

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

TRACHEA AND BRONCHI

Asst

Surg

Anae

PREAMBLE

1. When bronchoscopy, flexible or rigid, is rendered in conjunction with laryngoscopy or oesophagoscopy, only the bronchoscopy is eligible for payment.
2. Bronchoscopy rendered by the same surgeon immediately following thoracic surgery under the same anaesthetic is *not eligible for payment*.
3. Bronchoscopy (including intraoperative bronchoscopy) rendered the same *day* as a major lung resection is *not eligible for payment* if a bronchoscopy has been rendered by the same physician to the same patient in the 3-week period preceding the major lung resection.

ENDOSCOPY

Bronchoscopy

Z360 Emergency rigid bronchoscopy for obstructed airway 474.65

Note:

1. Z360 is eligible for payment only for life-threatening emergency situations where the patient is not intubated.
2. No other bronchoscopy service is eligible for payment with Z360.
3. Life Threatening Critical Care and Other Critical Care services are not payable in addition to Z360 to the same physician for the same patient, same *day*.

Z327 - flexible or rigid, with or without bronchial biopsy, suction or injection of contrast material..... nil 124.90 6

E846 - rigid bronchoscopy rendered immediately after flexible bronchoscopy, to Z327 add 95.70

Note:

E846 is *only eligible for payment* when rendered for the treatment of a condition identified by the preceding flexible bronchoscopy.

E632 - with removal of foreign body, to Z327 add 68.40

E633 - with dilatation of stricture, to Z327 add 44.55

E634 - with selective endobronchial blocker or catheter insertion, to Z327 add 52.00

E635 - with palliative endobronchial tumour resection including laser or cryotherapy, to Z327 add 67.20

E636 - with broncho-alveolar lavage for diagnosis of malignancy or diagnosis and/or treatment of infection and includes obtaining specimens suitable for differential cellular analysis, to Z327 add 50.00

E637 - with selective brushings of all 18 segmental bronchi for occult carcinoma in situ; specimens labeled as to site, to Z327 add 76.45

E638 - with transbronchial lung biopsy with or without image intensification, to Z327 add 81.90

E622 - any bronchoscopic procedure for patients under 3 years of age, to Z327 add 79.40

E677 - transbronchial needle aspiration (TBNA) of mediastinal and/or hilar lymph nodes, to Z327 add 104.00

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

TRACHEA AND BRONCHI

| | Asst | Surg | Anae |
|--|------|--------|------|
| # E678 - TBNA of lung mass, to Z327 add | | 104.00 | |
| # E838 - bronchoscopy in a high risk patient with respiratory failure (i.e. severe hypoxemia or hypercapnia), to Z327..... add | | 79.40 | |
| Note: E838 is <i>not eligible for payment</i> unless the physician remains with the patient after the procedure is completed and until oxygen levels have returned to their pre-intervention level and it is apparent the patient will not require assisted ventilation. | | | |
| # Z342 Limited bronchoscopy with placement of endobronchial blocker and/or double lumen tube | | 112.55 | |
| # Z359 Repeat bronchoscopy for tracheobronchial toilet when performed within one week of another bronchoscopic procedure | | 56.65 | 6 |
| # G050 Endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), for guided biopsy of hilar and/or mediastinal lymph nodes..... | | 203.05 | |
| # E837 - additional biopsy(s) performed by EBUS, to a maximum of 3, to G050 | | 50.75 | |

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

TRACHEA AND BRONCHI

Asst

Surg

Anae

Quadroscopy or panendoscopy

| | | | | |
|--------|--|--|--------|---|
| # Z355 | - with or without biopsy (nasopharyngoscopy, laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, oesophagoscopy with or without gastro-duodenoscopy) using separate instruments in search of malignant disease | | 321.45 | 6 |
|--------|--|--|--------|---|

TRACHEO-BRONCHIAL ASPIRATION

| | | | | |
|--------|--|--|-------|--|
| # Z344 | First procedure..... | | 45.95 | |
| # Z345 | Subsequent procedures performed by same physician..... | | 18.60 | |

Note:

Not to apply to:

- 1.operating surgeons,
- 2.when respiratory unit fees apply; or
- 3.within the first two hours post-operatively.

| | | | | |
|--------|--|--|--------|---|
| # Z326 | Change of tracheostomy tube..... | | 12.50 | |
| # Z346 | Transtracheal aspiration | | 22.35 | |
| # Z356 | Closure of persistent tracheostoma | | 133.95 | 6 |

INCISION

| | | | | |
|--------|--|----|--------|----|
| # Z741 | Tracheotomy | 6 | 273.15 | 6 |
| # E639 | - with anterior cricoid split..... add | | 78.50 | |
| # Z738 | Insertion of Montgomery "T" Tube or similar laryngeal or tracheal stent..... | 6 | 216.10 | 8 |
| # Z325 | Emergency tracheotomy..... | 10 | 474.65 | 10 |

Note:

- 1.Z325 is eligible for payment only for life-threatening emergency situations where the patient is not intubated.
- 2.Percutaneous tracheostomy, cricothyroidotomy or other emergency airway punctures do not constitute Z325.

