

Chapter 5 – Ear, nose and throat

A septorhinoplasty is only covered when it relates to restoration of a patient’s normal appearance immediately following trauma or the excision of a tumour. The presence of a nasal obstruction does not automatically mean a septorhinoplasty will be covered and all such procedures must be preauthorised.

The code for the Uvulopalatoplasty procedure is not included in our schedule of fees and is not eligible under any circumstances for the treatment of sleep apnoea.

Functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS) includes the removal of nasal polyps, antrostomy and turbinate reduction and these should not be charged as additional procedures.

Any codes designed for use in theatre should not be used in an outpatient setting – for example, nasal cautery or the removal of a foreign body from the nose.

Fees for packing of the nose should not be charged as additional procedures.

The code for the Epley manoeuvre is for use by specialists only. Where a patient has an appointment specifically for the Epley manoeuvre we do not expect to receive a consultation charge as well. In addition, we should not receive any charges from facilities for this service unless billing on behalf of the specialist.

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5.1 External ear

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
D0110	Total excision of pinna	Major	£450.00	£357.00
D0132	Excision accessory auricle/preauricular appendage	Minor	£250.00	£142.00
D0140	Excision of preauricular sinus	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00
D0210	Excision of lesion of pinna	Intermediate	£200.00	£213.00
D0280	Removal of multiple bony exostoses external auditory canal	Intermediate	£500.00	£213.00
D0310	Reconstruction of external ear for anotia/microtia using cartilage	Complex	£1,350.00	£357.00
D0330	Pinnaplasty (including bilateral) (child 14 and below only)	Intermediate	£500.00	£357.00
D0340	Soft tissue meatoplasty of external auditory canal	Intermediate	£450.00	£213.00
D0342	Bony meatoplasty	Major	£450.00	£213.00
D0410	Drainage of haematoma/abscess of pinna	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
D0610	Biopsy of lesion of pinna (as sole procedure)	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
D0630	Repair of pinna	Minor	£150.00	£194.00
D0702	Aural toilet - including microsuction	N/A	£50.00	£0.00
D0730	Removal of foreign body from external auditory canal (and bilateral)	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
D0810	Excision of lesion of external auditory canal	Minor	£150.00	£259.00
D0812	Removal of solitary osteoma of external auditory canal	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00
D0820	Reconstruction of external auditory canal	Xmajor	£850.00	£499.00

5.2 Middle ear and mastoid

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
D1010	Radical mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Major	£700.00	£357.00
D1020	Modified radical mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Xmajor	£700.00	£428.00
D1040	Simple mastoidectomy	Major	£650.00	£357.00
D1060	Revision of mastoidectomy (including meatoplasty)	Major	£550.00	£357.00
D1240	Exploration of facial nerve, mastoid segment, facial nerve	Xmajor	£700.00	£357.00
D1420	Myringoplasty	Major	£600.00	£357.00
D1421	Fat Plug Myringoplasty	Minor	£100.00	£0.00
D1440	Combined approach tympanoplasty - intact canal wall tympanoplasty	Major	£800.00	£357.00
D1510	Myringotomy and insertion of tube through tympanic membrane (and bilateral)	Intermediate	£140.00	£142.00
D1520	Suction clearance of middle ear (as sole procedure)	Minor	£50.00	£129.00
D1530	Myringotomy (and bilateral)	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
D1540	Exploration of entire middle ear course of VII	Complex	£1,000.00	£642.00
D1610	Ossiculoplasty	Xmajor	£750.00	£428.00
D1710	Stapedectomy	Major	£550.00	£357.00
D1720	Revision stapedectomy	Xmajor	£600.00	£357.00
D1900	Middle ear tumour excision	Major	£750.00	£357.00
D1910	Middle ear polypectomy	Minor	£200.00	£142.00
D2030	Removal of Grommets	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
D2040	Diagnostic tympanotomy (as sole procedure)	Major	£500.00	£285.00
D2050	Tympanic neurectomy	Xmajor	£400.00	£213.00
D2070	Transtympanic steroid injection (including topical or local anaesthetic)	Minor	£150.00	£0.00
D2240	Balloon dilatation of the Eustachian tube	Intermediate	£250.00	£213.00
D2822	Examination of ear under general anaesthetic (as sole procedure)	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
T8950	Repair of peri-lymph fistula	Major	£550.00	£428.00
V0382	Total petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex	£1,350.00	£857.00
V0383	Lateral petrosectomy (for tumour)	Complex	£1,350.00	£857.00
W1870	Drainage of petrous apex for sepsis	Complex	£1,400.00	£428.00

