

DRAFT Osteopathy 2007

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY OSTEOPATHS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2007

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

RULES

01	All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name of osteopath - qualifications of the osteopath - BHF practice number - Postal address and telephone number - Date on which the service(s) were provided - Applicable item codes - The nature of the treatment - The surname and initials of the member - The first name of the patient - The name of the medical scheme - The membership number of the patient - The name and practice number of the referring practitioner 	06.02
02	The fee of more than one procedure performed at the same consultation or visit, shall be the fee for the major procedure plus the fee in respect of each additional procedure, but under no circumstances will additional fees be charged for more than three additional procedures carried out in the treatment of any one condition.	06.02
03	After a series of 10 treatments in respect of one patient for the same condition, the practitioner concerned shall report to the scheme as soon as possible if further treatment is necessary. Payment for treatment in excess of the stipulated number may be granted by the scheme after receipt of a letter from the practitioner concerned, motivating the need for such treatment.	06.02
04	It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed if the correct NAPPI code is supplied on the account.	06.02

ITEMS

1. Consultation					
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Osteopathy	
				RVU	Fee
001	Initial Consultation/Physical Examination	07.00		12.830	128.30 (112.50)
002	Subsequent Consultation/Examination	07.00		4.448	44.50 (39.00)
010	Advice & Counselling	07.00		3.707	37.10 (32.50)
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	07.00			
2. Modalities/Adjunctive Therapy					
101	Soft Tissue Manipulation	07.00		8.896	89.00 (78.10)
103	Myofascial Pain Therapy	07.00		4.448	44.50 (39.00)
121	Hydrotherapy	07.00		2.481	24.80 (21.80)
123	Infra-Red Treatment	07.00		5.688	56.90 (49.90)
145	Ultrasound	06.02		5.688	56.90 (49.90)
149	Interferential treatment	07.00		7.110	71.10 (62.40)
155	Vibration therapy	06.02		4.977	49.80 (43.70)
161	TENS	06.02		6.399	64.00 (56.10)
165	Traction	07.00		7.110	71.10 (62.40)
173	Cold packs	06.02		2.481	24.80 (21.80)
187	Proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation	06.02		4.084	40.80 (35.80)
189	Gait Analysis & Training	07.00		10.211	102.10 (89.60)

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310	Muscle Energy Techniques	07.00		3.707	37.10 (32.50)
	<p>Muscle Energy Techniques can be used for almost any type of patient suffering from musculo-skeletal dysfunction who are able to comprehend and follow the instructions of the practitioner.</p> <p>The procedure is a purely 'hands on' physical procedure used to lengthen actively contracted muscle or muscle contracture.</p> <p>This type of procedure can be used as a stand alone form of treatment but would most likely be used in conjunction with other soft tissue and/or manipulative procedures.</p>				
320	Passive Joint Articulation	07.00		4.630	46.30 (40.60)
	<p>These techniques can be applied to any joint in the body and therefore are used in all types of patients from young children to the elderly.</p> <p>A stand alone passive articulatory treatment can be used. However, these techniques are more likely to be combined with other forms of soft tissue and joint manipulation.</p> <p>Passive joint articulation is a technique in which the joint or joints being treated are passively and repetitively moved through an appropriate range of movement. They can be used to improve mobility and function within joints or to improve local soft tissue quality and function.</p>				
330	Cervical Spine High Velocity, Low Amplitude Thrust (HVLAT) Technique	07.00		2.678	26.80 (23.50)
	<p>These techniques are usually reserved for healthy adult patients who have been appropriately screened using a series of pre-manipulative tests. They are used to treat a wide variety of musculo-skeletal and ancillary conditions e.g neck pain, cervico-genic headaches etc.</p> <p>It is unlikely that these techniques would be used as a stand alone procedure but are more likely to be used in combination with other soft tissue techniques and joint articulatory techniques.</p>				
335	Thoracic Spine High Velocity, Low Amplitude Thrust (HVLAT) Technique	07.00		2.587	25.90 (22.70)
	<p>Not all patients receiving Osteopathic treatment will undergo thoracic spine manipulation and therefore we believe it is not appropriate to automatically link these techniques with other areas of the spine nor suggest that it is a pre-determined technique for all patients.</p> <p>These techniques are usually reserved for healthy adult patients who have been appropriately screened using a series of pre-manipulative screening procedures.</p> <p>It is unlikely that these techniques would be used as a stand alone procedure but are more likely to be used in combination with other soft tissue techniques and joint articulatory techniques.</p>				
340	Lumbar Spine High Velocity, Low Amplitude Thrust (HVLAT) Technique	07.00		3.571	35.70 (31.30)
	<p>Not all patients receiving Osteopathic treatment will undergo lumbar spine manipulation and therefore we believe it is not appropriate to automatically link these techniques with other areas of the spine nor suggest that it is a pre-determined technique for all patients.</p> <p>These techniques are usually reserved for healthy adult patients who have been appropriately screened using a series of pre-manipulative screening procedures.</p> <p>It is unlikely that these techniques would be used as a stand alone procedure but are more likely to be used in combination with other soft tissue techniques and joint articulatory techniques.</p>				
345	Peripheral Joint High Velocity, Low Amplitude Thrust (HVLAT) Technique	07.00		2.587	25.90 (22.70)
	<p>Not all patients receiving Osteopathic treatment will undergo peripheral joint manipulation and therefore we believe it is not appropriate to automatically link these techniques with other forms of manipulation nor suggest that it is a pre-determined technique for all patients.</p> <p>These techniques are usually reserved for healthy adult patients who have been appropriately screened using a series of pre-manipulative screening procedures.</p> <p>It is unlikely that these techniques would be used as a stand alone procedure but are more likely to be used in combination with other soft tissue techniques and joint articulatory techniques.</p>				
350	General Osteopathic Treatment	07.00		15.432	154.30 (135.40)

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	<p>The General Osteopathic Treatment (G.O.T.) is widely used and taught throughout the Osteopathic profession and Osteopathic Education Institutes. It is a full body system of diagnosis and treatment which can be used on all types of patient from young children to the elderly. Osteopathy is a holistic therapy and so from its inception, the General Osteopathic Treatment has exemplified the philosophy of Osteopathy. It is a system of treatment that would only be applied by Osteopaths.</p> <p>As a purely 'hands on' form of treatment, it does not endorse any particular products.</p> <p>General Osteopathic Treatment can be used as a stand alone treatment but can also be combined with other techniques such as spinal or peripheral joint manipulation and cranio-sacral osteopathic techniques. It uses a combination of techniques to treat the neuro-musculo-skeletal system.</p> <p>Whilst its application is to the neuro-musculo-skeletal system, it can be used to treat conditions such as Spastic colon, headaches/migraines as well as pain and/or dysfunction of the musculo-skeletal system.</p>				
360	Cranio-Sacral Osteopathic Treatment	07.00		16.038	160.40 (140.70)
	<p>Cranio-sacral examination and treatment techniques can be used on all types of patient, from new born babies to elderly adults. It can be used to diagnose and treat a wide variety of conditions ranging from colic, headaches, muscular pain, vertigo, Trigeminal neuralgia to hypertension.</p> <p>In many cases, cranio-sacral Osteopathy is used as a stand alone system of diagnosis and treatment. However, it can be combined with other forms of Osteopathic diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>As a 'hands on' system of diagnosis and treatment, it does not endorse any form of product.</p>				
370	General Body Adjustment	07.00		16.975	169.80 (148.90)