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PROFESSIONAL RELATIVITIES STUDY

**RESOURCE MATERIAL F**

**New attendance items: November 1998**

*NCCH document describing the development and structure of the new attendance items developed as part of the RVS.*

*Lists attendance items core structure (MSRB) and expanded structure (NCCH).*

*Also contains NCCH guidelines for ranking and rating attendance items and the spreadsheets forwarded to PRS clinicians for review of items.*

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## ***Professional Relativities Study***

### **NEW CONSULTATION/ATTENDANCE ITEMS**

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## ***Section 1***

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**1.1 Information on the revised consultation item structure and definitions**

## **INFORMATION ON THE REVISED CONSULTATION ITEM STRUCTURE**

This document has been developed to assist an understanding of the new consultation items for use in the Relative Value Study, in particular to facilitate the allocation of professional work relativities to consultation items.

### **Background**

The consultation/attendance item structure for items listed in the Medicare Benefits Schedule was reviewed as part of Stage 1 of the Relative Value Study. The result of that review is a revised consultation item structure based on approximate time references and work content. Professional work relative value units are now being developed for the items comprising that structure by the National Centre for Classification in Health which is undertaking a professional relativities study on behalf of the Medicare Schedule Review Board.

### **Principles**

The revised consultation item structure has been developed on the basis of the following principles:

- content:  
each item descriptor explains the nature of the work which must be undertaken before benefits will be payable in respect of that service;
- time:  
each item descriptor specifies the approximate time that each service should take; and
- clinical records:  
the maintenance of accurate contemporaneous clinical records is an essential element of the revised structure.

It should be noted that the revised structure does not attempt to change the nature of consultative medical practice. Its purpose is to more accurately describe and differentiate between the services which are currently provided by doctors and to provide better guidance to both patients and doctors in relation to the nature of the service provided.

## Modifiers and Differentials

The differentials and modifiers currently being applied to the new consultation items include: **referred/non referred** consultations and **new/existing patients**.

There are other issues related to consultation items which will need to be addressed as further information and discussion occurs during the Relative Value Study process. The modifiers to be applied to the core item structure to provide a complete set of descriptors for consultative practice are still in the process of being developed. The reason for this is that the information to complete the picture is not yet available.

Modifiers to be developed include service specific loadings for indirect time, location, after hours and any other special circumstances. The indirect time modifiers will be derived from the ratio of direct to indirect time provided by the Professional Relativities Study (PRS). The other modifiers will be developed through additional consultation when the PRS and the Practice Costs Study are completed because the information on which to base decisions in relation to these modifiers will not be available until these studies are completed.

Other issues such as opportunity costs of training, working life and other human capital issues are practitioner specific and will be addressed as part of a separate derivation of remuneration rates study.

## Relationship of the revised structure to current items

The vast majority of consultation items are currently provided by general practitioners and correspond with wide time bands and very general content guidance. For specialist and consultant physicians, consultation items generally refer to neither time or content.

For general practitioners there are currently four items - numbers 3, 23, 36 and 44 covering services up to 20 minutes, between 20 and 40 minutes and greater than 40 minutes - which describe surgery consultations. Specialists have two items - 104 and 105 - to cover most consultations and consultant physicians (other than in psychiatry) have three items - 110, 116 and 119 - describing most of their consultations.

**The revised consultation structure has a close relationship to each of these items in that the new items merely subset and more clearly define the broad categorisation which characterises the existing descriptors.**

As a guide it may be useful to visualise a consultation currently provided under the existing structure and categorise that type of consultation under the new structure before ranking and rating it.

An example of this process would be a general practitioner considering a consultation in rooms of approximately 15 minutes under the new structure. Under the existing structure general practitioners would provide Item 23 services lasting 15 minutes. Similarly other Item 23 services currently covered by 5 and 10 minute time periods are now categorised separately under the new structure. This principle applies equally to specialists and consultant physicians.

The core structure is set out in Paper 1.2. Paper 1.3 is a diagram which sets out the relationship between the core structure and the current attendance item schedule. The core structure has been expanded to cater for the other circumstances requiring consultation items. These are items provided in nursing homes, hospitals, homes and institutions. These should be considered using the same principle applying to the consultations in rooms discussed above. The expanded structure descriptions are set out in paper 1.4.

### **Case Conferencing and Aftercare**

The Medicare Schedule Review Board is considering the issues of aftercare and case conferencing in the context of subcommittees established for these purposes. They do not form part of the PRS.

## DEFINITIONS

### Duration of consultation

\* **Note that duration of consultation corresponds to intra service time.**

For consultations other than in hospital the time refers to the approximate time spent with the patient on a one to one direct face to face basis.

For consultations in hospital the approximate time relates to all time in the ward dedicated to that patient (ie **on the floor time**) which includes the time that the medical practitioner is present in the patient's ward and at the bedside with the patient. This includes the time in which the medical practitioner establishes and/or reviews the patient's chart, examines the patient, writes notes and communicates with other professionals and the patient's family. It does not include any time in the procedure/operating room.

### A new patient is:

- (a) a non referred patient who has not presented to that doctor or same group of doctors (to be defined) or at the same practice location in the last 6 months with substantially the same conditions or problems; or
- (b) a referred patient who with a new referral presents with one or more substantially new conditions or problems; or
- (c) a patient seen by a medical practitioner for the first time immediately prior to a procedure or administration of an anaesthetic.

### Referred consultation

A referred consultation relates to a referral from another practitioner to a specialist or consultant physician for investigation, opinion, and/or management of a condition or problem of a patient. A formal letter of referral is normally required in relation to a referred consultation (with the exception of anaesthetic consultations).