EXCISION

| | | | | |
|--------|---|----|---------|----|
| E623 | - repeat operation after 30 days | | 415.15 | |
| # M099 | Segmental resection of cervical trachea..... | 9 | 918.60 | 10 |
| # E631 | - with resection of cricoid..... add | | 314.20 | |
| # M103 | Segmental resection of trachea with either sternotomy or thoracotomy..... | 9 | 1294.20 | 13 |
| # M104 | Carinal resection (without pulmonary resection)..... | 11 | 825.40 | 15 |

REPAIR

| | | | | |
|--------|---|---|--------|----|
| # M100 | Tracheal rupture, transcervical | 9 | 654.30 | 10 |
| # M101 | Tracheal-bronchial rupture, transthoracic | 9 | 868.15 | 13 |

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

CHEST WALL AND MEDIASTINUM

| | Asst | Surg | Anae |
|--|------|---------|------|
| EXCISION | | | |
| # M105 Chest wall tumour, resection of 2 or 3 ribs or cartilages | 9 | 650.00 | 13 |
| # E847 - with reconstruction of diaphragm requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material to M105..... add | | 75.00 | |
| Chest wall reconstruction | | | |
| # E640 - after chest wall resection where a significant defect (minimum 5 cm in diameter) remains requiring repair with synthetic material | | 179.55 | |
| # E601 - for each additional rib (more than 3) to a maximum of 3 additional..... add | | 57.50 | |
| # E602 - with sternal resection | | 177.95 | |
| # M107 Total sternectomy..... | 9 | 812.25 | 13 |
| # N284 Excision of first rib and/or cervical rib to include scalenotomy when required..... | 6 | 408.00 | 6 |
| # M106 Mediastinal tumour | 9 | 1004.00 | 13 |
| # E847 - with reconstruction of diaphragm requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material to M106..... add | | 75.00 | |
| # M108 Ligation of thoracic duct - as sole procedure | 6 | 410.45 | 6 |
| # E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M106 or M108..... add 28% | | | |
| REPAIR | | | |
| Chest wall - pleura | | | |
| # M109 - closed (see General Preamble GP12) | | IC | 6 |
| # M110 - open (see General Preamble GP12)..... | | IC | 13 |
| # M116 - fixation for trauma..... | 6 | 350.00 | 7 |
| # E604 - for fixation of each additional rib exceeding four ribs. add | | 55.60 | 2 |
| # M117 Sternal fixation for trauma..... | 6 | 251.45 | 6 |
| # R352 Pectus excavatum or carinatum repair (by reconstruction, not implant)..... | 6 | 832.30 | 11 |
| SURGICAL COLLAPSE | | | |
| Thoracoplasty | | | |
| # M111 - one stage..... | 9 | 304.20 | 10 |
| # E605 - for each additional rib (more than 3) to a maximum of 3 additional..... add | | 55.60 | |
| # Z742 Phrenicotomy..... | 6 | 106.45 | 6 |
| INCISION | | | |
| # Z353 Incisional biopsy of chest wall tumour | 6 | 110.90 | 7 |
| # Z354 Excisional biopsy of rib for tumour | 6 | 142.20 | 7 |
| # Z357 Thoracic window creation | 6 | 228.25 | 7 |
| # Z358 Thoracic window closure | 6 | 111.20 | 6 |

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

CHEST WALL AND MEDIASTINUM

| | Asst | Surg | Anae |
|---|------|--------|------|
| ENDOSCOPY | | | |
| # Z329 Mediastinoscopy | 6 | 380.00 | 7 |
| # Z330 - with bronchoscopy..... | 6 | 490.00 | 7 |
| # Z333 - with transbronchial biopsy under image intensification (including bronchoscopy) | 6 | 317.20 | 7 |
| # Z328 - with mediastinotomy | 6 | 475.80 | 7 |
| # Z348 - with bronchoscopy and mediastinotomy | 6 | 605.85 | 7 |
| Anterior mediastinotomy | | | |
| # Z347 - when sole procedure performed..... | 6 | 300.00 | 6 |

