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Dear Surgeon,

Re: 2022 BC Diagnosis (BC Dx) Code Updates and new forms

The Surgical Patient Registry (SPR), in consultation with provincial clinical subject matter experts, has updated several Adult BC Dx codes. These updates will be implemented **April 1, 2022.**

What do you need to do?

1. Please discard previous BC Diagnosis (Dx) code forms (v2021) and replace with the current version: **v2022-P1.**
2. Ensure you use both **Adult** and **Pediatric** BC Dx code forms for your specialty:
ADULT patients = 17 years or older, at date of decision
PEDIATRIC patients = 17 years, less a day, or younger, at date of decision

*It is vital to waitlist management to use the correct code set **based on your patient’s age at date of decision (the date at which the patient is ready, willing and able to proceed with surgery).**

What was updated in 2022?

- **Pediatric Priority1** (wait time target: 1 day) codes have been added to the PDF **Pediatric** code forms for surgeon use. No changes were made to the pediatric codes themselves.
- Adult code updates for v2022-P1 include only:

Neurosurgery	32BZAH Refractory Epilepsy, second stage following intracranial monitoring (P1). New code. <i>32BZAG Refractory Epilepsy requiring intracranial monitoring (P5) will expire.</i>
Ob/Gyne	50RMIE Retained IUD pregnant. New code.
	50RMIF Perforated IUD. New code.
	50RMJB Retained IUD – not pregnant, not perforating. Description clarification adding “not perforating”.
	50OTAA Abdominal foreign body for removal (e.g. IUD) (P5). Expired code.
	50RZAC Infertility (P4). New code to replace 2 codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>50RZAA</i> Infertility > 35 years old (at time of booking) will expire. • <i>50RZAB</i> Infertility < 35 years old (at time of booking) will expire.
	50RMDF Menorrhagia – moderate / severe impact on lifestyle (P4). New code to replace 2 codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>50RMHD</i> Menorrhagia – severe impact on lifestyle will expire. • <i>50RMHE</i> Menorrhagia – moderate impact on lifestyle will expire.
	50RZDG Chronic pelvic/vulvar/vaginal pain (P4) was created with higher priority to replace 50RZDE (P5)
	50RMMA Abnormal uterine bleeding high risk of malignancy (for example Post-menopausal) (P1) description update to include “(for example post-menopausal)”.
	50RMMB Abnormal uterine bleeding low risk of malignancy (for example pre-menopausal) (P4) description update to include “(for example pre-menopausal)”.
	50RMJA Undesired/abnormal pregnancy, termination - not reportable to SPR - description update to include ‘termination’ to clarify only pregnancy termination procedures are to use this code.
50RMLA Retained products of conception/missed/incomplete miscarriage requiring evacuation (P1) - description update to remove the word ‘a bortion’ which may be confusing to non-medical data consumers.	

If you have any questions or feedback on the BC diagnosis codes, please contact the SPR office, at SPRoffice@phsa.ca

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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Orthopedic Surgery - Adult (17 years and above on the date of decision)

Body Area

Body Area	Code	Description	Code
Ankle	WA	Acute Fracture	U
Elbow	TM	Arthritis/Joint Degeneration	A
Femur	VC	Bony/labral impingement	M
Foot	WG	Cartilage disorder	R
Hand or Wrist	UZ	Revision - Failed Prosthetic Joint *Select reason from table at right	B
Hip	VA	Infection	F
Humerus	TK	Joint Internal Derangement (Includes Patients with Loose Body/Meniscal Tear Impingement)	J
Knee	VG	Joint Recurrent Dislocation	K
Pelvis	SQ	Ligament dysfunction	I
Radius-Ulna	TV	Malalignment/Malunion	G
Shoulder	TA	Neurological condition	N
Tibia-Fibula	VQ	Non-union	H
		Osteonecrosis	D
		Other	Z
		Retained Hardware	Q
		Sequelae of childhood disorder	E
		Soft tissue defect	S
		Stiffness	L
		Tendon dysfunction	O

Diagnosis Description

Functional Limitation Level

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Priority Level	Description	Wait Time Target (Weeks)	Code
1	Severe pain. Patient cannot self-care or delay may lead to serious harm.	2	K
2	Severe pain and/or urgent impairment/disability. Immediate threat to role or independence – e.g. collapsed femoral head, "AVN"	4	L
3	Severe constant pain or constant functional deficit. Imminent threat to role or independence.	6	M
4	Moderate to severe pain with significant or severe functional limitation.	12	N
5	Mild pain, but tolerable functional deficit.	26	O

