

****THE PATIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING THE FIRST 15 MIN CONSULTATION OF THEIR ACUTE PRESENTATION**

Abdominal pain			
Patients with abdominal pain, who are haemodynamically stable and can be safely managed in the community			
IV Medication	\$87.00	Package of care	Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
Rehydration	\$158.00	Package of care	IV rehydration only in adults, oral rehydration only in children. Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	Follow up consultation for management post ultrasound result
Abdominal Ultrasound to support management and avoid acute admission			
Acute ECG			
The diagnosis is unclear, but the patient would otherwise be sent acutely to hospital for ECG. This funding does not cover the cost of a routine ECG			
ECG	\$63.00	Package of care	Includes consult time and any consumables
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	Follow up consultation for management post ECG
Asthma			
Patients with moderate asthma exacerbation that can be safely managed in the community			
Practice observations	\$1 /min	Maximum 2 hours	Practice observations can only be claimed at the time of the initial consult
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
Cellulitis			
Adult >= 15 years with moderate cellulitis that can be safely managed in the community			
IV Cellulitis	\$87.00	Three only *	* extra IV antibiotic doses can be claimed if approved by secondary care - this must be documented
Oral Cellulitis (In person)	\$79.00	Three only	
Cellulitis (ACC)			
Adult >= 15 years with moderate cellulitis (ACC funded) that can be safely managed in the community			
ACC - IV Cellulitis	\$47.00	Two only	Cannot be claimed for the first dose of IV antibiotics
ACC - Oral Cellulitis (In person)	\$39.00	Two only	Cannot be claimed for the first consult for oral antibiotics
Congestive heart failure - exacerbation			
Adults with acute heart failure that can be safely managed in the community			
IV Medication	\$87.00	Package of care	Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
GP/NP/CP Extended consult	\$79.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	
RN home visit	\$79.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
GP/NP/CP home visit	\$126.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
CXR to rule out pneumonia/pneumothorax			
COPD			
Patients with an acute or sub-acute COPD exacerbation that can be safely managed in the community			
GP/NP/CP Extended consult	\$79.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	Follow up consultation for management post CXR result
CXR to support management and avoid acute admission			
DVT			
Suspected DVT with a Wells Score of >= 2 or a positive D-dimer : Superficial venous thrombosis : Management of a pregnant women with a clinical suspicion of DVT must be discussed immediately with relevant hospital specialist (and documented)			
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	Follow up consultation following ultrasound
DVT Prophylactic Enoxaparin	\$79.00	One only	Administration of enoxaparin where oral treatment is unsuitable
Ultrasound			
DVT (ACC)			
ACC related: Suspected DVT with a Wells Score of >= 2 or a positive D-dimer : Superficial venous thrombosis : Management of a pregnant women with a clinical suspicion of DVT must be discussed immediately with relevant hospital specialist (and documented)			
ACC GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$49.00	One only	Follow up consultation following ultrasound
ACC DVT Prophylactic Enoxaparin	\$39.00	One only	Administration of enoxaparin where oral treatment is unsuitable
Ultrasound			
Dehydration			
Adults with moderate dehydration not responsive to oral fluids +/- antiemetic who can be safely managed in the community			
Children aged between 6 months and 15 years with moderate dehydration or at risk of getting severely dehydrated, who can be managed safely in the community			
Rehydration	\$158.00	Package of care	IV rehydration only in adults, oral rehydration only in children Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
ENT			
ENT conditions that can be acutely and safely managed in the community, such as epistaxis			
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Fever unknown origin - children			
Febrile (>38 C) children with moderate/amber symptoms or signs that can be safely managed in the community			
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Ingested foreign body			
Ingested metal foreign body in children – with no red flags i.e. if object is a disc battery, sharp object, Object >5cm, multiple magnets			
GP/NP/CP Extended consult	\$79.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
CXR			
IV Adenosine in the management of SVT			
Patients with rapid palpitations and a systolic BP >100, where an ECG performed shows a regular narrow complex (QRS<= 120msec) tachycardia in whom vagal manoeuvres have been unsuccessful			
IV Adenosine	\$110.00	Package of care	Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
Musculoskeletal			
Adults for suspicion of pathological fracture where there is no history of injury : Children aged 8-16 years for suspicion of SUFE			
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
Hip X ray: for suspicion of SUFE.			
X ray: for suspicion of pathological fracture where there is no history of injury			
Neurology			
Patients with acute neurological conditions that can be managed safely in primary care e.g. migraine			
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Renal/Urological			
Patients with acute urological problems who can be managed safely in primary care e.g.			
•Acute indwelling catheter insertion for patient in acute urinary retention in the absence of red flags i.e. acute trauma – straddle injury/fractured pelvis, perineal haematoma			
•Blocked catheter, which cannot be unblocked by flushing			
•Uncomplicated pyelonephritis			
•Renal colic with no red flags i.e. AAA, temperature >38, pyelonephritis, peritonitis, biliary colic, testicular torsion, ovarian torsion, ectopic pregnancy			
Acute catheter insertion	\$147.00	Package of care	Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. Includes consult time and any consumables
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Renal ultrasound: to support management and avoid acute admission where CT is not available or appropriate			
Pneumonia			
Adults with suspected pneumonia that can be managed safely in primary care – moderate pneumonia (CRB65 score 1 or 2 – see below) with no other co-morbidities : Children with pneumonia that can be safely managed in the community			
GP/NP/CP Follow-up Consult	\$79.00	One only	
RN Follow-up consult	\$39.00	One only	Follow up consultation for management post CXR result
CXR to support management and avoid acute admission			
Respite care			
Patients who are acutely unwell and for whom 4 nights of respite care would be sufficient to avoid a hospital admission: Patients have to be assessed in general practice in the 48 hours prior to the request for respite : A definitive plan has to be in place for the patient on discharge from Primary Options funding and is to be communicated at the time of the placement. Must be approved by POAC before resthome bed is booked.			
GP/NP/CP Extended consult	\$79.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
GP/NP/CP home visit	\$126.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
RN home visit	\$79.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
Severe allergic reaction			
Patients with a severe allergic reaction, who have not had anaphylaxis, are haemodynamically stable and can be safely managed in the community: Moderate allergic reaction requiring observation in general practice.			
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Women's Health			
Patients who are haemodynamically stable with pelvic pain and can be safely managed in the community.			
Investigation of retained products of conception – where patient no longer qualifies for maternity funding i.e. TOP/Miscarriage – more than 14 days post event or vaginal delivery – more than 6 weeks post-delivery			
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Pelvic ultrasound: for suspicion of ruptured ovarian cyst or for suspicion of retained products of conception in patients not eligible for maternity funding (i.e. is more than 14 days post termination of pregnancy/miscarriage or more than six weeks post vaginal delivery).			

