

Minor Surgery DES Procedures**Injections and Aspirations**

Minor surgery injections	Code Description
Shoulder Rotator cuff; impingment syndrome, frozen shoulder or acromioclavicular joint disease (cortisone injection)	Injection of steroid into shoulder joint subacromial
Elbow Tennis elbow (<i>cortisone injection</i>) Golfers elbow (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Steroid injection into the medial epicondyle tendon of humerus Steroid injection into the lateral epicondyle tendon of humerus
Wrist Carpal tunnel syndrome (<i>cortisone injection</i>) De Quervain's tenosynovitis (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Injection of steroid into wrist Steroid injection for tenosynovitis
Thumb Basal osteoarthritis (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Injection of steroid into carpometacarpal joint of thumb
Trigger finger (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Injection of steroid into carpometacarpal joint of finger
Heel Plantar fasciitis (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Injection of steroid into subcutaneous tissue
General Rheumatoid arthritis- single inflamed joint (<i>cortisone injection</i>)	Injection of steroid into ankle joint Injections elsewhere - hip
Knee Aspiration of fluid from joint (intra-articular (<i>hyaluronan injection not recommended</i>)	Aspiration of fluid from knee joint Injection of steroid into knee joint

Minor surgery aspiration code description

Aspiration of bursa
Aspiration of ganglion
Joint aspiration alone without injection e.g. for haemarthrosis following trauma
Aspiration of breast cysts
Aspiration of hydrocoele
Injection of haemorrhoids

Invasive procedures, including incisions and excisions

<p>READ Code – 987A</p> <p>Minor surgery excisions in-house</p>	<p>Excisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excision of mole causing a significant clinical problem, recurrent infection, discharging etc. • Excision of skin cyst (in line with the Low Clinical Priority Treatments policy) • Removal of non-cosmetic haemangiomas e.g. on the lip causing recurrent bleeding. (not by cautery)
<p>READ Code – 9878</p> <p>Minor surgery incisions in-house</p>	<p>Incisions</p> <p>Incisions- perianal haematoma</p> <p>Incisions of boil</p> <p>Incisions of abscesses</p>

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<p>Lipomata</p> <p>Which are symptomatic (eg episodes of infection, bleeding or persistent pain)</p>	<p>Excision of lipoma of subcutaneous tissue (not head or neck)</p> <p>Excision of lipoma of subcutaneous tissue of head and neck</p>
<p>Sebaceous cysts</p> <p>Which are symptomatic (e.g. episodes of infection, bleeding or persistent pain)</p>	<p>Excision of sebaceous cyst of head or neck</p> <p>Excision of sebaceous of head or neck</p>
<p>Wedge incisions or full nail removal for ingrowing toenails</p>	<p>Removal of toenail</p>

Formal incision and drainage of an abscess, including packing and dressing

Incision and drainage of abscess