Revision Reason Description	Code
Acetabular erosion	A
Arthritis in previous unresurfaced compartment	B
Aseptic loosening	C
Bearing wear (eg poly wear)	D
Implant fracture	E
Implant disassociation	F
Infection	G
Single-stage revision	G
Stage 1 of 2 stage revision	H
Stage 2 of 2 stage revision	I
Instability (eg dislocation, excludes patella instability)	J
Leg length discrepancy	K
Osteolysis (including reaction to metal debris/pseudo tumor)	L
Other	Z
Pain of unknown origin	M
Patella maltracking or instability	N
Peri-prosthetic fracture	O
Acetabulum	O
Femur	P
Tibia	Q
Stiffness	R

Orthopedic Oncology Surgery - Adult (17 years and above on the date of decision)

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Body Area	Code	Patient Condition and Diagnosis Description	Code	Priority Level	Wait Time Target (Weeks)
Ankle	WA	Soft Tissue			
Cranium	EA	Soft Tissue: Wound Complication	CA	1	2
Elbow	TM	Soft Tissue: Open Biopsy Diagnostic for suspected malignancy	CB	1	2
Femur	VC	Soft Tissue: Sarcoma High Grade No Pre-op Rx	CC	1	2
Foot	WG	Soft Tissue: Benign Aggressive Lesion	CF	2	4
Hand	UL	Soft Tissue: Met Disease Soft Tissue	CG	3	6
Hand with Wrist	UZ	Soft Tissue: Sarcoma Low Grade	CH	3	6
Hip	VA	Soft Tissue: Benign Lesion	CI	4	12
Humerus	TK	Soft Tissue: Benign Lesion with Pre-op Rx	CJ	4	12
Knee	VG	Soft Tissue: Sarcoma High Grade Pre-op Rx	CK	4	12
Neck	YG	Bone			
Pelvis	SQ	Bone: Wound Complication	CL	1	2
Other Parts (Use general Orthopedic form)		Bone: Open Biopsy Diagnostic for suspected malignancy	CM	1	2
Radius and Ulna	TV	Bone: Sarcoma High Grade No Pre-op Rx	CN	1	2
Sacroiliac (only bone diagnosis)	SI	Bone: Met Disease with Fracture	CO	1	2
Shoulder	TA	Bone: Met Disease impending Fracture	CP	2	4
Soft tissue of the back (only soft tissue diagnosis)	SH	Bone: Benign Aggressive Lesion	CQ	2	4
Spinal Vertebrae	SC	Bone: Sarcoma Low Grade	CS	3	6
Tibia-Fibula	VQ	Bone: Benign Lesion	CT	4	12
Wrist	UB	Bone: Benign Lesion with Pre-op Rx	CU	4	12
		Bone: Sarcoma High Grade Pre-op Rx	CV	4	12

Orthopedic Surgery - Pediatric (Under 17 years on the date of decision)

