

CARDIOVASCULAR SURGICAL PROCEDURES

ARTERIES

	Asst	Surg	Anae
Cannulation for infusion chemotherapy			
# R775 - superficial temporal artery.....	6	95.80	6
# R776 - hepatic artery	6	263.05	7
# R778 - carotid artery.....	6	148.50	6
# R760 Regional isolation perfusion e.g. iliac	10	410.45	10
# R764 Exploration of major artery.....	6	271.60	10
INCISION			
# Z402 Arteriotomy		117.30	6
Note: Z402 not allowed in addition to other major cardiovascular surgery.			
REPAIR			
Traumatic			
# R790 Suture of lacerated major artery	6	316.85	10
# R795 Repair of lacerated major artery or microscopic repair of digital artery (including patch angioplasty).....	10	598.40	10
# R862 - by bypass or interposition graft.....	10	834.30	10
LIGATION			
# R781 Ligation of artery - as sole procedure	6	170.10	8
# R788 Internal maxillary artery - Caldwell Luc approach.....	7	408.10	10
# R789 Anterior ethmoid artery	6	299.85	7
# R708 Internal iliac artery (unilateral or bilateral).....	7	409.55	10

EXCISION AND/OR REPAIR

- Common femoral artery repair (e.g. R784, R785) includes repair to the profunda femoris artery as far as the first major branch.
- If the repair extends beyond the first major branch of the profunda femoris artery, R815 may be claimed in addition.
- If the repair extends beyond the second major branch of the profunda femoris artery, R856 instead of R815 may be claimed in addition.
- For procedures involving the application of a complete aortic cross clamp, the anaesthetic basic fee will depend on:
 - the level of application of the cross clamp; and
 - the surgical exposure and extent of the aortic repair

# E679 - with vein graft harvest remote from site of by-pass and only when saphenous vein is unavailable..... add		124.10	
# E649 - embolectomy and/or thrombectomy when done in conjunction with other vascular procedures..... add		112.45	

Note:

E649 is *only eligible for payment* under the following circumstances:

- when embolectomy and/or thrombectomy is rendered at a site other than the main operative site; or
- when embolectomy and/or thrombectomy is rendered at the main operative site and thrombus and/or embolus was present prior to surgery.

[Commentary:

E649 is *not eligible for payment* when rendered at the main operative site in any other circumstance other than paragraph b above.]

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		Asst	Surg	Anae
# R875	Endovascular aneurysm repair using stent grafting.....	10	1396.90	17
# E627	- ruptured aneurysm, to R875..... add		400.00	
# E510	- for branched or fenestrated devices, to R875 add		838.15	
# E509	- conduit to aorta or common iliac artery, to R875 add		805.65	

Note:

1. These services include insertion of all catheters including access catheters, interpretation of any images which may be taken at the time of the procedures.
2. E510 is *not eligible for payment* for branched or fenestrated devices to the common iliac artery(s).
3. E510 is *not eligible for payment* with E627.

[Commentary:

1. Endovascular repair for abdominal aortic aneurysms is only recommended for patients who are at high-risk of perioperative morbidity or death from open surgical repair.
2. For open repair of abdominal aorta aneurysms, see page Q11.]

Abdominal surgical exposure

# R880	- supraceliac aortic cross clamp.....		-	20
# R881	- infraceliac aortic cross clamp.....		-	17
# R882	Thoracic surgical exposure.....		-	25
# R883	Thoraco-abdominal surgical exposure.....		-	30
# R815	Arterioplasty with or without patch graft including microvascular anastomosis, arterial or venous (other than listed below).....	10	581.85	10

Carotid

# R792	- endarterectomy, with or without bypass graft.....	10	841.00	10
# E665	- with patch graft, to R792..... add		419.00	

Note:

R815 is *not eligible for payment* with R792.

# R796	- carotid body tumour.....	10	769.85	10
# R798	- aneurysm - reconstruction or excision with graft.....	10	820.70	10

Aortic arch reconstruction

# R830	- innominate.....	10	910.70	10
# R831	- subclavian.....	10	910.70	10
# R832	- vertebral.....	10	867.35	10
# E659	- with thoracotomy..... add	6	169.00	
# E667	- ruptured..... add		266.60	

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Thoracic aorta aneurysm - repair or excision with graft			
# R799 - ascending.....	18	1455.30	20
# R800 - arch.....	18	1807.10	20
# R801 - descending with or without temporary shunt.....	10	1260.30	20
# E667 - ruptured add		266.60	
# R803 Thoraco-abdominal aneurysm	18	2566.70	30
Note:			
If the services of a second anaesthetist are required, the second anaesthetist is also permitted to claim R803C.			
Abdominal aorta - repair or excision with graft			
# R802 - aneurysm repair alone or including unilateral common femoral repair	10	1500.00	17
# R817 - aneurysm repair and bilateral common femoral repair.....	10	2202.00	17
# R877 - aneurysm with repair of iliac artery aneurysm (unilateral or bilateral).....	10	2002.75	17
# E626 - with implantation of inferior mesenteric artery, to R802, R817 or R877.... add		174.35	
# E627 - ruptured aneurysm to R802, R803, R817 or R877 add		400.00	

[Commentary:

For endovascular aneurysm repair, see page Q10.]