### Non-referred consultation

Non-referred consultations relate to consultations provided by general practitioners, other medical practitioners, and in respect of specialists and consultant physicians where there is no letter of referral.

## **Pre procedure consultation**

This is a consultation provided only to a new patient where the need for the procedure has been determined by another doctor and where the consultation is provided immediately prior to the procedure being undertaken. It relates specifically to an assessment of the patient's fitness and/or provision of information to the patient on the risk of the procedure.

This type of consultation does not apply if the proceduralist has previously consulted the patient in connection with the procedure to be undertaken ie. The patient must be a new patient as defined. Any pre procedural work undertaken in relation to existing patients should be included in the pre service time for the procedure.

These consultations are performed in or out of rooms.

An inclusion note has been added to item descriptions where a pre procedure consultation is appropriate (see Core descriptors 2 and 3) .

### ***Immediately prior to a procedure***

Immediately prior to a procedure generally means on the same day just before a procedure (ie the procedure follows immediately after the consultation) but would include circumstances such as where a consultant physician, surgeon or an anaesthetist sees a new patient for the first time in association with that procedure (say the day before).

## **1.2 Core Structure**

**DRAFT CONSULTATION/ATTENDANCE ITEM STRUCTURE**

**(A) ALL CONSULTATIONS**

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>CORE DESCRIPTORS (structure down schedule)</b> ↓	<b>BASE FEES</b>	<b>(structure across schedule) →</b> <b>LOADINGS OR MODIFIERS FOR DIFFERENTIAL FACTORS SUCH AS:</b>
1	<b>Consultation of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b>		(a) In respect of professional components:- . differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.  . complexity such as for emergencies etc.  . differences in the mix of direct and indirect time  (b) In respect of practice costs:- . differences in levels of general overheads  . consumables and technical components

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2	<p><b>Consultation of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral; or</li> </ul> <p><b>a consultation of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new patient immediately prior to a procedure where the clinical record demonstrates an assessment of the patient's fitness to undertake the procedure.</b></p>		<p>(a) In respect of professional components:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.</li> <li>. complexity such as for emergencies etc.</li> <li>. differences in the mix of direct and indirect time</li> </ul> <p>(b) In respect of practice costs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differences in levels of general overheads</li> <li>. consumables and technical components</li> </ul>

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3	<p><b>Consultation of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice; or</li> </ul> <p><b>a consultation of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new patient immediately prior to a procedure where the clinical record demonstrates involvement of significantly more professional effort than the type of assessment described in Item 2.</b></p>		<p>(a) In respect of professional components:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.</li> <li>. complexity such as for emergencies etc.</li> <li>. differences in the mix of direct and indirect time</li> </ul> <p>(b) In respect of practice costs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differences in levels of general overheads</li> <li>. consumables and technical components</li> </ul>

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4	<p><b>Consultation of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 3 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention; or</li> </ul> <p><b>a consultation of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 3 were rendered and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity</b></p>		<p>(a) In respect of professional components:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.</li> <li>. complexity such as for emergencies etc.</li> <li>. differences in the mix of direct and indirect time.</li> </ul> <p>(b) In respect of practice costs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differences in levels of general overheads</li> <li>. consumables and technical components</li> </ul>

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5	<p><b>Consultation of approximately 30 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options.</li> </ul>		<p>(a) In respect of professional components:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.</li> <li>. complexity such as for new patients, emergency etc.</li> <li>. differences in the mix of direct and indirect time</li> </ul> <p>(b) In respect of practice costs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. differences in levels of general overheads</li> <li>. consumables and technical components</li> </ul>

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6	<b>Consultation of approximately 45 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems.</b>		(a) In respect of professional components:- . differentials between and within non-referred and referred services.  . complexity such as for new patients, emergency etc.  . differences in the mix of direct and indirect time  (b) In respect of practice costs:- . differences in levels of general overheads  . consumables and technical components
7	<b>Consultation of approximately 60 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration.</b>		
8	<b>Consultation exceeding 75 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration.</b>		

## **1.3 Expanded Structure Diagram**

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
1 Consultation approx. 5 mins.....	in rooms	non-referred	new or existing pt	90110	3, 23
		referred	new or existing pt	90710	104,105,110,116, 119,300,310
	nursing home	non-referred	new or existing pt	90210	20, 35
		referred	new or existing pt	90810	104,105,110, 116,119,320
	other institution	non-referred	new or existing pt	90310	13, 25
		referred	new or existing pt	90910	107,108,122,128,131,330
	home visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90410	4, 24
		referred	new or existing pt	91010	107,108,122,128, 131,330
	hospital visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90610	19, 33
		referred	new or existing pt	91210	104, 105, 110, 116, 119, 320

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on the floor

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
2 Consultation approx. 10 mins.....	in rooms	● non-referred	● new or existing pt	● 90120	● 3, 23
		referred	new or existing pt	90720	104,105,110, 116,119,300,310
	nursing home	non-referred	new or existing pt	90220	20, 35
		referred	new or existing pt	90820	104,105,110, 116,119,320
	other institution	non-referred	new or existing pt	90320	13, 25
		referred	new or existing pt	90920	107,108,122, 128,131,330
	home visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90420	4, 24
		referred	new or existing pt	91020	107,108,122, 128,131,330
	hospital visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90620	19, 33
		referred	new or existing pt	91220	104, 105, 110, 116, 119, 320