Diagnosis Group	BC Diagnosis Code	PCAT Code	Patient Condition & Diagnosis Description	Priority Level	Wait Time Target in Days	Wait Time Target in Weeks **
Bone and Joint Infections	44WZAA	3457	Osteomyelitis - acute	I	1	0.14
	44WZAB	3459	Osteomyelitis - sub-acute	Ila	7	1
	44WZAC	3458	Osteomyelitis - chronic	III	42	6
	44WZBA	3456	Necrotizing Fasciitis	I	1	0.14
	44WZBB	3460	Other Infections (pyomyositis, fracture)	Ila	7	1
	44WZDA	3461	Arthritis - septic	I	1	0.14
Disorders of the Arms	44BGAA	3462	Erb's Palsy (specific to orthopaedic surgery)	V	180	26
	44UZIA	4551	Ganglion	V	180	26
	44UZRA	4463	Madelung's Deformity	IV	90	13
	44TZAA	3464	Other Elective Upper Limb Disorder	V	180	26
	44SNAA	3466	Sprengel's Deformity	V	180	26
	44TAAB	4465	Shoulder Instability	IV	90	13
	44ULMA	4552	Trigger Fingers/Thumbs	V	180	26
Disorders of the Feet	44WGAA	3467	Accessory Navicular	V	180	26
	44WGIC	4468	Clubfoot: < 1 year	III	42	6
	44WGID	4469	Clubfoot: > 1 year	IV	90	13
	44WGIF	4470	Hallux Valgus	V	180	26
	44WGEA	3471	Metatarsus Adductus	V	180	26
	44WGFA	3472	Other Elective Foot Disorder	V	180	26
	44WAIA	4473	Tarsal Coalition	IV	90	13
	44VRAA	4474	Toe Walking	IV	90	13
	44WAEA	4475	Vertical Talus: < 1 year	III	42	6
	44WAEB	4476	Vertical Talus: > 1 year	IV	90	13
Disorders of the Hip	44VADC	4477	Avascular Necrosis of the Hip	III	42	6
	44VAEB	4553	Developmental Dysplasia of Hip: < 6 months	Ilb	21	3
	44VAEC	4478	Developmental Dysplasia of Hip: 6-18 months	III	42	6
	44VAED	4480	Developmental Dysplasia of Hip: 18 months - 3 years	IV	90	13
	44VAEF	4479	Developmental Dysplasia of Hip: > 3 years	IV	90	13
	44VAMA	4554	Hip Impingement Syndrome	IV	90	13
	44VADB	4481	Legge Perthes	III	42	6
	44VAEA	3482	Other Elective Hip Disorder	IV	90	13
	44VCAB	3484	Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis - unstable	I	1	0.14
	44VCAC	4483	Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis - stable	Ila	7	1
Disorders of the Legs	44VQBB	4528	Blount's Disease	IV	90	13
	44VGKA	4529	Congenital Dislocation of Knee	Ilb	21	3
	44WGEB	4531	Duplication (Polydactyly)	V	180	26
	44VGIA	4533	Genu Valgum (Knock Knees)	IV	90	13
	44VGIB	4534	Genu Varum (Bow Legs)	IV	90	13
	44ZZEA	4555	Osteochondritis Dissecans - unstable	Ilb	21	3
	44VGDA	3536	Osteochondritis Dissecans - stable	IV	90	13
	44VGKB	4556	Patellar Subluxation - acute	Ila	7	1
	44VGKC	4538	Patellar Subluxation - chronic	IV	90	13
Disorders of the Legs (Other)	44VQAA	3530	Congenital Pseudarthrosis of Tibia	IV	90	13
	44VQDA	3532	Fibular Hemimelia, Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency, Tibial Hemimelia	V	180	26
	44VZBA	3535	Leg Length Discrepancy	IV	90	13
	44VZDA	3537	Other Elective Lower Limb Disorder	V	180	26
Disorders of the Spine (con't next page)	44SCGB	3490	Other Elective Spinal Disorder (neurologic compromise) - Urgent	I	1	0.14
	44SCGD	4557	Adjustment (e.g. Growing Rods)	III	42	6
	44SCEC	4486	Congenital Anomalies of the Spine (likely to progress) - unstable	III	42	6
	44SCEA	3485	Congenital Anomalies of the Spine (unlikely to progress) - stable	V	180	26

