

RESPIRATORY SURGICAL PROCEDURES

TRACHEA AND BRONCHI

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PREAMBLE

1. When bronchoscopy, flexible or rigid, is rendered in conjunction with laryngoscopy or oesophagoscopy, only the bronchoscopy is eligible for payment.
2. Bronchoscopy rendered by the same surgeon immediately following thoracic surgery under the same anaesthetic is *not eligible for payment*.
3. Bronchoscopy (including intraoperative bronchoscopy) rendered the same *day* as a major lung resection is *not eligible for payment* if a bronchoscopy has been rendered by the same physician to the same patient in the 3-week period preceding the major lung resection.

ENDOSCOPY

Bronchoscopy

Z360 Emergency rigid bronchoscopy for obstructed airway 474.65

Note:

1. Z360 is eligible for payment only for life-threatening emergency situations where the patient is not intubated.
2. No other bronchoscopy service is eligible for payment with Z360.
3. Life Threatening Critical Care and Other Critical Care services are not payable in addition to Z360 to the same physician for the same patient, same *day*.

Z327 - flexible or rigid, with or without bronchial biopsy, suction or injection of contrast material nil 124.90 6

E846 - rigid bronchoscopy rendered immediately after flexible bronchoscopy, to Z327 add 95.70

Note:

E846 is *only eligible for payment* when rendered for the treatment of a condition identified by the preceding flexible bronchoscopy.

E632 - with removal of foreign body, to Z327 add 68.40

E633 - with dilatation of stricture, to Z327 add 44.55

E634 - with selective endobronchial blocker or catheter insertion, to Z327 add 52.00

E635 - with palliative endobronchial tumour resection including laser or cryotherapy, to Z327 add 67.20

E636 - with broncho-alveolar lavage for diagnosis of malignancy or diagnosis and/or treatment of infection and includes obtaining specimens suitable for differential cellular analysis, to Z327 add 50.00

E637 - with selective brushings of all 18 segmental bronchi for occult carcinoma in situ; specimens labeled as to site, to Z327 add 76.45

E638 - with transbronchial lung biopsy under image intensification only, to Z327 add 81.90

E622 - any bronchoscopic procedure for patients under 3 years of age, to Z327 add 79.40

E677 - transbronchial needle aspiration (TBNA) of mediastinal and/or hilar lymph nodes, to Z327 add 104.00

E678 - TBNA of lung mass, to Z327 add 104.00

E838 - bronchoscopy in a high risk patient with respiratory failure (i.e. severe hypoxemia or hypercapnia), to Z327 add 79.40

Note:

E838 is *not eligible for payment* unless the physician remains with the patient after the procedure is completed and until oxygen levels have returned to their pre-intervention level and it is apparent the patient will not require assisted ventilation.

Z342 Limited bronchoscopy with placement of endobronchial blocker and/or double lumen tube 112.55

Z359 Repeat bronchoscopy for tracheobronchial toilet when performed within one week of another bronchoscopic procedure 56.65 6

G050 Endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), for guided biopsy of hilar and/or mediastinal lymph nodes 203.05

E837 - additional biopsy(s) performed by EBUS, to a maximum of 3, to G050 ... add 50.75

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Quadroscopy or panendoscopy

# Z355	- with or without biopsy (nasopharyngoscopy, laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, oesophagoscopy with or without gastro-duodenoscopy) using separate instruments in search of malignant disease.....		321.45	6
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TRACHEO-BRONCHIAL ASPIRATION

# Z344	First procedure.....		45.95	
# Z345	Subsequent procedures performed by same physician.....		18.60	

Note:

Not to apply to:

1. operating surgeons,
2. when respiratory unit fees apply; or
3. within the first two hours post-operatively.

# Z326	Change of tracheostomy tube.....		12.50	
# Z346	Transtracheal aspiration		22.35	
# Z356	Closure of persistent tracheostoma		133.95	6

INCISION

# Z741	Tracheotomy.....	6	273.15	6
# E639	- with anterior cricoid split		78.50	
# Z738	Insertion of Montgomery "T" Tube or similar laryngeal or tracheal stent	6	216.10	8
# Z325	Emergency tracheotomy.....	10	474.65	10

Note:

1. Z325 is eligible for payment only for life-threatening emergency situations where the patient is not intubated.
2. Percutaneous tracheostomy, cricothyroidotomy or other emergency airway punctures do not constitute Z325.

EXCISION

E623	- repeat operation after 30 days.....		415.15	
# M099	Segmental resection of cervical trachea.....	9	918.60	10
# E631	- with resection of cricoid		314.20	
# M103	Segmental resection of trachea with either sternotomy or thoracotomy.....	9	1294.20	13
# M104	Carinal resection (without pulmonary resection).....	11	825.40	15

