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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:

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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## Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery - Adult (17 years and above on the date of decision)

Diagnosis Group	BC Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description	BC Priority Level	Wait Time Target In Weeks
<b>Bone and Soft Tissue</b>	35ZZCA	Suspected malignancy - requiring open biopsy (i.e. high grade sarcoma - pathological fracture)	1	2
	35ZZCI	Benign Tumour with limited functional impairment (e.g. lipoma)	5	26
	35ZZCJ	Benign tumour with functional impairment	4	12
	35ZZCP	Locally aggressive tumour	2	4
	35ZZCR	Metastatic diseases, low grade sarcoma	2	4
<b>Breast</b>	35YMAA	Mastectomy defect for delayed reconstruction	5	26
	35YMAB	Hypermastia and all other benign breast conditions	5	26
	35YMBA	Breast cancer risk requiring Prophylactic Mastectomy	4	12
	35YMCD	Post-mastectomy defect - for breast reconstruction post radiation or chemo therapy	3	6
	35YMCF	Breast cancer for immediate breast reconstruction	2	4
<b>Eyelid</b>	35CVAA	Ptosis, visual axis obscured	4	12
	35CVAB	Ptosis visual axis not obscured	5	26
	35CVAC	Dermatochalasis with visual field impairment	5	26
	35CXAA	Ectropion	4	12
	35CXAB	Entropion	4	12
	35CXAC	Eyelid retraction	4	12
	35CXAF	Lid malposition: Corneal impact or threat to vision	1	2
	35CXCC	Eyelid malignancy - aggressive	1	2
	35CXCD	Eyelid malignancy	2	4
	35CXDB	Periorbital conditions with visual axis or corneal compromise	2	4
<b>Facial Bones</b>	35EHAA	Craniofacial deformity with functional impairment	4	12
	35EHAB	Craniofacial deformity without functional impairment	5	26
	35EHAC	Craniofacial deformity functional compromise - timed/staged procedure	3	6
<b>Gender Dysphoria</b>	39PZGC	Gender Dysphoria; urgent revisions for urinary complications	3	6
	35ZZGD	Gender Dysphoria; minor revisions and/or staging procedures	4	12
	35ZZGE	Gender Dysphoria; primary and/or non-urgent revisions	5	26
<b>Hand</b>	35UZAD	Hand condition: severe pain - patient cannot self-care - delay will lead to serious harm (e.g. loss of nerve function)	1	2
	35UZAE	Hand condition: severe pain or disability - immediate threat to role or independence	2	4
	35UZAF	Hand condition: moderate to severe constant pain or constant functional deficit - imminent threat to role or independence	3	6
	35UZAG	Hand condition: Mild constant pain and disability - moderate threat to role and independence (e.g. carpal tunnel- tenosynovitis- neuroma- arthritis)	4	12
	35UZAH	Hand condition: little or no pain - tolerable functional deficit - intermittent severe pain restricting activity (e.g. Dupuytren's- ganglion- stiff joint)	5	26
<b>Peripheral Nerves</b>	35BXAA	Severe peripheral nerve condition with potential for permanent functional loss/impairment	1	2
	35BXAB	Nerve condition - intermittent with functional compromise	3	6
	35BXAC	Mild peripheral nerve condition - minimal functional compromise	5	26
<b>Skin (con't next page)</b>	35YRAE	Axillary hyperhidrosis	5	26
	35YZBE	Scar without functional restriction	5	26
	35YZBG	Chronic wounds and non-healing ulcers requiring surgery	3	6
	35YZBH	Scar with functional restriction	4	12
	35YZCE	Benign skin and subcutaneous tumours	5	26
	35YZCH	Malignant melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma and head and neck cancers T1N1 or T2N0 or higher	1	2

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Skin (con't)	35YZCI	Cutaneous malignant Melanoma or squamous cell carcinoma, T1N0	2	4
	35YZCJ	Basal cell cancers	3	6
	35YZCK	Squamous cell carcinoma and head and neck cancers - post-radiation and head and neck cancers and other aggressive skin malignancies	2	4
Vascular Malformations	35EQAA	Vascular malformation - benign, no functional compromise or acute complication	5	26
	35EQAB	Vascular malformation - functional compromise	3	6
	35EQAC	Vascular malformation - acute complication (bleeding, ulceration, infection) - low severity	2	4
	35EQAD	Vascular malformation - acute complication (bleeding, ulceration, infection) - high severity	1	2
Other * (provide unique diagnosis in free text description)	35ZZZA	Plastic surgery other P1	1	2
	35ZZZB	Plastic surgery other P2	2	4
	35ZZZC	Plastic surgery other P3	3	6
	35ZZZD	Plastic surgery other P4	4	12
	35ZZZE	Plastic surgery other P5	5	26

\*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.