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

LUNGS AND PLEURA

| | Asst | Surg | Anae |
|--|------|--------|------|
| INTRODUCTION - THORACENTESIS | | | |
| Z331 Aspiration for diagnostic sample..... | | 32.45 | |
| Z332 Aspiration with therapeutic drainage with or without diagnostic sample..... | | 59.15 | 6 |
| E542 - when performed outside hospital..... add | | 11.55 | |
| Z349 Intrapleural administration of chemotherapy or sclerosing agent - by any method..... | | 23.25 | |
| # Z334 Total unilateral lung lavage with or without bronchoscopy using Double Lumen Tube and single lung anaesthesia | | 304.60 | 13 |
| ENDOSCOPY | | | |
| # Z335 Thoracoscopy (pleuroscopy) with or without pleural biopsy, suction, etc. | | 242.35 | 7 |
| INCISION | | | |
| # Z340 Biopsy of lung, needle | | 137.85 | 7 |
| # Z336 Biopsy of pleura, needle - including diagnostic aspiration | | 59.15 | 6 |
| # Z341 Closed drainage effusion or pneumothorax..... | | 76.80 | 6 |
| # Z349 Intrapleural administration of chemotherapy or sclerosing agent - by any method..... | | 23.25 | |
| # Z337 Rib resection for drainage..... | 6 | 133.10 | 7 |
| # M133 Thoracotomy for removal of foreign body | 9 | 390.65 | 13 |
| # M137 Thoracotomy with or without biopsy | 9 | 390.65 | 13 |
| # M134 Thoracotomy for post-operative haemorrhage or empyema .. | 9 | 390.65 | 13 |
| # M132 Thoracotomy with repair of ruptured diaphragm..... | 9 | 507.45 | 13 |
| # M130 Closure of broncho-pleural fistula (transthoracic or trans-sternal) | 9 | 584.75 | 13 |
| # E609 - with intercostal muscle bundle, pericardium, Azygos vein, or pericardial fat pad, to M130 | | 121.70 | |
| # E610 - with myovascular flap (pectoralis major, latissimus dorsi, rectus abdominus) | | 263.80 | |
| # M135 Major decortication of lung for empyema or tumour | 11 | 848.80 | 15 |
| # Z339 Intercostal drainage with insufflation of sclerosing agent under general anaesthesia | 6 | 182.90 | 6 |
| Chronic indwelling pleural catheter for palliative management of malignant pleural effusion | | | |
| Z361 Insertion of indwelling catheter | | 200.00 | |
| Z362 Removal of indwelling catheter..... | | 200.00 | |

Note:

1.Z361 and Z362 include any image guidance and interpretation.

2.Z361 and Z362 are not payable for adjustment of a previously inserted indwelling pleural catheter. The applicable visit fee may be claimed.

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

LUNGS AND PLEURA

| | Asst | Surg | Anae |
|--|------|---------|---------|
| EXCISION | | | |
| # Z338 Biopsy of pleura or lung - with limited thoracotomy | 9 | 202.80 | 13 |
| # M138 Hilar lymph node or lung biopsy with full thoracotomy..... | 9 | 534.10 | 13 |
| # M142 Pneumonectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection, sampling or pericardial resection requiring repair | 10 | 1485.40 | 14 |
| # E609 - with intercostal muscle bundle, pericardium, Azygos vein or pericardial fat pad, to M142 | | 121.70 | |
| # M143 Lobectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection or sampling | 10 | 1402.60 | 13 |
| # E644 - radical mediastinal node dissection following preoperative chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy, to M142, M143, S089 or S090 | | 207.45 | |
| # E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M142 or M143 | | | add 28% |
| Note: E644 is <i>only eligible for payment</i> when performed in conjunction with M142 or M143 following preoperative chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy. | | | |
| # M144 Segmental resection, including segmental bronchus and artery | 10 | 1441.75 | 13 |
| # E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M144 | | | add 28% |
| # M145 Wedge resection of lung | 10 | 843.40 | 13 |
| # M151 Bullectomy for major bullous disease | 10 | 725.00 | 13 |
| # M149 Pleurectomy, and/or apical bullectomy for pneumothorax | 10 | 525.00 | 13 |
| E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M145, M149 or M151 | | | add 28% |

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

LUNGS AND PLEURA

Asst

Surg

Anae

The following E codes may apply to the preceding M prefix excision codes:

| | | | | |
|--------|---|----|---------|----|
| # E612 | - total extra-pleural pneumonectomy..... add | | 338.35 | |
| # E613 | - sleeve pneumonectomy add | | 248.40 | |
| # E614 | - omental graft..... add | | 162.45 | |
| # E615 | - intra-pericardial dissection add | | 120.80 | |
| # E611 | - with resection of diaphragm and direct suture closure add | | 145.00 | |
| # E849 | - with resection of diaphragm and reconstruction requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material add | | 220.00 | |
| # E848 | - with reconstruction of pericardium requiring repair with synthetic graft material add | | 80.00 | |
| # E616 | - bi-lobectomy on right side add | | 142.10 | |
| # E617 | - with pleural tent..... add | | 78.80 | |
| # E618 | - with decortication of remaining lobe(s) add | | 121.85 | |
| # E619 | - sleeve lobectomy add | | 162.45 | |
| # E620 | - with wedge bronchoplasty..... add | | 78.80 | |
| # E621 | - with diagnostic wedge resection add | | 45.85 | |
| # E624 | - with completion pneumonectomy for positive resection margin add | | 111.20 | |
| # E625 | - with sleeve resection of pulmonary artery..... add | | 142.20 | |
| # E608 | - each additional wedge resection of lung (to a maximum of 3)..... add | | 84.15 | |
| # E607 | - re-operation more than 30 days subsequent to previous excision, to appropriate excision fee..... add | | 152.30 | |
| # M155 | Lung transplant (one lung)..... | 18 | 2054.25 | 40 |
| M156 | Repeat lung transplant (one lung) | 24 | 2670.55 | 40 |
| M157 | Donor Heart - Lung removal | 8 | 906.45 | 8 |