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

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Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
		•	•	•	•
	in rooms	non-referred	new or existing pt	90130	23
		referred	new or existing pt	90730	104,105,106,110,116,119,300,302,310,312
	nursing home	non-referred	new or existing pt	90230	35
		referred	new or existing pt	90830	104,105,106,110,116,119,320,322
	other institution	non-referred	new or existing pt	90330	25
		referred	new or existing pt	90930	107,108,122,128,131,330,332
	home visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90430	24
		referred	new or existing pt	91030	107,108,122,128,131,330,332
	hospital visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90630	33
		referred	new or existing pt	91230	104, 110, 320

3 Consultation approx. 15 mins.....

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
	in rooms	non-referred	new or existing pt	90140	23, 36
			break in continuity	90143	
		referred	new or existing pt	90740	104,105,106,110, 116,119,302,312
			break in continuity	90743	
	nursing home	non-referred	new or existing pt	90240	35, 43
			break in continuity	90243	
		referred	new or existing pt	90840	104,105,106,110, 116,119,322
			break in continuity	90843	
	other institution	non-referred	new or existing pt	90340	25, 38
			break in continuity	90343	
		referred	new or existing pt	90940	107,108,122, 128,131,332
			break in continuity	90943	
	home visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90440	24, 37
			break in continuity	90443	
		referred	new or existing pt	91040	107,108,122, 128,131,332
			break in continuity	91043	
	hospital visit	non-referred	new or existing pt	90640	33
			break in continuity	90643	
		referred	new or existing pt	91240	104, 110, 322
			break in continuity	91243	

4 Consultation approx. 20 mins.....

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

Applies to new or existing patients

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item	
		Referral Status	Patient status			
5 Consultation approx. 30 mins.....	in rooms	non-referred	new patient	90151	36	
			existing patient	90152	36	
		referred	new patient	90751	104,106,110, 304,314	
			existing patient	90752	105,116,119, 304,314	
		nursing home	non-referred	new patient	90251	43
			existing patient	90252	43	
	referred	new patient	90851	104,106,110,324		
		existing patient	90852	105,116,119, 322,324		
	other institution	non-referred	new patient	90351	38	
			existing patient	90352	38	
		referred	new patient	90951	107,122,334	
			existing patient	90952	108,128,131,334	
	home visit	non-referred	new patient	90451	37	
			existing patient	90452	37	
		referred	new patient	91051	107,122,334	
			existing patient	91052	108,128,131,334	
	hospital visit	non-referred	new patient	90651	40	
			existing patient	90652	40	
		referred	new patient	91251	104, 110, 322	
			existing patient	91252	105, 106, 116, 119, 322	

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparitive Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
					Items provided as a guide only
	in rooms	non-referred	new patient	90161	44
			existing patient	90162	44
		referred	new patient	90761	104,106,110,306,316
			existing patient	90762	105,116,119,306,316,319
	nursing home	non-referred	new patient	90261	51
			existing patient	90262	51
		referred	new patient	90861	104,106,110,326
			existing patient	90862	105,116,119,326
	other institution	non-referred	new patient	90361	48
			existing patient	90362	48
		referred	new patient	90961	107,122,336
			existing patient	90962	108,128,131,336
	home visit	non-referred	new patient	90461	47
			existing patient	90462	47
		referred	new patient	91061	107,122,336
			existing patient	91062	108,128,131,336
	hospital visit	non-referred	new patient	90661	50
			existing patient	90662	50
		referred	new patient	91261	104,110,324
			existing patient	91262	105,106,116,119,324

6 Consultation approx. 45 mins.....

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item
		Referral Status	Patient status		
7 Consultation approx. 60 mins.....	in rooms	non-referred	new patient	90171	44
			existing patient	90172	44
		referred	new patient	90771	104,106,110, 326,336
			existing patient	90772	105,116,119, 326,336,338
	nursing home	non-referred	new patient	90271	51
			existing patient	90272	51
		referred	new patient	90871	104,106,110,326
			existing patient	90872	105,116,119,326
	other institution	non-referred	new patient	90371	48
			existing patient	90372	48
		referred	new patient	90971	107,122,336
			existing patient	90972	108,128,131,336
home visit	non-referred	new patient	90471	47	
		existing patient	90472	47	
	referred	new patient	91071	107,122,336	
		existing patient	91072	108,128,131,336	
hospital visit	non-referred	new patient	90671	50	
		existing patient	90672	50	
	referred	new patient	91271	104, 110, 326	
		existing patient	91272	105, 106, 116, 119, 326	

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

EXPANDED STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

Draft Structure Item	Location/Type	Item differentials for relative value development		Proposed RVS number	Comparative Current MBS item	
		Referral Status	Patient status			
8 Consultation exceeding 75 mins.....	in rooms	non-referred	new patient	90181	44	
			existing patient	90182	44	
		referred	new patient	90781	104,106,110,306, 208,216,218	
			existing patient	90782	105,116,119,306, 208,216,218,210	
		nursing home	non-referred	new patient	90281	51
				existing patient	90282	51
	referred		new patient	90881	107,122,326,328	
			existing patient	90882	105,116,119,326, 328	
	other institution	non-referred	new patient	90381	48	
			existing patient	90382	48	
		referred	new patient	90981	107,122,336,338	
			existing patient	90982	108,128,131,336, 338	
	home visit	non-referred	new patient	90481	47	
			existing patient	90482	47	
		referred	new patient	91081	107,122,336,338	
			existing patient	91082	108,128,131,336, 338	
	hospital visit	non-referred	new patient	90681	50	
			existing patient	90682	50	
		referred	new patient	91281	104, 110, 326	
			existing patient	91282	105, 106, 116, 119, 326	