5.3 Inner ear

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
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
A8480	Transtympanic electrocochleography	Intermediate	£200.00	£0.00
AA489	Transtympanic chemical labyrinthectomy	Minor	£150.00	£129.00
D2420	Insertion of cochlear implant - unilateral	Complex	£1,000.00	£571.00
D2610	Operation(s) on endolymphatic sac	Major	£600.00	£357.00
D2620	Membranous labyrinthectomy	Xmajor	£650.00	£357.00
D2630	Osseous labyrinthectomy	Xmajor	£700.00	£357.00
E2880	Epley manoeuvre (code for specialist use only)	N/A	£25.00	£0.00

5.4 Nose and nasal cavity

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
E0110	Total excision of nose	Major	£450.00	£357.00
E0220	Septorhinoplasty (including attention to turbinates)	Major	£600.00	£285.00
E0230	Septorhinoplasty including graft/implant following trauma or excision of tumour (including attention to turbinates)	Major	£650.00	£285.00
E0260	Rhinoplasty following trauma or excision of tumour (including attention to turbinates)	Major	£550.00	£285.00
E0310	Submucous resection of nasal septum	Intermediate	£350.00	£213.00
E0330	Biopsy of septum of nose	Minor	£100.00	£194.00
E0340	Closure of perforation of septum of nose	Intermediate	£400.00	£213.00
E0360	Septoplasty of nose (including attention to turbinates)	Intermediate	£450.00	£213.00
E0380	Nasal septum cauterisation (and bilateral)	Minor	£100.00	£142.00
E0390	Extracorporeal septoplasty	Major	£450.00	£285.00
E0412	Reduction turbinates of nose (laser, diathermy, out fracture etc.)	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
E0420	Reduction turbinates of nose (trim, radical excision)	Intermediate	£200.00	£213.00
E0440	Division of adhesions of turbinate of nose (and bilateral)	Minor	£100.00	£194.00
E0520	Ligation of artery of internal nose (including endoscopic, as sole procedure)	Intermediate	£400.00	£213.00
E0610	Packing of cavity of nose (as sole procedure)	Minor	£100.00	£194.00
E0810	Polypectomy of internal nose (and bilateral, including endoscopic)	Minor	£150.00	£194.00
E0820	Excision of lesion of internal nose	Minor	£150.00	£194.00
E0830	Correction of congenital atresia of choana (including endoscopic)	Major	£450.00	£285.00
E0850	Removal of foreign body from cavity of nose	Minor	£100.00	£194.00
E0910	Excision of lesion of external nose	Minor	£100.00	£194.00

5.5 Nasal sinuses

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
E1220	Caldwell-Luc procedure	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00
E1240	Vidian neurectomy (including endoscopic)	Major	£500.00	£285.00
E1260	Image guided endoscopic frontal, sphenoid and/or ethmoid sinus surgery (FESS) and bilateral	Major	£650.00	£285.00
E1310	Antral puncture and wash-out (and bilateral)	Minor	£150.00	£142.00
E1330	Intranasal antrostomy including endoscopic and antral washout (including bilateral)	Intermediate	£250.00	£213.00
E1350	Closure of oro-antral fistula with local flap	Intermediate	£400.00	£213.00
E1360	Endoscopic balloon dilation frontal sinuplasty and bilateral	Major	£600.00	£357.00
E1370	Endoscopic balloon dilation maxillary sinuplasty and bilateral	Major	£600.00	£357.00
E1380	Endoscopic balloon dilation sphenoid sinuplasty and bilateral	Major	£600.00	£357.00
E1410	External frontoethmoidectomy and bilateral	Major	£600.00	£357.00
E1432	FESS: excision uncinata process and anterior ethmoid bulla, antrostomy / antral puncture, simple polypectomy and attention to turbinates (bilateral)	Major	£550.00	£285.00
E1450	Bone flap to frontal sinus and bilateral	Major	£700.00	£285.00
E1460	Trephining of frontal sinus and bilateral	Minor	£200.00	£142.00
E1470	Median drainage of frontal sinus (modified Lothrop procedure) and bilateral	Complex	£2,000.00	£1,429.00
E1480	Endoscopic exploration frontal sinus beyond frontoethmoid recess and bilateral	Xmajor	£650.00	£357.00
E1500	Operation(s) on sphenoid sinus (including endoscopic) and bilateral	Intermediate	£250.00	£213.00
E1742	Lateral rhinotomy into sinuses	Intermediate	£500.00	£285.00
E1750	Transnasal repair of leaking CSF (Including endoscopic)	Xmajor	£1,000.00	£213.00
E1780	Diagnostic endoscopy of sinus and bilateral (as sole procedure)	Minor	£50.00	£194.00
V0700	Cranio-facial resection	Complex	£1,600.00	£1,429.00
W2620	Manipulation under anaesthesia of fractured nose (as sole procedure)	Minor	£200.00	£142.00

