

GEMS TARIFF FOR SERVICES BY PODIATRISTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2020

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Code: **068**

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	<p>In calculating the GEMS Tariff, 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.</p> <p>ALL GEMS TARIFFS ARE VAT INCLUSIVE.</p>				
GENERAL RULES					
A	<p>All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name of practitioner • qualifications of the practitioner; • BHF practice number; • postal address and telephone number; • date on which service(s) were provided; • The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; • the surname and initials of the member; • the first name of the patient; • the name of the scheme; • the membership number of the member; and • the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable. 				
B	The rate in respect of more than one procedure performed at the same consultation or visit, shall be the full rate for the major procedure plus half the rate in respect of each additional procedure carried out in the treatment of any one condition.				
C	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 by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.				
D	<p>The amount charged in respect of medicines and scheduled substances shall not exceed the limits prescribed in the Regulations Relating to a Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances, dated 30 April 2004, made in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No 101 of 1965).</p> <p>In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and * a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. 				
MODIFIERS					
0002	For procedures 021 to 031 carried out in a day clinic or unattached operating theatre unit, the rate shall be reduced to two-thirds.				
0004	Consultation or treatment in a nursing facility/hospital				

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0006	Consultation or treatment at the patient's residence				
ITEMS					
	Modifier 0004 must be quoted for consultation or treatment rendered in a nursing home or hospital.				
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CONSULTATIONS					
301	Consultation (initial or follow up) 5-10 minutes	274	1,00	7,500	R125,90
302	Consultation (initial or follow up) 11-20 minutes	274	1,00	15,000	R252,10
303	Consultation (initial or follow up) 21-30 minutes	274	1,00	25,000	R419,90
304	Consultation (initial or follow up) 31-45 minutes	274	1,00	37,500	R629,90
006	More than one patient seen at a residence (See note below).	270	1,00	8,500	R129,00
	NOTE: This code is a blanket code for home visits away from the practitioners rooms where more than one but up to and including six patients are treated. The code may be used again if seven to twelve patients are seen.				
101	Appointments 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).	270	0,00	0,000	R0,00
INJECTIONS					
009	Administration of injection, per administration	270	1,00	1,300	R19,90
ROUTINE TREATMENTS					
010	General podiatric care up to 15 minutes including the following: Trim nails, Debride and cut dystrophic nails; one to five, Evacuation of sub-ungual haematoma, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; single lesion, Drain paronychia; one nail and Nail spike removal; single	270	1,00	3,900	R59,10
011	General podiatric care (30 minutes) including the following: Debride and cut dystrophic nails: six or more, Nail spike removal; two to four, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; two to four lesions, Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; more than four lesions, Reduction of heel fissures, Enucleation of interdigital corns; more than two	270	1,00	7,800	R118,40
012	Extended care for chronic disease management or ulcer management (applicable to diabetes, arthritis and peripheral vascular diseases)	270	1,00	7,400	R112,40
013	General podiatric care more than 30 minutes (a combination of items 010 and 011)	270	1,00	11,800	R179,10

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VERRUCA TREATMENTS					
	Note: No consultation fee shall be charged for the same session unless the procedure is performed at the time of the initial consultation				
014	Verruca Pedis (Chemotherapy first lesion) (consultation and treatment).	270	1,00	5,900	R89,60
015	Subsequent lesion.	270	1,00	2,900	R43,90
016	Cryotherapy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	270	1,00	7,800	R118,40
017	Subsequent lesion.	270	1,00	3,900	R59,10
018	Diathermy first lesion (consultation and treatment).	270	1,00	6,900	R104,90
019	Subsequent lesion.	270	1,00	3,500	R53,10
NAIL SURGERY					
	Note: No consultation fee shall be charged for the same session unless the procedure is performed at the time of the initial consultation				
021	Nail wedge resection with matrix phenolisation : one nail - one side (including consultation).	270	1,00	19,600	R297,50
022	Two nails - one side.	270	1,00	25,500	R386,90
024	Two nails - both sides.	270	1,00	36,400	R552,60
023	One nail - two sides (including consultation).	270	1,00	25,500	R386,90
025	Avulsion with matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	270	1,00	19,600	R297,50
031	Avulsion without matrix phenolisation (including consultation).	270	1,00	12,800	R194,20
OTHER					
040	Infection control, per patient	270	1,00	1,200	R18,20
041	Remedial therapy.	270	1,00	4,900	R74,40
042	Sterile pack.	270	1,00	5,900	R89,60
044	Suturing (includes consultation).	270	1,00	7,800	R118,40
046	Incision Biopsy.	270	1,00	5,900	R89,60
047	Removal of foreign body.	270	1,00	8,900	R135,20