Diagnosis Group	BC Diagnosis Code	PCAT Code	Patient Condition & Diagnosis Description	Priority Level	Wait Time Target in Days	Wait Time Target in Weeks **
Disorders of the Spine (con't from previous page)	44SCFB	3488	Kyphosis (likely to progress) - unstable	IV	90	13
	44SCFA	3487	Kyphosis (unlikely to progress) - stable	V	180	26
	44SCGC	3489	Other Elective Spinal disorder (neurologic compromise) - Non-Urgent	IIa	7	1
	44SCGA	3491	Other Elective Spinal Disorder - neurologically stable	V	180	26
	44SCHB	3493	Scoliosis - unstable	IV	90	13
	44SCHA	3492	Scoliosis - stable	V	180	26
	44SCIA	3494	Spinal Injuries affecting the Spinal Cord - progressive	I	1	0.14
	44SCIB	3495	Spinal Injuries not affecting the Spinal Cord - not progressive	IIa	7	1
	44SCJB	3497	Spondylolisthesis (likely to progress) - unstable	IV	90	13
	44SCJA	3496	Spondylolisthesis (unlikely to progress) - stable	V	180	26
	44SCKA	3498	Spondylolysis	V	180	26
	44SCHC	4558	Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome (primary)	IV	90	13
	44SCHD	4559	Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome (secondary)	IV	90	13
Fractures and Injuries	44BXAB	4560	Nerve Injury - acute (Laceration, Compression)	I	1	0.14
	44WZEA	3499	Acute Dislocation: reduced	IIa	7	1
	44WZEB	3500	Acute Dislocation: unreduced	I	1	0.14
	44WZHA	3503	Compartment Syndrome	I	1	0.14
	44WZIA	3504	Compound - Open/Neurovascular	I	1	0.14
	44WZIB	3505	Displaced	IIa	7	1
	44WZIC	3506	Displaced (e.g. Supracondylar)	I	1	0.14
	44WZIE	3508	Fracture - Nonunion	III	42	6
	44ZZGA	4507	Fracture - Malunion	IV	90	13
	44WZJA	3509	Laceration (nerve/vessel/joint)	I	1	0.14
	44WZJB	3510	Laceration (tendon/ligament)	IIa	7	1
	44WZFA	3501	Ligament Injury (ACL) - acute	IV	90	13
	44VGIC	4502	Ligament Injury (ACL) - chronic	IV	90	13
	44VGJA	4511	Meniscal Injuries - acute	IIa	7	1
	44VKAB	3512	Meniscal Injuries - chronic	IV	90	13
	44WZGA	3513	Nerve Injury - chronic	IV	90	13
	44WZKA	3514	Other acute orthopaedic condition	IIa	7	1
Inflammatory Arthritis	44WZDB	3542	Other types of Arthritis	III	42	6
Minor Variants of Normal	44ZEB	4515	Minor Variants of Normal Orthopaedic Development (Flexible Flat Feet, In-Toeing, Out-Toeing, Lordosis, Minor Scoliosis Curves - less than 20 degree curve, Tibia/Femur Torsion)	V	180	26
Musculoskeletal Tumours	44WZCC	3518	Malignant (after neoadjuvant therapy)	IIb	21	3
	44WZCB	3517	Suspected Malignant	IIa	7	1
	44WZCA	3516	Suspected Benign Latent/Benign Active	IV	90	13
Neuromuscular	44WZSB	3543	Cerebral Palsy	V	180	26
	44BXAA	4546	Charcot Marie Tooth Syndrome, Mitochondriopathy, Mitochondrial Disease	IV	90	13
	44ZZZA	4544	Muscular Dystrophy	IV	90	13
44SCLA	3545	Spina Bifida	V	180	26	
Other Syndrome	44ZZZE	4547	Arthrogryposis	IV	90	13
	44ZZZC	4548	Neurofibromatosis	IV	90	13
Skeletal Dysplasias	44WZRA	3540	Dysplasias	V	180	26
	44ZZZB	4541	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	IV	90	13
Tumour - Biopsy	44ZZCA	4563	Suspected Benign Aggressive	III	42	6
Tumour - Solid	44ZZCB	4564	Benign Aggressive	III	42	6
	44ZZCC	4565	Benign Latent/Benign Active	IV	90	13
	44ZZZD	4566	Exostosis	V	180	26
Miscellaneous	44WZQA	3519	Cast change under anaesthesia	IIb	21	3
	44ZZDA	4561	Foreign Body - Removal	IIa	7	1
	44WZLB	3520	Growth Arrest (any cause)	IV	90	13
	44ZZDB	4562	Loose Body - Removal	IIb	21	3
	44WZNA	3522	Other elective orthopaedic disorder	V	180	26
	44WZMA	3521	Neuromuscular Disease - diagnostic biopsy	III	42	6
	44WZOA	3523	Removal of hardware	V	180	26
	44ZZDC	4524	Revision of Hardware	IIb	21	3
	44EPAB	4525	Torticollis	IV	90	13
	44WZPA	3526	Wound care - delayed primary or secondary closure	IIa	7	1
	44ZZDD	4527	Wound Infection/Dehiscence	IIa	7	1

Other * *Other category requires a free text description of the unique condition or diagnosis, including the procedure code used on the OR booking form. These free text descriptions will be reviewed and used to identify the need for creation of new codes.	44WZZA	A043	Ped Orthopedics other - I	I	1	0.14
	44WZZB	A044	Ped Orthopedics other - IIa	IIa	7	1
	44WZZC	A045	Ped Orthopedics other - IIb	IIb	21	3
	44WZZD	A046	Ped Orthopedics other - III	III	42	6
	44WZZE	A047	Ped Orthopedics other - IV	IV	90	13
	44WZZF	A048	Ped Orthopedics other - V	V	180	26
	44WZZG	A049	Ped Orthopedics other - VI	VI	365	52
	44WZZH	C043	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - I	I	1	0.14
	44WZZI	C044	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - IIa	IIa	7	1
	44WZZK	C046	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - III	III	42	6
	44WZZL	C045	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - IIb	IIb	21	3
	44WZZM	C047	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - IV	IV	90	13
	44WZZN	C048	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - V	V	180	26
	44WZZO	C049	Ped Orthopedics other CANCER - VI	VI	365	52

** Wait time Target in Weeks has been rounded to the nearest integer, except for 1 day which equals 0.14 weeks