In all categories where extended consultations and follow up consultations can be claimed, rural practices can claim the following

Rural GP/NP/CP Extended consultation	\$89.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
Rural GP/NP/CP Follow up consult	\$89.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
Rural RN Follow up consult	\$49.00		

In all categories where extended consultations and follow up consultations can be claimed, the following can be claimed when the care is provided after 5pm, on weekends or on public holidays.

After hours GP/NP/CP Extended consultation	\$99.00	Maximum 2	At the time of acute presentation to a maximum of 30 minutes
After hours GP/NP/CP Follow up consult	\$99.00	One only	Limited to one consult within the acute episode of care
After hours RN Follow up consult	\$59.00		

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Packages of care

Cannot be claimed with any other invoice on the same day. They include allocation for staff time as well as consumables

Practice observations

Practice observations – based on treatment provided as evidenced in clinical notes. This can be claimed provided no IV administration invoices are claimed. This invoice can only be claimed at the time of the initial consultation. In-clinic observations can be claimed based on 3 x 10-minute baseline observations per hour. Practice observations can only be claimed at the time of the initial consult.

GP/NP/CP extended consultation

To cover an additional 15 minutes of GP/NP/CP time above the initial 15-minute consultation. This invoice can be claimed twice per episode of care to fund a maximum of 30 minutes of additional time. This invoice can only be claimed at the time of the initial consultation.

GP/NP/CP follow up

RN follow up
 A follow-up visit may be funded (based on treatment provided as evidenced in clinical notes). This is limited to one consult within the acute episode of care. While follow up consultations can be virtual, to be eligible for funding, documentation needs to include a two-way conversation between the practice and the patient. A sent message with no documented response does not meet the definition of a consultation.

Urgent diagnostics can be accessed and co-ordinated by general practice or urgent care clinics without contacting the Primary Options team. Bookings can be made by the practice or the patient.

Patients can arrange their own radiological investigation provided they have the required documentation with them, which includes the referral from the practice and the primary options claim number. This is dependent on the investigation being one of those listed above.

Any investigations not listed will not be funded, irrespective of whether the practice has provided the patient with a claim number.

Patients who are not acutely unwell and do not require a same day diagnostic test are not funded under POAC and should be referred to primary referred radiology. Radiology is only funded for same-day investigations, with the exception of ultrasounds through the DVT pathway which can be the next day with enoxaparin coverage.

GP provided point of care ultrasound is excluded from POAC services – it is expected that patients will be charged for this service.