For hospital visit:  
Time = time on floor

## **1.4 List of consultation items for the RVS**

**NON-REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN ROOMS**

<p><b>90110</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 70 year old male patient for immunisation against influenza.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 22 year old male patient with Klinefelter's syndrome for intramuscular injection of testosterone.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 25 year old male patient for venepuncture for blood sample.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 6 year old male patient for repair of recent wound.</p>
<p><b>90120</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 6 year old male patient for incision of small abscess without drainage</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 11 year old male patient for removal of superficial foreign body from eye</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 76 year old male patient for reduction of rectal prolapse</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 35 year old male patient for syringe of ear.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 26 year old male patient for cauterisation of pyogenic granulation</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 8 year old male patient for treatment of simple fracture of toe.</p>

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<p><b>90130</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 45 year old male patient with pigmented skin lesion.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms with a 66 year old female patient with rheumatoid arthritis on gold therapy for review.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms for a 12 year old asthmatic patient for review post discharge from hospital for exacerbation in asthma.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 24 year old female patient for resuturing of surgical wound.</p>
<p><b>90140</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90130 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 25 year old breast feeding female patient with urinary tract infection.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 3 month old baby with fever and vomiting.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 51 year old male patient for treatment of keratoses.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 48 year old male patient for venesection.</p>

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<b>90143</b>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90130 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre andpost ventolin spirometry reading.</p>
<b>90151</b>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li><li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li><li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li><li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li><li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li><li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li></ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Initial consultation in rooms for a 50 year old female patient with a 2cm mass in the breast.  Consultation in rooms, 65 year old male patient with increasing difficulties with micturition.</p>

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<p><b>90152</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms with 60 year old male patient with diabetes and impotence. Consultation in rooms with an 18 year old mother of two and who is feeling depressed.</p>
<p><b>90161</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms with a 7 year old patient with unstable asthma and allergic symptoms.</p>
<p><b>90162</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms with a 12 year old patient with poorly controlled diabetes and experiencing strange turns at school.</p>

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<p><b>90171</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms, 3 month old baby with multiple bruises.</p>
<p><b>90172</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms with a 75 year old patient with dementia and concerned relatives to discuss care options.</p>
<p><b>90181</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms with a 60 year old diabetic patient with vascular complications and visual impairment, on multiple medications, with confusion and recurrent falls.</p>

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<b>90182</b>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in rooms with a 40 year old male patient, with 2 small daughters, whose wife recently died from familial breast cancer.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 75 year old male patient treated for hypertension, presenting with intermittent confusion and neurological deficits.</p>
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**NON-REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN A NURSING HOME**

<p><b>90210</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in a nursing home, 70 year old male patient for immunisation against influenza. Consultation in a nursing home, 75 year old male patient undergoing treatment for bed sores.</p>
<p><b>90220</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in a nursing home, 76 year old male patient for reduction of rectal prolapse. Consultation in a nursing home, 80 year old female patient with recurrent dizzy spells. Consultation in a nursing home, assessment of elderly patient for potential hip fracture.</p>

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<p><b>90230</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90240</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90230 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90243</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90230 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre and post ventolin spirometry reading.</p>

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<p><b>90251</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90252</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90261</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

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<p><b>90262</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90271</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90272</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90281</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90282</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

**NON-REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN AN INSTITUTION**

<p><b>90310</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in an institution, 70 year old male patient for immunisation against influenza.  Consultation in an institution, 6 year old male patient with a possible fractured wrist.</p>
<p><b>90320</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in an institution, 76 year old male patient for reduction of rectal prolapse.  Consultation in an institution, 80 year old female patient with recurrent dizzy spells.  Consultation in an institution, assessment of elderly patient for potential hip fracture.</p>

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<p><b>90330</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90340</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90330 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90343</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90330 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre and post ventolin spirometry reading.</p>

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<p><b>90351</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90352</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90361</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

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<b>90362</b>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90371</b>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90372</b>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90381</b>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a non-referred basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90382</b>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

**NON-REFERRED HOME VISITS**

<p><b>90410</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90420</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referrals</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Home visit, 76 year old male patient for reduction of rectal prolapse.  Home visit, 4 year old female patient with a high fever and not eating or drinking.  Home visit, elderly patient with a possible hip fracture after a fall at home.</p>
<p><b>90430</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>90440</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90430 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>the nature of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>the tasks involved;</b></li> <li>. <b>the number of problems requiring attention</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Home visit, 55 year old male patient with sudden chest pain.</p> <p>Home visit, 25 year old female patient with sudden severe lower abdominal pain.</p> <p>Home visit, assessment of an 82 year old female patient with altered mental state and personality change for possible confusion state.</p>
<p><b>90443</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90430 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUTY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90451</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</b></li> <li>. <b>detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</b></li> <li>. <b>the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

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<p><b>90452</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90461</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90462</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<p><b>90471</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

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<b>90472</b>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90481</b>	<p><b>Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>
<b>90482</b>	<p><b>Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a general practitioner.</p>

**NON-REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN A HOSPITAL**

<p><b>90610</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>5 minutes</u> duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90620</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>10 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referrals</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in hospital, 30 year old male patient for assessment of acute red eye. Consultation in hospital, infant patient for assessment of lower respiratory tract infection. Consultation in hospital, assessment of 18 year old male patient following altercation.</p>
<p><b>90630</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>15 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>90640</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>20 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90630 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of the problems requiring attention</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>90643</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>20 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90630 were rendered and the nature of the service requires <b>BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>90651</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>30 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

