

Chapter 2 – Brain, cranium, and intracranial organs

The code for the excision of a lesion of the pituitary gland includes the subsequent packing of the nose and the removal of the packs where required. These should not be charged as separate procedures.

Additional fees should not be charged for cranioplasty with intracranial procedures. The code for stereotactic ablation of a lesion includes the removal/biopsy of the lesion.

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2.1 Brain

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A0110	Hemispherotomy	Complex	£2,000.00	£1,285.00
A0180	Excision of abscess of brain	Complex	£1,300.00	£785.00
A0200	Excision of lesion of tissue of brain	Complex	£1,600.00	£1,071.00
A0280	Awake craniotomy with ablation of lesion of brain with or without cortical mapping/stereotaxy	Complex	£2,000.00	£1,285.00
A0310	Stereotactic biopsy of lesion or tissue of brain	Complex	£1,600.00	£1,071.00
A0321	MRI-Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) thalamotomy for essential tremor	Intermediate	£750.00	£0.00
A0400	Biopsy of lesion of tissue of brain (including via a burr hole or stealth guided)	Complex	£900.00	£610.00
A0900	Implantation of neurostimulator to brain	Major	£560.00	£311.00
A0980	Deep brain stimulation	Complex	£2,000.00	£1,285.00
A1060	Fiducial placement	N/A	£210.00	£194.00
A1220	Creation of ventriculovascular anastomosis	Major	£560.00	£311.00
A1240	Creation of ventriculoperitoneal shunt	Major	£560.00	£311.00
A1250	Creation of subcutaneous cerebrospinal fluid reservoir	Major	£560.00	£311.00
A1300	Maintenance of cerebroventricular shunt	Major	£430.00	£253.00
A1430	Removal of cerebroventricular shunt	Intermediate	£350.00	£181.00
A1440	Irrigation of cerebroventricular shunt	Minor	£160.00	£233.00
A1700	Therapeutic endoscopic operations on ventricle of brain (including examination and biopsy of lesion)	Xmajor	£700.00	£311.00
A2080	Ventricular puncture (as sole procedure)	Minor	£160.00	£181.00
A2220	Puncture of cistern of brain	Minor	£150.00	£181.00

2.2 Cranium

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A4280	Intracranial infection: burr hole	Intermediate	£550.00	£357.00
V0110	Reconstructive cranioplasty	Xmajor	£750.00	£571.00
V0130	Surgery for craniostenosis (single suture)	Major	£550.00	£357.00
V0180	Surgery for craniostenosis (more than one suture)	Xmajor	£750.00	£642.00
V0310	Exploratory open craniotomy	Xmajor	£750.00	£571.00
V0330	Exploratory burr hole of cranium	Major	£450.00	£285.00
V0382	Total petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex	£1,350.00	£857.00
V0383	Lateral petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex	£1,350.00	£857.00
V0390	Foramen magnum decompression	Complex	£1,300.00	£642.00
V0510	Excision of lesion of cranium	Major	£600.00	£357.00
V0530	Elevation of depressed fracture of cranium	Major	£450.00	£357.00
V0580	Repair of compound fracture of cranium	Xmajor	£750.00	£571.00

2.3 Meninges

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A2210	Drainage of subarachnoid space of brain	Major	£450.00	£285.00
A3810	Excision of lesion of meninges of brain	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,071.00
A3830	Operation for arachnoidal cyst	Xmajor	£750.00	£428.00
A3900	Repair of dura	Complex	£1,000.00	£571.00
A4010	Evacuation of extradural haematoma	Complex	£1,000.00	£571.00
A4110	Evacuation of subdural haematoma or abscess	Complex	£1,000.00	£571.00
A4180	Subdural haemorrhage – tap	Minor	£100.00	£194.00

2.4 Nerves

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A2500	Intracranial transection of cranial nerve	Complex	£1,600.00	£1,285.00
A2600	Other intracranial destruction of cranial nerve	Complex	£1,600.00	£1,285.00
A2900	Excision of lesion of cranial nerve (intracranial)	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,285.00
A2952	Excision of acoustic neuroma (vestibular schwannoma) - tumours less than 2.5cm (performed by single surgeon)	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,285.00
A2953	Excision of acoustic neuroma (vestibular schwannoma) - tumours more than 2.5cm or compressing brain stem (performed by single surgeon)	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,285.00
A2954	Excision of acoustic neuroma (vestibular schwannoma) - tumours managed by combined oto-neurosurgical team irrespective of tumour size	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,285.00
A3000	Repair of cranial nerve (intracranial)	Complex	£800.00	£714.00
A3200	Decompression of cranial nerve (craniotomy)	Complex	£1,600.00	£714.00
A3300	Implantation of neurostimulator to cranial nerve	Major	£600.00	£357.00
A3330	Removal of neurostimulator from cranial nerve	Major	£550.00	£213.00
A3680	Excision of cerebello-pontine angle tumour	Complex	£1,900.00	£1,285.00

2.5 Vessels

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A0260	Excision of arteriovenous malformation from vessels of brain	Complex	£1,900.00	£857.00
A4080	Craniotomy – post-operative haemorrhage	Xmajor	£750.00	£571.00
L3320	Clipping of cerebral artery aneurysm	Complex	£1,600.00	£857.00
L3330	Endovascular insertion of an intrasaccular wire-mesh blood-flow disruption device for intracranial aneurysms	Xmajor	£1,600.00	£857.00
L3380	Reinforcement of aneurysm of cerebral artery	Complex	£1,600.00	£857.00
L3400	Open operations on cerebral artery	Complex	£1,600.00	£857.00

2.6 Other

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
A8300	Electro-convulsive therapy	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
B0100	Open hypophysectomy (including total)	Complex	£1,600.00	£714.00
B0410	Transsphenoidal hypophysectomy (including total)	Complex	£1,600.00	£714.00
B0610	Excision of pineal gland	Complex	£1,900.00	£714.00