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	Asst	Surg	Anae
Mesenteric or celiac artery repair			
# R811 - aneurysm	10	410.85	10
# R935 - removal of band only.....	10	410.85	10
# R936 - endarterectomy or graft.....	10	954.10	10
Note: Use R935 for excision of celiac ganglion.			
# R940 Pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE) - includes circulatory arrest with hypothermia	18	2021.05	28
Aorto-iliac repair			
# R783 - including common iliac repair (uni- or bilateral)	10	2002.00	17
# R784 - plus unilateral common femoral repair	10	2102.00	17
# R785 - plus bilateral common femoral repair	10	2202.00	17
# E626 - plus implantation of inferior mesenteric artery..... add		174.35	
# R814 - embolectomy or thrombectomy of bifurcation (aorta or graft)	10	461.50	10
# R858 Total removal of infected aortic graft (stem and limbs)*	10	918.35	17
# E664 - closure of duodenum		127.05	
# R859 Partial removal of infected aortic graft (one limb only)*	10	344.00	10
Note: * Arterial reconstruction extra.			
# R805 Renal artery - aneurysm - reconstruction or excision with graft.....	10	867.35	10
# R806 Renal artery repair	10	867.35	10
# R807 Splenic artery aneurysm - reconstruction or excision with graft.....	10	411.05	10
# R786 Iliac repair to include internal iliac aneurysm	10	805.65	10
# R937 Ilio-femoral bypass graft	10	805.65	10
Per-obturator ilio-femoral graft			
# R860 - with saphenous vein	10	898.55	10
# R861 - with prosthetic graft.....	10	876.85	10
Profundoplasty			
# R855 Common femoral/profunda femoris repair - as sole procedure	10	559.20	10
# R856 Extended profundoplasty	10	818.80	10
# R933 Axillo-femoral, femoro-femoral or axillo-axillary graft.....	10	656.55	10
# R932 Axillo-bifemoral graft	10	1200.00	10
# R934 Aorto-femoral unilateral graft (for bilateral see R785).....	10	867.35	17
# R808 Femoral aneurysm - reconstruction or excision with graft	10	600.30	10
# R873 Thrombin injection of femoral artery pseudoaneurysm.....		68.20	6
Note: J202 is payable when rendered in conjunction with R873.			
# R864 Repair of false aneurysm at groin anastomosis.....	10	893.20	10

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ARTERIES		Asst	Surg	Anae
# R809	Femoral-popliteal endarterectomy	10	759.60	10
# R878	Subintimal dissection for recanalization of femoral/popliteal/ tibial arterial occlusive disease	10	759.60	10
# R879	Subintimal dissection for recanalization of iliac/aorta arterial occlusive disease	10	759.60	10
# E815	- angioplasty remote from subintimal dissection site, to R878 and R879 ... add		398.15	
Note:				
E815 includes placement of stent(s) or any other device(s), when rendered.				
Payment rules:				
1. R878 is <i>not eligible for payment</i> same patient same day as R809, R791, R794, R787, R780 or R797.				
2. R879 is <i>not eligible for payment</i> same patient same day as R783, R784, R785, R860 or R861.				
3. R878 and R879 include catheter placement, angiography and any image guidance. Obtaining and interpreting any images in conjunction with R878 and R879 are <i>not eligible for payment</i> to any physician.				
4. Bilateral procedures for R878 or R879 are payable only as separate services when subintimal dissection is performed using separate bilateral incisions.				
Femoro-popliteal				
# R791	- with saphenous vein	10	857.35	10
# E672	- composite femoral popliteal/tibial bypass (vein PFPE, dacron)..... add		133.40	
# R794	- with prosthetic graft.....	10	733.15	10
Femoro-anterior/posterior tibial/peroneal bypass graft				
# R787	- with saphenous vein	10	1006.75	10
# E672	- composite femoral popliteal/tibial bypass (vein PFPE, dacron)..... add		133.40	
# R780	- with prosthetic graft.....	10	878.00	10
Note:				
R791, E672, R794, R787, E672, R780 <i>with or without</i> endarterectomy.				
# R810	Popliteal aneurysm	7	805.65	10
# R812	Peripheral arteries other than listed - aneurysm.....	7	410.45	10
# R813	Embolectomy - artery or graft - as sole procedure	7	490.00	10
# R867	Thrombectomy - artery or graft - as sole procedure	7	490.00	10
# R866	Gastric devascularization - as sole procedure.....	10	549.65	10
In-situ saphenous vein arterial bypass				
# R797	- popliteal	10	1414.15	17
# R804	- tibial	10	1643.00	17