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<p><b>90652</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>30 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>90661</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>45 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>90662</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>45 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>90671</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>60 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

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<b>90672</b>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>60 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<b>90681</b>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital exceeding <u>75 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<b>90682</b>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital exceeding <u>75 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a NON-REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a general practitioner and includes all time <u>on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

**REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN ROOMS**

<p><b>90710</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Follow up consultation to read mantoux test which is negative and no treatment plan is required.</p>
<p><b>90720</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 39 year old female patient for manipulation of tissue surrounding breast prosthesis.</p> <p>Review for anterior uveitis and assessment of inflammation of the eye.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 63 year old male patient for proctoscopy.</p>

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<p><b>90730</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 53 year old female patient for change of suprapubic cystostomy tube. Consultation in rooms, 54 year old male patient for trimming of ileostomy Consultation in rooms, 37 year old male patient for removal of perianal tag without general anaesthetic Consultation in rooms for a patient with generalised psoriasis with scalp involvement Consultation in rooms, 42 year old male patient for alcohol injection around nerve</p>
<p><b>90740</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90730 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 40 year old female patient for aspiration biopsy of breast lump Evaluation of a recently divorced 50 year old female patient who is having difficulty sleeping Consultation in rooms, 34 year old female patient for trimming stump of amputated arm Consultation in rooms, 41 year old male patient for incision of bursa Consultation in rooms, 38 year old male patient for injection into haemorrhoids Consultation in rooms, 50 year old male patient for electrosurgical destruction of macules Consultation in rooms, 24 year old female patient for ultrasonic location of the placenta Consultation in rooms, 76 year old male patient for reduction of rectal prolapse</p>

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<p><b>90743</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90730 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre and post ventolin spirometry reading.</p> <p>Pre and post dilatation of pupils for eye examination.</p>
<p><b>90751</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 54 year old female patient for endometrium biopsy.</p> <p>Initial consultation in rooms for a 20 year old male patient with recurrent sinusitis.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 64 year old male referred for glaucoma assessment and diagnosis.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 35 year old male patient with 6 month history of epistaxis and destructive lesion of the sphenoid sinus on CT scan.</p>

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<p><b>90752</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms for management of worsening heart failure in a 70 year old male patient scheduled for elective prostate surgery.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 32 year old female patient for hypnotherapy.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, back pain for 50 year old female patient with past history of breast cancer.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, follow up for patient with unstable angina.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, follow up for patient with inflammatory bowel disease with complications.</p>
<p><b>90761</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 20 year old male patient referred following a cervical lymph node biopsy positive for Hodgkin's disease.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 28 year old female patient referred for acute post-natal depression.</p>

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<p><b>90762</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms for a 65 year old female patient with persistent heart failure and sudden deterioration in renal function.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 70 year old male patient with multiple myeloma presenting with 2 day history of increasing leg weakness.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, follow up for patient with unstable epilepsy</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, follow up for patient with chronic renal failure</p>
<p><b>90771</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 42 year old female patient with chronic recurrent urticaria</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 55 year old male patient with unexplained weight loss for investigation</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 60 year old male patient with unexplained tiredness for investigation</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 45 year old female patient with unexplained abdominal pain for investigation</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 65 year of male patient with unexplained chest pain for investigation</p>
<p><b>90772</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, 75 year old male patient treated for hypertension, presenting with intermittent confusion and neurological deficits.</p>

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<b>90781</b>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Initial consultation in rooms for a pregnant 30 year old female patient with known mitral valve disease presenting with transient neurological symptoms.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, 20 year old male patient presenting with pallor, petechial rash and fever.</p>
<b>90782</b>	<p><b>Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in rooms where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Consultation in rooms, active 32 year old male patient presenting with headache and progressive neurological symptoms.</p> <p>Consultation in rooms, acute psychosis in a 23 year old schizophrenic patient.</p>

**REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN A NURSING HOME**

<p><b>90810</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90820</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90830</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>90840</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90830 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>the nature of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>the tasks involved;</b></li> <li>. <b>the number of problems requiring attention</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90843</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90830 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre and post ventolin spirometry reading.</p> <p>Pre and post dilatation of pupils for eye examination.</p>
<p><b>90851</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</b></li> <li>. <b>detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</b></li> <li>. <b>the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<p><b>90852</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in a nursing home, follow up evaluation of the efficacy of treatment of a resident with dementia-related behavioural problems.</p>
<p><b>90861</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in a nursing home, comprehensive geriatric assessment of a resident suffering from dementia who has developed behavioural problems that are proving difficult to manage in the nursing home.</p>
<p><b>90862</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<p><b>90871</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90872</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90881</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90882</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a nursing home where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

**REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN AN INSTITUTION**

<p><b>90910</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90920</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>90930</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>90940</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90930 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>the nature of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>the tasks involved;</b></li> <li>. <b>the number of problems requiring attention</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90943</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 90930 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUITY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Breaks in continuity while patient is sent away for x-ray, collection of urine specimen, ECG, pre and post ventolin spirometry reading.  Pre and post dilatation of pupils for eye examination.</p>
<p><b>90951</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</b></li> <li>. <b>detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</b></li> <li>. <b>the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<p><b>90952</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in an institution, assessment of a hostel resident with past stroke who now requires a higher level of care and possible nursing home placement.</p>
<p><b>90961</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in an institution, comprehensive geriatric assessment of a hostel resident who has been falling frequently.</p>
<p><b>90962</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<p><b>90971</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90972</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90981</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>90982</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in an institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in an institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

