

# CONSULTATIONS AND VISITS

## FAMILY PRACTICE & PRACTICE IN GENERAL (00)

### Multidisciplinary cancer conference

A multidisciplinary cancer conference (MCC) is a service conducted for the purpose of discussing and directing the management of one or more cancer patients where the physician is in attendance either in person, by telephone or videoconference as a participant or chairperson in accordance with the defined roles and minimum standards established by Cancer Care Ontario.

K708	MCC Participant, per patient.....	31.35
K709	MCC Chairperson, per patient.....	40.45
K710	MCC Radiologist Participant, per patient.....	31.35

#### Payment rules:

1. K708, K709 and K710 are *only eligible for payment* in circumstances where:
  - a. the MCC meets the minimum standards, including attendance requirements, established by Cancer Care Ontario; and
  - b. the MCC is *pre-scheduled*.
2. K708, K709 and K710 are eligible for payment for each patient discussed where the total time of discussion for all patients meets the minimum time requirements described in the table below, otherwise the number of patients for K708, K709 and K710 are payable will be adjusted to correspond to the overall time of discussion.
3. K708 and K710 are *only eligible for payment* if the physician is actively participating in the case conference, and their participation is documented in the record.
4. K708 and K710 are each limited to a maximum of 5 services per patient per day, any physician.
5. K708 and K710 are each limited to a maximum of 8 services, per physician, per day.
6. Only K708 or K709 or K710 is eligible for payment to the same physician, same day.
7. K709 is limited to a maximum of 8 services per physician, per day.
8. Any other insured service rendered during a MCC is *not eligible for payment*.
9. K708, K709 and K710 are *not eligible for payment* where a physician receives payment, other than by fee-for-service under this *Schedule*, for the preparation and/or participation in a MCC.
10. K708 and K709 are *not eligible for payment* to physicians from the following specialties: Radiation Oncology (34), Diagnostic Radiology (33) and Laboratory Medicine (28).
11. K710 is *only eligible for payment* to physicians from Diagnostic Radiology (33).

#### Medical record requirements:

1. identification of the patient and physician participants;
2. total time of discussion for all patients discussed; and
3. the outcome or decision of the case conference related to each of the patients discussed.

#### [Commentary:

1. The 2006 Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference standards can be found at the Cancer Care Ontario website at the following internet link: <http://www.cancercare.on.ca/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=14318>.
2. "Payment, other than by fee-for-service" includes compensation where the physician receives remuneration under a salary, primary care, stipend, APP or AFP model.
3. One common medical record in the patient's chart for the MCC that indicates the physician participants (including listing the time the service commenced and terminated and individual attendance times for each participant if different) would satisfy the medical record requirements for billing purposes.]

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**[Commentary:**

1. The time spent per patient does not have to be 10 minutes. For example, if the physician participates in discussion about three patients and patient A is discussed for 5 minutes, patient B is discussed for 15 minutes and patient C for 10 minutes, the total time of discussion is 30 minutes and a claim may be submitted for each of the three patients. The time spent at the MCC should be recorded as 30 minutes.
2. If the physician participates in a discussion about four patients and the total time of discussion is 20 minutes the physician should only submit a claim for two patients.
3. A physician can only be either a chairperson, participant or radiologist participant on any given day.]

<b>Number of Patients Discussed</b>	<b>Minimum Total Time of Discussion</b>
1 patient	10 minutes
2 patients	20 minutes
3 patients	30 minutes
4 patients	40 minutes
5 patients	50 minutes
6 patients	60 minutes
7 patients	70 minutes
8 patients	80 minutes

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### CASE CONFERENCES

#### PREAMBLE

##### Definition/Required elements of service:

Where the conditions set out in this *Schedule* are met, a case conference is an insured service despite paragraph 6 of s. 24(1) of Regulation 552. A case conference is a pre-scheduled meeting, conducted for the purpose of discussing and directing the management of an individual patient. The required elements are applicable for all case conferences, except in circumstances where these requirements are modified for specific case conferences, as indicated. A case conference:

- a. must be conducted by personal attendance, videoconference or by telephone (or any combination thereof);
- b. must involve at least 2 other participants who meet the eligible participant requirements as indicated in the specific listed case conference services; and
- c. at least one of the physician participants is the physician most responsible for the care of the patient.

##### [Commentary:

Case conferences for educational purposes such as rounds, journal club, group learning sessions, or continuing professional development, or any meeting where the conference is not for the purpose of discussing and directing the management of an individual patient is not a case conference.]

For case conferences where the time unit is defined in 10 minute increments, the following payment rules and medical record requirements are applicable, except in circumstances where these requirements are modified for specific listed case conference services, as indicated.

##### Note:

“Regulated social worker” refers to a social worker regulated under the *Social Work and Social Service Work Act* and who holds a current certificate of registration from the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

Case conferences are time based services calculated in time units of 10 minute increments. In calculating time unit(s), the minimum time required is based upon consecutive time spent participating in the case conference as follows:

# Units	Minimum time
1 unit	10 minutes
2 units	16 minutes
3 units	26 minutes
4 units	36 minutes
5 units	46 minutes
6 units	56 minutes
7 units	66 minutes [1h 6m]
8 units	76 minutes [1h 16m]