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VEINS

Asst

Surg

Anae

Varicose veins involving the long and/or short saphenous vein(s)

Surgical services (ligation/stripping) for the treatment of varicose veins involving the long saphenous and/or short saphenous vein(s) are only insured when all of the following conditions are met:

1. There is incompetence (i.e. reflux) at the saphenofemoral junction or saphenopopliteal junction that is documented by Doppler or duplex ultrasound scanning;
2. The patient has failed a trial of conservative management of at least three *months* duration; and
3. The patient has at least one of the conditions described in either a. or b. below:
 - a. One or more of the following signs of chronic venous insufficiency:
 - i. Eczema;
 - ii. Pigmentation;
 - iii. Lipodermatosclerosis;
 - iv. Ulceration
 - b. Varicosities that result in one or more of the following:
 - i. Ulceration secondary to venous stasis;
 - ii. One or more significant hemorrhages from a ruptured superficial varicosity;
 - iii. Two or more episodes of minor hemorrhage from a ruptured superficial varicosity;
 - iv. Recurrent superficial thrombophlebitis;
 - v. Stasis dermatitis;
 - vi. Varicose eczema;
 - vii. Lipodermosclerosis;
 - viii. Unremitting edema or intractable pain interfering with activities of daily living and requiring chronic analgesic medication.
1. Conservative management includes analgesics and prescription gradient support compression stockings.
2. Significant hemorrhage refers to a hemorrhage related to varicose veins that requires iron therapy or transfusion.]

LIGATION/STRIPPING

# Z745	Saphenous.....		53.20	6
# R868	High ligation and stripping of long saphenous vein with groin dissection	6	200.00	7
# R869	Stripping of short saphenous vein with popliteal dissection.....	6	107.50	7
# R837	Multiple ligation and avulsion.....	6	200.00	7
# R844	Recurrent varicose veins - multiple ligation and/or stripping	6	353.80	7
# R842	Extra fascial and sub-fascial incompetent perforators by full fascial technique.....	6	384.75	7
# E653	- plus stripping..... add		127.15	
# Z746	Femoral.....	6	74.25	7
# Z747	Popliteal	6	74.25	7
# Z748	Internal jugular	6	148.60	7
# R839	Internal iliac.....	6	394.85	10
# R834	I.V.C. - transabdominal	6	446.50	10
# R838	I.V.C. - transvenous (umbrella)	6	303.00	10

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VEINS

Asst

Surg

Anae

EXCISION

Resection of AV aneurysm or fistula with or without major graft

# R825	- major aneurysm	10	975.50	17
# R826	- minor aneurysm	10	497.25	10

Payment rules:

R825 and R826 are *not eligible for payment* for revision or repair of an AV fistula or graft required for haemodialysis.

[Commentary:

See listings for revision or repair of arterio-venous (AV) fistula or graft for haemodialysis on page J31 of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures section of this *Schedule*.]

REPAIR

# R820	Lacerated major vein e.g. femoral, popliteal, vena cava, axillary, sub-clavian, brachial or microscopic repair of digital vein	6	396.95	7
# R818	- including patch	10	596.70	10
# R819	- by vein graft	10	793.55	10
# R835	S.V.C. bypass graft	7	758.40	17
# R836	Pulmonary embolectomy	18	866.55	20
# R828	Ilio-femoral thrombectomy <i>with or without</i> femoral vein ligation	10	446.50	10
# E657	- plus I.V.C. ligation add		446.50	
# R829	Thrombectomy, other than above	7	302.80	10
# R865	Distal spleno-renal shunt	10	1259.55	10

ANASTOMOSIS

# R822	Porto-caval.....	10	919.10	10
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Spleno-renal

# R823	- abdominal approach	10	1117.90	10
# R821	- transthoracic approach	10	1117.90	13
# R824	Meso-caval	10	866.55	10
# R827	Creation of A.V. fistula	6	440.00	7
# R841	Obliteration of A.V. fistula		82.55	7
# R833	Ligation or removal of by-pass graft		82.55	6