**REFERRED HOME VISITS**

<p><b>91010</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 5 minutes duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>91020</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 10 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p><b>91030</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 15 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>91040</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 91030 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>the nature of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>the tasks involved;</b></li> <li>. <b>the number of problems requiring attention</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>91043</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 91030 were rendered and the nature of the service requires BREAKS IN CONTINUTIY</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p> <p>Pre and post dilatation of pupils for eye examination.</p>
<p><b>91051</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</b></li> <li>. <b>detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</b></li> <li>. <b>arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</b></li> <li>. <b>a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</b></li> <li>. <b>the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</b></li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<p><b>91052</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process;</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient;</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition;</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake a procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test;</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and decision on current and future treatment options;</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment options</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>91061</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>91062</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<p><b>91071</b></p>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

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<b>91072</b>	<p><b>Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<b>91081</b>	<p><b>Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>
<b>91082</b>	<p><b>Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a visit to a patient's home, not being a nursing home or other institution where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist.</p>

REFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN A HOSPITAL

<p>91210</p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>5 minutes</u> duration, where the clinical record demonstrates the straightforward nature of the task</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>
<p>91220</p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>10 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than one of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a problem focused physical and/or mental examination;</li> <li>. a decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low complexity, and/or formulation and communication of a management plan;</li> <li>. a review of effectiveness of existing treatment;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. decision on and ordering of diagnostic tests or specialist referral</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Consultation in hospital, follow-up consultation with existing patient recovering from acute relapse of ulcerative colitis.</p>
<p>91230</p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>15 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. taking a problem focused history;</li> <li>. a detailed examination and assessment of the physical and/or mental condition of the patient;</li> <li>. decision on a course of treatment, including where appropriate the need for a procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan;</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature;</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient. Includes pre procedural consultation.</p>

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<p><b>91240</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>20 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 91230 were rendered and that the consultation was of extended duration due to extenuating circumstances such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the nature of the patient's condition</li> <li>. the tasks involved;</li> <li>. the number of problems requiring attention</li> <li>. procedure and the risks thereof, for a condition of low to moderate complexity and/or formulation and communication of a detailed management plan</li> <li>. lifestyle or other counselling of a specific nature</li> <li>. communication of other information commensurate with accepted clinical practice</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91243</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>20 minutes</u> duration where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the professional work activities of the type described in Item 91230 were rendered and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW or EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91251</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>30 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling process</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens and a decision on current and future treatment options</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patient to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment option</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

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<p><b>91252</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>30 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that more than two of the following professional work activities were rendered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a comprehensive consultative, history taking, and/or counselling proces</li> <li>. a comprehensive physical examination of the patient</li> <li>. detailed evaluation of the patient's condition:</li> <li>. arriving at a diagnosis, and a decision relating to the patient's need to undertake procedure other than a minor procedure or diagnostic test</li> <li>. a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing treatment regimens an decision on current and future treatment options</li> <li>. the personal communication by the doctor of sufficient information to allow the patie: to reach an informed decision on treatment or non treatment option</li> </ul> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91261</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>45 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91262</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>45 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation is characterised by the application of a full range of professional consulting and other skills to the diagnosis, management and/or treatment of one or more complex conditions or problems</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91271</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>60 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes all <u>time on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

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<p><b>91272</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital of approximately <u>60 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91281</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital exceeding <u>75 minutes</u> duration with a new patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with a NEW patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>
<p><b>91282</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation in a hospital exceeding <u>75 minutes</u> duration with an existing patient where the clinical record demonstrates that the consultation involves professional activities of clear and unambiguous complexity and/or work content commensurate with a service of such duration</b></p> <p>This is a consultation with an EXISTING patient seen on a REFERRED basis.</p> <p><b>Additional Explanation:</b> This is a consultation provided to a patient in a hospital where the patient is seen by a surgeon, consultant physician or other specialist and includes <u>alltime on the floor</u> associated with that patient.</p>

## **2.1 Guidelines for ranking and rating consultation items**

## 2.1 GUIDELINES FOR RANKING AND RATING MBS CONSULTATION/ ATTENDANCE ITEMS

These guidelines are suggested to assist Consensus Groups with the ranking of the new MBS consultation/attendance items, and the estimation of time and rating of intensity for these items.

Consultation/attendance items should be interleaved (in terms of the rankings) with the MBS procedural items allocated to your specialty. You will need to refer to the latest rankings and ratings for procedural items.

There are two legitimate ways of interleaving the consultation items:

- a) Interleave consultation items with the procedure items using the intra service time as a guide, then estimate the pre and post times and rate the consultations in relation to the procedural items: or
- b) Estimate pre and post times, rate the intensity of attendance items and then interleave with the procedures.

**The NCCH preference is a), however, it is up to each group to choose the most appropriate method.**

Attached is a list of the consultation/attendance items for inclusion in the PRS. This comprises:

- **New MBS Consultation/Attendance Items** - as detailed in Section 1; and
- **Current MBS Consultation/Attendance Items** – not covered by the new items

***Important Note:** It is essential that only one set of rankings, time estimates and intensity ratings are provided by the Consensus Group for all items. If you would prefer to do this work electronically please contact the NCCH for Microsoft Excel copies of the necessary files.*

**REVIEW OF CONSULTATION/ATTENDANCE ITEMS****Task**

Please identify the consultation items that are applicable to your group – refer to spreadsheet.