## Plastics & Reconstructive 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 **
Burns	45YZDE	4663	Burns (acute) - Ambulatory Patients	Ila	7	1
	45YZDA	3662	Burns (acute) - Admitted Patients	Ila	7	1
	45YZDD	3665	Secondary Reconstruction - Psychological	IV	90	13
	45YZDF	4664	Secondary Reconstruction - Functional	IV	90	13
Clefts	45FBBC	4666	Alveolar Cleft	IV	90	13
	45FKBD	4667	Cleft Lip	III	42	6
	45FBBG	4669	Cleft Lip - Secondary Deformities	VI	365	52
	45FBBF	4725	Cleft Palate	IV	90	13
	45FBBH	4668	Cleft Palate - Orthognathic Problems	IV	90	13
	45FBBI	4726	Palate Fistula	V	180	26
	45FABB	4671	Velopharyngeal Insufficiency - related to Cleft Palate	IV	90	13
	45FABC	4670	Velopharyngeal Insufficiency - not related to Cleft Palate	IV	90	13
Congenital Hand and Upper Extremity	45BGBA	3673	Brachial Plexus palsy	IIb	21	3
	45UZAC	4727	Dupuytren's Disease	V	180	26
	45UJAA	3675	Polydactyly or Syndactyly	V	180	26
	45UTAA	3676	Trigger Fingers/Thumbs	IV	90	13
	45UZEZ	4728	Other Congenital Hands & Upper Extremity (complex): > 18 months	IV	90	13
	45UZAA	3674	Other Congenital Hands & Upper Extremity (complex): < 18 months	V	180	26
	45UZAB	3672	All other Congenital Hands & Upper Extremity	V	180	26
Craniofacial	45EFAA	3677	Airway Issues - Pierre Robin	Ila	7	1
	45EHAA	3678	Airway Issues - Treacher Collins, Micrognathia	Ila	7	1
	45EAAC	3679	Craniosynostosis - sagital (single)	III	42	6
	45EAAD	3680	Craniosynostosis - syndromic/multiple	III	42	6
	45EQJB	4681	Dermoid (Nasal, Orbital, Glabellar)	V	180	26
	45EGAC	4682	Facial Cleft (Complex)	III	42	6
	45EGAD	4683	Facial Cleft (Other)	IV	90	13
	45BBAA	3684	Facial Palsy	IV	90	13
	45EGAF	4685	Orthognathic Problems	IV	90	13
Ear	45DADA	3686	Microtia	V	180	26
	45DABA	3689	Prominent Ears	V	180	26
	45DZAA	3687	Other Congenital Ear Deformities - major	V	180	26
	45DZAB	3688	Other Congenital Ear Deformities - minor	V	180	26
Soft Tissue and Skin Conditions	45YZCA	3698	Benign	V	180	26
	45ZXDD	4732	Foreign Body - Urgent	Ila	7	1
	45ZXDF	4699	Foreign Body - Non-Urgent	III	42	6
	45YZCB	3700	Malignant - known or suspected	Ila	7	1
	45YZEC	4701	Scar Revision - Functional	IV	90	13
	45YZEB	3702	Scar Revision - Psychological	V	180	26
	45YZBK	4704	Wound Care - Urgent	Ila	7	1
	45YZBL	4733	Wound Care - Non-Urgent	IV	90	13
Solid Tumours, Soft Tissue and/or Skin Conditions	45ZXDG	4703	Indeterminate	IIb	21	3
Trauma (seen in office/clinic)	45EHEA	3708	Facial Fractures	Ila	7	1
	45UZBA	3709	Hand Fractures	Ila	7	1
	45BZAB	3711	Nerve Injuries - open	Ila	7	1
	45BZAA	3710	Nerve Injuries - closed	IIb	21	3
	45ZXEZ	3713	Tendon Injury	Ila	7	1
	45ZXEZ	4797	Tendon Injury - Exploratory	V	180	26

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Miscellaneous	45FJAC	4729	Ankyloglossia	IV	90	13
	45YMAA	3690	Gynecomastia and Other Breast Anomalies (e.g. asymmetry, hypertrophy, accessory nipple)	V	180	26
	45ETDC	3694	Nasal Deformity	V	180	26
	45ZXBA	3691	Microsurgical Reconstruction - acute	Ila	7	1
	45ZXBB	3692	Microsurgical Reconstruction - non-acute	IV	90	13
	45ZXDA	3695	Removal/Revision of Hardware	III	42	6
	45ZXDB	4730	Tissue Expander - complications	Ila	7	1
	45EPAB	4731	Torticollis	IV	90	13
	45ZXDC	4696	Vascular Anomalies - with functional issues	III	42	6
	45KZBB	3697	Vascular Anomalies - without functional issues	V	180	26
Other *  *Other category requires a free text description of the unique condition or diagnosis, including the procedure code used on the OR booking form.  Free text descriptions will be reviewed and used to identify the need for creation of new codes.	45YZZA	A057	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - I	I	1	0.14
	45YZZB	A058	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - Ila	Ila	7	1
	45YZZC	A059	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - Ilb	Ilb	21	3
	45YZZD	A060	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - III	III	42	6
	45YZZE	A061	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - IV	IV	90	13
	45YZZF	A062	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - V	V	180	26
	45YZZG	A063	Ped Plastic Surgery Other - VI	VI	365	52
	45YZZH	C057	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - I	I	1	0.14
	45YZZI	C058	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - Ila	Ila	7	1
	45YZZK	C060	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - III	III	42	6
	45YZZL	C059	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - Ilb	Ilb	21	3
	45YZZM	C061	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - IV	IV	90	13
	45YZZN	C062	Ped Plastic Surgery Other CANCER - V	V	180	26
45YZZO	C063	Ped Plastic Surgery 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.