REPAIR

# M100	Tracheal rupture, transcervical	9	654.30	10
# M101	Tracheal-bronchial rupture, transthoracic	9	868.15	13

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CHEST WALL AND MEDIASTINUM

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EXCISION				
# M105	Chest wall tumour, resection of 2 or 3 ribs or cartilages	9	650.00	13
# E847	- with reconstruction of diaphragm requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material to M105..... add		75.00	
Chest wall reconstruction				
# E640	- after chest wall resection where a significant defect (minimum 5 cm in diameter) remains requiring repair with synthetic material		179.55	
# E601	- for each additional rib (more than 3) to a maximum of 3 additional..... add		57.50	
# E602	- with sternal resection		177.95	
# M107	Total sternectomy.....	9	812.25	13
# N284	Excision of first rib and/or cervical rib to include scalenotomy when required.....	6	408.00	6
# M106	Mediastinal tumour	9	1004.00	13
# E847	- with reconstruction of diaphragm requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material to M106..... add		75.00	
# M108	Ligation of thoracic duct - as sole procedure	6	410.45	6
# E683	- when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M106 or M108..... add 25%			
REPAIR				
Chest wall - pleura				
# M109	- closed (see General Preamble GP8).....		IC	6
# M110	- open (see General Preamble GP8)		IC	13
# M116	- fixation for trauma	6	350.00	7
# E604	- for fixation of each additional rib exceeding four ribs..... add		55.60	2
# M117	Sternal fixation for trauma.....	6	251.45	6
# R352	Pectus excavatum or carinatum repair (by reconstruction, not implant).....	6	750.00	11
SURGICAL COLLAPSE				
Thoracoplasty				
# M111	- one stage	9	304.20	10
# E605	- for each additional rib (more than 3) to a maximum of 3 additional..... add		55.60	
# Z742	Phrenicotomy.....	6	106.45	6
INCISION				
# Z353	Incisional biopsy of chest wall tumour	6	110.90	7
# Z354	Excisional biopsy of rib for tumour.....	6	142.20	7
# Z357	Thoracic window creation	6	228.25	7
# Z358	Thoracic window closure	6	111.20	6
ENDOSCOPY				
# Z329	Mediastinoscopy.....	6	380.00	7
# Z330	- with bronchoscopy	6	490.00	7
# Z333	- with transbronchial biopsy under image intensification (including bronchoscopy)	6	317.20	7
# Z328	- with mediastinotomy	6	475.80	7
# Z348	- with bronchoscopy and mediastinotomy	6	605.85	7
Anterior mediastinotomy				
# Z347	- when sole procedure performed	6	300.00	6

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LUNGS AND PLEURA

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INTRODUCTION - THORACENTESIS			
Z331		32.45	
Z332		59.15	6
E542		11.15	
Z349		23.25	
# Z334		304.60	13
ENDOSCOPY			
# Z335		228.40	7
INCISION			
# Z340		137.85	7
# Z336		59.15	6
# Z341		69.80	6
# Z349		23.25	
# Z337	6	133.10	7
# M133	9	390.65	13
# M137	9	390.65	13
# M134	9	390.65	13
# M132	9	507.45	13
# M130	9	584.75	13
# E609		121.70	
# E610		263.80	
# M135	11	800.00	15
# Z339	6	182.90	6
Chronic indwelling pleural catheter for palliative management of malignant pleural effusion			
Z361		200.00	
Z362		200.00	

Note:

1. Z361 and Z362 include any image guidance and interpretation.
2. Z361 and Z362 are not payable for adjustment of a previously inserted indwelling pleural catheter. The applicable visit fee may be claimed.

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EXCISION			
# Z338 Biopsy of pleura or lung - with limited thoracotomy	9	202.80	13
# M138 Hilar lymph node or lung biopsy with full thoracotomy.....	9	534.10	13
# M142 Pneumonectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection, sampling or pericardial resection requiring repair.....	10	1400.00	14
# E609 - with intercostal muscle bundle, pericardium, Azygos vein or pericardial fat pad, to M142		121.70	
# M143 Lobectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection or sampling.....	10	1285.00	13
# E644 - radical mediastinal node dissection following preoperative chemotherapy and/ or radiotherapy, to M142, M143, S089 or S090.....		207.45	
# E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M142 or M143			add 25%
Note: E644 is <i>only eligible for payment</i> when performed in conjunction with M142 or M143 following preoperative chemotherapy and/ or radiotherapy.			
# M144 Segmental resection, including segmental bronchus and artery	10	1285.00	13
# E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M144.....			add 25%
# M145 Wedge resection of lung	10	818.45	13
# M151 Bullectomy for major bullous disease	10	725.00	13
# M149 Pleurectomy, and/or apical bullectomy for pneumothorax	10	525.00	13
E683 - when performed thoroscopically or by video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), to M145, M149 or M151.....			add 25%

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The following E codes may apply to the preceding M prefix excision codes:

# E612	- total extra-pleural pneumonectomy	add		338.35	
# E613	- sleeve pneumonectomy	add		248.40	
# E614	- omental graft	add		162.45	
# E615	- intra-pericardial dissection	add		120.80	
# E611	- with resection of diaphragm and direct suture closure	add		145.00	
# E849	- with resection of diaphragm and reconstruction requiring repair with mesh or equivalent synthetic material	add		220.00	
# E848	- with reconstruction of pericardium requiring repair with synthetic graft material	add		80.00	
# E616	- bi-lobectomy on right side	add		142.10	
# E617	- with pleural tent	add		78.80	
# E618	- with decortication of remaining lobe(s)	add		121.85	
# E619	- sleeve lobectomy	add		162.45	
# E620	- with wedge bronchoplasty	add		78.80	
# E621	- with diagnostic wedge resection	add		45.85	
# E624	- with completion pneumonectomy for positive resection margin	add		111.20	
# E625	- with sleeve resection of pulmonary artery	add		142.20	
# E608	- each additional wedge resection of lung (to a maximum of 3)	add		75.00	
# E607	- re-operation more than 30 days subsequent to previous excision, to appropriate excision fee	add		152.30	
# M155	Lung transplant (one lung)		18	2054.25	40
M156	Repeat lung transplant (one lung)		24	2670.55	40
M157	Donor Heart - Lung removal		8	906.45	8