The minimum number of items that your group is required to review is detailed in the cover letter of this documentation.

*Note: It may be useful to refer to Section 1 of these papers which details the full description of the items in the spreadsheet.*

**INTERLEAVING OF CONSULTATION/ATTENDANCE ITEMS WITH RANKED PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*The ranking process involves placing each MBS item allocated (or chosen) for your group in order in terms of the total work value of that item. It requires your judgement of the total work value, ie time and intensity, for each item. By interleaving the consultation items with the procedural items, relativities between procedural and consultation items can be evaluated.*

**Task**

Compare the consultation item intra service time with the procedural item intra times and try and interleave with the procedural items on this basis. Alternatively, interleave the item on the basis of total professional work.

For each consultation item, indicate on your procedural item spreadsheet where you would like the item to be inserted (ranked).

*NB: it may be practical to roughly order the consultation items before interleaving the items with the procedural items.*

The NCCH will record the new rank for the procedural and consultation items for your group and check this for level 1 consistency. This information will be forwarded to the group for review.

**ESTIMATION OF TIME FOR THE PRE AND POST SERVICE**

*For the purpose of the PRS, time includes the following components:*

- i pre service time*
- ii intra service time*
- iii post service time*

*The intra service time corresponds to the duration of consultation defined in the MBS consultation/attendance items. Please refer to glossary of terms (in your CGPI green coloured folder) for definitions of pre and post service times .*

**Task**

For each of the items appropriate to your group (as identified in Task 1) please estimate the **pre, intra, and post service** times.

*Note: the intra service time will already appear for those items with duration of consultation defined in the item.*

**RATING OF WORK INTENSITY**

*Intensity includes the following elements:*

- i Cognitive skill, clinical judgement and communication skills.*
- ii Technical skill and physical effort.*
- iii Stress due to risk to patient and/or difficulty of the procedure.*

*Please refer to glossary of terms (in your CGPI green coloured folder) for definitions of the above elements of intensity.*

**Task**

Please rate the intra service intensity of each of your items according to the above elements and on a scale of 0-10, with 0 being the lowest order of scale and 10 being the highest order of scale. The median of the scale should be 5 (items should be spread around this median within the specialty ratings).

You may use decimals to rate if you wish.

## **2.2 Spreadsheets for documentation of time estimates and intensity ratings**

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New Consultation Items - REFERRED

Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
90710	Consultation in rooms of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		5				
90720	Consultation in rooms of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		10				
90730	Consultation in rooms of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		15				
90740	Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90743	Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90751	Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
90752	Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
90761	Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90762	Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90771	Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90772	Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90781	Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
90782	Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
90810	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		5				
90820	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		10				
90830	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		15				
90840	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90843	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90851	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		30				

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Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
90852	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
90861	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90862	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90871	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90872	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90881	Consultation at a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
90882	Consultation at a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
90910	Consultation at other institution of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		5				
90920	Consultation at other institution of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		10				
90930	Consultation at other institution of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		15				
90940	Consultation at other institution of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90943	Consultation at other institution of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
90951	Consultation at other institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
90952	Consultation at other institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
90961	Consultation at other institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90962	Consultation at other institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
90971	Consultation at other institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90972	Consultation at other institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
90981	Consultation at other institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		75				

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Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
90982	Consultation at other institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
91010	Home visit of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		5				
91020	Home visit of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		10				
91030	Home visit of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		15				
91040	Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
91043	Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
91051	Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
91052	Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
91061	Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
91062	Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
91071	Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
91072	Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
91081	Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
91082	Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
91210	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		5				
91220	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		10				
91230	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		15				
91240	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				
91243	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a referred basis.		20				

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Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
91251	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
91252	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		30				
91261	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
91262	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		45				
91271	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
91272	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		60				
91281	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a referred basis.		75				
91282	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a referred basis.		75				

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New Consultation Items - NON-REFERRED

Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
90110	Consultation in rooms of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		5				
90120	Consultation in rooms of approximately 10 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		10				
90130	Consultation in rooms of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		15				
90140	Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90143	Consultation in rooms of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90151	Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		30				
90152	Consultation in rooms of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		30				
90161	Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90162	Consultation in rooms of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90171	Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		60				
90172	Consultation in rooms of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		60				
90181	Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90182	Consultation in rooms exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90210	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		5				
90220	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 10 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		10				
90230	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		15				
90240	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90243	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90251	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		30				

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Item Number	Short Description	Time Estimates (minutes)			Ratings of Intensity (0-10)		
		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
90252	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 30 minutes duration with and existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		30				
90261	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90262	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90271	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		60				
90272	Consultation at a nursing home of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		60				
90281	Consultation at a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90282	Consultation at a nursing home exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90310	Consultation at other institution of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		5				
90320	Consultation at other institution of approximately 10 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		10				
90330	Consultation at other institution of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		15				
90340	Consultation at other institution of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90343	Consultation at other institution of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90351	Consultation at other institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		30				
90352	Consultation at other institution of approximately 30 minutes duration with and existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		30				
90361	Consultation at other institution of approximately 45 minutes with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90362	Consultation at other institution of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90371	Consultation at other institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		60				
90372	Consultation at other institution of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		60				
90381	Consultation at other institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				