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048	Suturing / Wound closure material : Cost of material plus 10%	270	0,00	0,000	
146	Excision biopsy.	270	1,00	8,900	R135,20
201	Sterile Surgical Blades (maximum of 2 per patient)	270	1,00	1,000	R15,00
203	Wound dressing material (maximum of 2 per patient)	270	1,00	2,000	R30,30
205	Plaster of Paris bandage roll (maximum of 2 per patient). At net acquisition price.	270	0,00	0,000	
207	Moulded Orthotic material fee	270	1,00	11,800	R179,10
209	Simple insole material fee	270	1,00	5,900	R89,60
211	Local anaesthetic medication per ampoule (maximum of 5 per patient)	270	1,00	2,000	R30,30
213	Injection medication fee (other than local anaesthetic). At net acquisition price.	270	0,00	0,000	
	Items 215, 217 or 219 may be used for corrective or supportive strapping or padding placed into footwear. The area of the foot must be specified.				
215	Padding and strapping : Digital, per foot	270	1,00	2,800	R42,70
217	Padding and strapping: Metatarsal, per foot	270	1,00	3,500	R53,10
219	Padding and strapping: Heel, per foot	270	1,00	3,500	R53,10
APPLIANCES AND ORTHOTICS					
	(By arrangement with the scheme concerned).				
043	Biomechanical examination.	270	1,00	15,700	R238,50
051	Neutral impression Plaster of Paris casting	270	1,00	8,500	R129,00
052	Orthotic repair.	270	1,00	12,800	R194,20
053	Temporary orthotic or corrective component.	270	1,00	12,800	R194,20
054	Prescription covering and soft tissue supplements.	270	1,00	8,900	R135,20
055	Silicone devices: Digital	270	1,00	5,400	R82,00
056	Computerised gait analysis	270	1,00	19,600	R297,50
057	Template measurement.	270	1,00	2,900	R43,90

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058	Immobilisation casting	270	1,00	10,600	R161,10
059	Simple insole - one foot.	270	1,00	11,100	R168,60
061	Simple insoles - both feet.	270	1,00	20,100	R305,20
060	Silicone devices: metatarsal	270	1,00	10,700	R162,20
064	Silicone devices: heel	270	1,00	15,900	R241,50
	The rates for items 063 and 065 include the cost of intrinsic and extrinsic posting adjustments				
063	Prescription orthotic : one foot.	270	1,00	19,100	R289,80
065	Prescription orthotics : both feet.	270	1,00	38,300	R581,40
067	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, both feet	270	1,00	22,100	R335,60
069	Preformed moulded insoles: Adult, one foot	270	1,00	11,000	R166,80
071	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, both feet	270	1,00	17,000	R258,10
073	Preformed moulded insoles: Child, one foot	270	1,00	8,500	R129,00
CONSUMABLE LIST					
	<p>STERILISING ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold Sterilant e.g. Cidex, Steri 101, Etc. • Ultraviolet Tubes (Replacements) • Autoclave Bags <p>WASTE DISPOSAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharps Container • Medical Waste Bin 				

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	<p>REGULARLY USED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable Hand Towels e.g. Kimdri • Disinfecting Handwash e.g. Hibiscrub • Linen Savers • Cotton Wool • Gloves: Non-Sterile (Sterile) • Gauze: Non-Sterile (Sterile) • Tube Gauze (Various Sizes) • Padding e.g. Semi Compressed Felt • Strapping e.g. Hapla, Zopla • Disinfecting Hand Gel e.g. Steri 601 • Surface Disinfectant e.g. Steri 201 • Tongue Depressors • Applicator Sticks • Friars Balsam • Silver Nitrate? • Hibitane Concentrate • Phenol • Silicone & Activator for Devices • Monochloracetic Acid • Salacylic Acid in Lanolin • Dental Needles • Xylotox Se Plain Solution for Injection • Emergency Drugs e.g. Adrenaline/Epipen • Penrose Drains / Tournicot • Hydrogen Peroxide • 70% Alcohol • Hibicol • Acetone • Sterile Blades (Various Sizes) • Moores Discs • Sterile Dressing Trays • Sutures • Single Use Sterile Syringes" 				