5.6 Throat

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
E1910	Total pharyngectomy	Complex	£1,600.00	£714.00
E1920	Partial pharyngectomy	Xmajor	£650.00	£714.00
E2010	Adenoidectomy	Minor	£150.00	£142.00
E2100	Repair of pharynx	Major	£600.00	£357.00
E2320	Open operation(s) on pharyngeal pouch	Major	£550.00	£285.00
E2330	Removal of lesion of para-pharyngeal space	Major	£1,300.00	£213.00
E2400	Therapeutic endoscopic operation on pharynx	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
E2480	Endoscopic operation(s) on pharyngeal pouch (e.g. Dohlman's procedure)	Major	£550.00	£285.00
E2500	Diagnostic nasolaryngopharyngoscopy+/-biopsy, +/-cautery as sole procedure	Minor	£50.00	£129.00
E2501	Fibre optic examination of pharynx +/- biopsy/removal of foreign body	Minor	£50.00	£0.00
F3400	Tonsillectomy - child (and bilateral) up to and including age 12	Intermediate	£350.00	£285.00
F3440	Tonsillectomy - adult, age 13 + (and bilateral)	Intermediate	£400.00	£285.00
F3480	Adenotonsillectomy (and bilateral)	Intermediate	£400.00	£285.00
F3490	Intracapsular tonsillectomy	Intermediate	£340.00	£227.00
F3620	Drainage of peritonsillar abscess ('quinsy')	Minor	£100.00	£129.00
F3650	Arrest of haemorrhage following tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy	Intermediate	£250.00	£213.00
F4300	Transoral laser microsurgery, including pharyngotomy, partial laryngectomy, partial glossectomy and/or tracheostomy (as sole procedure)	Complex	£2,000.00	£1,299.00

5.7 Larynx and trachea

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
E2140	Reconstruction using stomach pull up following pharyngolaryngectomy	Complex	£1,750.00	£1,429.00
E2150	Reconstruction free jejunal graft following pharyngolaryngectomy	Complex	£1,750.00	£1,285.00
E2300	Pharyngeal myotomy	Intermediate	£200.00	£213.00
E2910	Total laryngectomy	Complex	£2,000.00	£714.00
E2920	Horizontal supra-glottic laryngectomy	Complex	£1,000.00	£428.00
E2930	Vertical hemi-laryngectomy	Complex	£1,000.00	£428.00
E2940	Partial laryngectomy	Complex	£1,000.00	£428.00
E2950	Laryngofissure and cordectomy of vocal cord	Major	£500.00	£285.00
E2952	Laryngofissure	Major	£500.00	£285.00
E2970	Sub-total laryngectomy	Complex	£1,350.00	£428.00
E3010	Glottoplasty (e.g. vocal pitch change surgery)	Major	£500.00	£285.00
E3100	Reconstruction of larynx with graft	Complex	£1,350.00	£714.00
E3400	Cordectomy (endoscopic)	Intermediate	£500.00	£285.00
E3410	Laser surgery to vocal cord (including microlaryngoscopy)	Intermediate	£500.00	£285.00
E3520	Microlaryngoscopy/laryngoscopy +/- biopsy, excision of lesion, polyp or cyst	Intermediate	£400.00	£285.00
E3681	Stroboscopy of larynx	Minor	£100.00	£0.00
E3810	Injection into larynx	Intermediate	£350.00	£213.00
E3900	Partial excision of trachea with reconstruction	Complex	£1,000.00	£857.00
E4030	Tracheoplasty	Major	£1,000.00	£285.00
E4032	Tracheoplasty for congenital conditions	Complex	£1,000.00	£285.00
E4100	Insertion of voice prosthesis (TOF)	Major	£500.00	£357.00
E4210	Tracheostomy	Intermediate	£300.00	£285.00
E4230	Mini tracheostomy (percutaneous)	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
F4306	Transoral robotic assisted horizontal supra-glottic laryngectomy (as sole procedure)	Complex	£1,000.00	£428.00
F4308	Transoral robotic assisted mucosectomy for microscopic primary tumour (as sole procedure)	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00

5.8 Fiberoptic endoscopic procedures (GA or LA)

CCSD	Description	Complexity	Specialist fee	Anaesthetist fee
E4510	Fiberoptic examination of trachea +/- biopsy/removal of foreign body	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
E4800	Therapeutic bronchoscopy (including laser, cryotherapy, lavage, snare, dilatation of stricture, insertion of stent)	Minor	£250.00	£213.00
E4840	Dilatation of tracheal stricture including insertion of stent	Intermediate	£250.00	£213.00
E4850	Therapeutic bronchoscopy for removal of foreign body	Minor	£200.00	£213.00
E4990	Panendoscopy +/- incisional biopsy	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00
E4991	Therapeutic Panendoscopy +/- excision biopsy, excision or destruction of lesions	Intermediate	£300.00	£213.00
E5180	Diagnostic bronchoscopy +/- biopsy	Minor	£320.00	£213.00