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90382	Consultation at other institution exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90410	Home visit of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		5				
90420	Home visit of approximately 10 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		10				
90430	Home visit of approximately 15 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		15				
90440	Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90443	Home visit of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90451	Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		30				
90452	Home visit of approximately 30 minutes duration with and existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		30				
90461	Home visit of approximately 45 minutes with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90462	Home visit of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90471	Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		60				
90472	Home visit of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		60				
90481	Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90482	Home visit exceeding 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				
90610	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 5 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		5				
90620	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 10 minutes duration with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		10				
90630	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 15 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		15				
90640	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 20 minutes duration with new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				
90643	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 20 minutes duration and the nature of the service requires breaks in continuity with a new or existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		20				

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90651	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 30 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		30				
90652	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 30 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		30				
90661	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 45 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		45				
90662	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 45 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		45				
90671	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 60 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		60				
90672	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 60 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		60				
90681	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 75 minutes duration with a new patient seen on a non-referred basis		75				
90682	Consultation in a hospital of approximately 75 minutes duration with an existing patient seen on a non-referred basis.		75				

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		Pre service	Intra service	Post service	Cognitive skill/ Clinical judgement/ Commun'n skills	Technical skill/ Physical Effort	Stress due to risk
1	Professional attendance being an attendance at other than consulting rooms, by a general practitioner on not more than 1 patient on 1 occasion - each attendance on a public holiday, on a Sunday, before 8 a.m. or after 1 p.m. on a Saturday or at any time						
2	Professional attendance being an attendance at consulting rooms, by a general practitioner on not more than 1 patient on 1 occasion - each attendance on a public holiday, on a Sunday, before 8 a.m. or after 1 p.m. on a Saturday or at any time other than b						
97	Professional attendance being an attendance at other than consulting rooms, on not more than 1 patient on 1 occasion by a medical practitioner - each attendance on a public holiday, on a Sunday, before 8 a.m. or after 1 p.m. on a Saturday or at any time						
98	Professional attendance being an attendance at consulting rooms, on not more than 1 patient on 1 occasion by a medical practitioner - each attendance on a public holiday, on a Sunday, before 8 a.m. or after 1 p.m. on a Saturday or at any time other than b						
160	Professional attendance for a period of not less than 1 hour but less than 2 hours (not being a service to which any other item applies) on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous attendance on the patient to the exclusion of all other						
161	Professional attendance for a period of not less than 2 hours but less than 3 hours (not being a service to which any other item applies) on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous attendance on the patient to the exclusion of all other						
162	Professional attendance for a period of not less than 3 hours but less than 4 hours (not being a service to which any other item applies) on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous attendance on the patient to the exclusion of all other						
163	Professional attendance for a period of not less than 4 hours but less than 5 hours (not being a service to which any other item applies) on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous attendance on the patient to the exclusion of all other						
164	Professional attendance for a period of 5 hours or more (not being a service to which any other item applies) on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous attendance on the patient to the exclusion of all other patients=20						

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173	Attendance at which acupuncture is performed by a medical practitioner by application of stimuli on or through the surface of the skin by any means, including any consultation on the same occasion and any other attendance on the same day related to the						
340	Attendance for electroconvulsive therapy, with or without the use of stimulus dosing techniques, including any electroencephalographic monitoring and associated consultation						
342	Group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted) of not less than 1 hours duration given under the continuous direct supervisio						
344	Group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted) of not less than 1 hours duration given under the continuous direct supervisio						
346	Group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted) of not less than 1 hours duration given under the continuous direct supervisio						
348	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry, where the patient is referred to him or her by a medical practitioner, involving an interview of a person other than the patient of not less than 20 m						
350	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry, where the patient is referred to him or her by a medical practitioner, involving an interview of a person other than the patient of not less than 45 m						
352	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry, where the patient is referred to him or her by a medical practitioner, involving an interview of a person other than the patient of not less than 20 m						
10801	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with myopia of 4.0						

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10802	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with manifest hype						
10803	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with astigmatism o						
10804	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with irregular ast						
10805	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with anisometropia						
10806	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients with subnormal cor						
10807	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients for whom a wholly						
10808	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients who, by reason of						
10809	Attendance for the investigation and evaluation of a patient for the fitting of contact lenses, with keratometry and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription - 1 service in any period of 36 consecutive months - patients who have a medical						
10815	Attendance for the refitting of contact lenses with keratotomy and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription being a subsequent fitting of contact lenses within a period of 36 months of the initial fitting to which item 10801, 10802, 10803						

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10816	Attendance for the refitting of contact lenses with keratotomy and testing with trial lenses and the issue of a prescription, where the patient requires a change in contact lens material or basic lens parameters, other than a simple power change, because						
13100	Supervision in hospital by a medical specialist of - haemodialysis, haemofiltration, haemoperfusion or peritoneal dialysis, including all professional attendances, where the total attendance time on the patient by the supervising medical specialist exceeds 45 minutes in 1 day						
13103	Supervision in hospital by a medical specialist of - haemodialysis, haemofiltration, haemoperfusion or peritoneal dialysis, including all professional attendances, where the total attendance time on the patient by the supervising medical specialist does n						
13209	Planning and management of a referred patient by a specialist for the purpose of treatment by assisted reproductive technologies including in vitro fertilisation, gamete intra-fallopian transfer and similar procedures, or for artificial insemination - payable once only during 1 treatment cycle						
13870	Management of a patient in an Intensive Care Unit by a specialist or consultant physician - including initial and subsequent attendances, electrocardiographic monitoring, arterial sampling, bladder catheterisation and blood sampling - management on the first day						
13873	Management of a patient in an Intensive Care Unit by a specialist or consultant physician - including all attendances, electrocardiographic monitoring, arterial sampling, bladder catheterisation and blood sampling - management on each day subsequent to the first day						