

# UNDERSTANDING THE NEW CLINICAL CATEGORIES

CLINICAL CATEGORY	EXAMPLES
Rehabilitation	Inpatient and admitted day patient rehabilitation after surgery or an illness, stroke recovery and cardiac rehab.
Hospital psychiatric services	Treating psychoses (e.g. schizophrenia), mood disorders (e.g. depression), eating disorders and addiction therapy.
Palliative care	Care mainly focused on providing quality of life in cases of terminal illness, including managing pain.
Assisted reproductive services	Retrieving eggs or sperm, In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Gamete Intra-fallopian Transfer (GIFT).
Back, neck and spine	Treating sciatica, prolapsed or herniated discs, spinal disc replacements and spine curvature disorders like scoliosis and lordosis.
Blood	Treating blood and blood-related conditions. Includes blood clotting disorders and bone marrow transplants.
Bone, joint and muscle	Treating conditions like carpal tunnel, fractures, bone spurs, osteomyelitis and bone cancer.
Brain and nervous system	Treating stroke, brain or spinal cord tumours, head injuries, epilepsy and Parkinson's disease.
Breast surgery (medically necessary)	Treating breast lesions, breast tumours, asymmetry due to breast cancer surgery and gynecomastia.
Cataracts	Removing a cataract and replacing with an artificial lens.
Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer	Non-surgical cancer treatments: chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy.
Dental surgery	Removing wisdom teeth, and dental implant surgery.
Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)	Stabilisation of hypo- or hyper- glycaemia and treating contour problems at the sites of insulin injections.
Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis.
Digestive system	Treating oesophageal cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, gall stones and haemorrhoids.
Ear, nose and throat	Removing foreign bodies, sinus surgery, treating a damaged ear drum, throat cancer and stapedectomy.
Eye (not cataracts)	Treating retinal detachment, tear duct conditions, eye infections. Medically managed eye trauma.
Gastrointestinal endoscopy	Includes colonoscopy, gastroscopy and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP).
Gynaecology	Treating endometriosis, polycystic ovaries, cervical cancer, female sterilisation and infertility investigations.
Heart and vascular system	Heart surgery, removing plaque from arterial walls and treating heart failure, heart attack and varicose veins.
Hernia and appendix	Investigating and treating hernia or appendicitis.
Implantation of hearing devices	Correcting hearing loss, including implanting a prosthetic hearing device.

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Insulin pumps	Providing or replacing insulin pumps to treat diabetes.
Joint reconstructions	Some joint investigations, torn tendons, rotator cuff tears and damaged ligaments.
Joint replacements	Replacing shoulder, wrist, finger, hip, knee, ankle or toe joint.
Kidney and bladder	Treating kidney stones, adrenal gland tumours and incontinence.
Lung and chest	Treating lung cancer, respiratory conditions (e.g. asthma), pneumonia and chest trauma.
Male reproductive system	Male sterilisation, circumcision and treating prostate cancer.
Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy	Treating miscarriage and terminating pregnancy.
Pain management	Pain management without a device (e.g. block to treat nerve and chest pain due to cancer).
Pain management with device	Treating nerve or back pain, and pain caused by coronary heart disease, with a device (e.g. an infusion pump or neurostimulator).
Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)	Skin grafts to treat burns, and surgery for cleft palate, club foot and angioma.
Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon)	Treating foot and ankle conditions. Includes the cost of your hospital accommodation and a prosthesis listed on the government's Protheses List. Doesn't include any doctors' costs (e.g. your surgeon or anaesthetist).
Pregnancy and birth	Care during pregnancy and birth. Only includes mum. If the baby needs treatment that comes under the relevant clinical category.
Skin	Treating melanoma, abscesses and minor wounds.
Sleep studies	For sleep apnoea and snoring.
Tonsils, adenoids and grommets	Removing tonsils and/or adenoids, and inserting or removing grommets.
Weight loss surgery	Gastric banding, gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy.