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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 Infertility &gt; 35 years old (at time of booking) will expire.</i></li><li>• <i>50RZAB Infertility &lt; 35 years old (at time of booking) will expire.</i></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 Menorrhagia – severe impact on lifestyle will expire.</i></li><li>• <i>50RMHE Menorrhagia – moderate impact on lifestyle will expire.</i></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 ‘abortion’ 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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## Vascular 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>Abdominal Aorta</b>	37KAAC	Aneurysm >6.5cm	1	2
	37KAAD	Aneurysm <6.5cm	2	4
<b>Abdominal Arteries</b>	37KEAA	Renovascular disease	2	4
	37KEBA	Chronic mesenteric ischemia	1	2
	37KEDA	Visceral or renal aneurysm	2	4
<b>Carotid stenosis</b>	37JEAA	Symptomatic carotid stenosis-Strokes- TIA's	1	2
	37JEAB	Asymptomatic carotoid stenosis-Progressive- >70%	2	4
<b>Chronic Compartment Syndrome</b>	37LZAB	Chronic compartment syndrome - all others	5	26
	37LZAC	Chronic compartment syndrome - severe symptoms with minimal activities of daily living	2	4
<b>Chronic Venous Insufficiency</b>	37KRAA	Chronic venous insufficiency (CEAP Classification 5/6 - ulcer)	2	4
	37KRAC	Chronic venous insufficiency (CEAP Classification 1/2 - uncomplicated symptomatic varicose veins)	5	26
	37KRAD	Chronic venous insufficiency (CEAP Classification 3/4 - stasis change)	4	12
<b>Claudication</b>	37KGDA	Claudication - severe pain with minimal walking, bed ridden, threat to role and independence	2	4
	37KGDB	Claudication - moderate to severe pain and disability. Threat to role and independence.	4	12
	37KGDC	Claudication - minimal pain and disability. No threat to role and independence.	5	26
<b>Failing Bypass Graft</b>	37KGBA	Failing bypass graft	1	2
	37KGBC	Peripheral Aneurysm - femoral, popliteal, subclavian - chronic false aneurysm	2	4
<b>Limb Ischemia</b>	37KGAA	Critical limb ischemia - rest pain or ulcer	1	2
<b>Thoracic Outlet</b>	37BGBA	Neurogenic thoracic outlet syndrome	5	26
	37JKAB	Arterial or venous thoracic outlet syndrome	2	4
<b>Vascular Access</b>	37ISAA	Poor venous access for chemotherapy, IV therapy or haemodialysis	1	2
	37PCEH	Chronic renal failure - failing dialysis access	1	2
	37PCEI	Chronic renal failure - dialysis within 3 months or catheter	2	4
	37PCEJ	Chronic renal failure - dialysis greater than 3 months	4	12
<b>Venous Obstruction</b>	37KXAA	Venous obstruction	3	6
<b>Other *</b> (provide unique diagnosis in free text description)	37ZZZA	Vascular surg. other P1	1	2
	37ZZZB	Vascular surg. other P2	2	4
	37ZZZC	Vascular surg. other P3	3	6
	37ZZZD	Vascular surg. other P4	4	12
	37ZZZE	Vascular surg. 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.