Mucous membrane	31206	\$95.45	\$81.15
>10 to 20mm	Mucous membrane	31211*	\$123.10	\$104.65
>20mm	Mucous membrane	31216*	\$143.55	\$122.05
Each <10mm	4 to 10 lesions – skin^	31220#	\$214.55	\$182.40
Each <10mm	4 to 10 lesions – mucous membrane^	31221*	\$214.55	\$182.40
Each >10mm	>10 lesions – skin or mucous membrane ^	31225#	\$381.30	\$324.15
Biopsy for diagnostic purposes				
Biopsy of skin		30071	\$52.20	\$44.40
Biopsy of mucous membrane		30072*	\$52.20	\$44.40
Biopsy of lymph gland, muscle or other deep tissue or organ		30074	\$117.55	\$99.95
Skin wounds and other				
<7cm	Wound, superficial, other than on face or neck	30026	\$52.20	\$44.40
<7cm	Wound, deep, other than on face or neck	30029	\$90.00	\$76.50
<7cm	Wound, superficial, face or neck	30032	\$82.50	\$70.15
<7cm	Wound, deep, face or neck	30035	\$117.55	\$99.95
>7cm	Wound, superficial, other than on face or neck	30038	\$90.00	\$76.50
>7cm	Wound, deep, other than on face or neck	30041	\$144.00	\$122.40
>7cm	Wound, deep, other than on face or neck	30042	\$185.60	\$157.80
>7cm	Wound, superficial, face or neck	30045	\$117.55	\$99.95
>7cm	Wound, deep, face or neck	30048	\$149.75	\$127.30
Repair of soft tissue wound - deep, including debridement and suture		30023	\$326.05	\$277.15
Full thickness laceration of ear, eyelid, nose or lip		30052	\$254.00	\$215.90
Removal of ganglion or small bursa		30106	\$155.40	\$132.10
Removal of large bursa, including olecranon, calcaneum or patella		30111	\$371.50	\$315.80