

Spinal Surgery
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Item number	Descriptor	Fee – GST not included
51011	Spinal decompression or exposure via partial or total laminectomy, partial vertebrectomy or posterior spinal release, one motion segment, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51012, 51013, 51014 or 51015 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,820.00
51012	Spinal decompression or exposure via partial or total laminectomy, partial vertebrectomy or posterior spinal release, 2 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51011, 51013, 51014 or 51015 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,735.00
51013	Spinal decompression or exposure via partial or total laminectomy, partial vertebrectomy or posterior spinal release, 3 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51011, 51012, 51014 or 51015 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,420.00
51014	Spinal decompression or exposure via partial or total laminectomy, partial vertebrectomy or posterior spinal release, 4 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51011, 51012, 51013 or 51015 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$10,100.00
51015	Spinal decompression or exposure via partial or total laminectomy, partial vertebrectomy or posterior spinal release, more than 4 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51011, 51012, 51013 or 51014 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$11,785.00
51020	Simple fixation of part of one vertebra (not motion segment) including pars interarticularis, spinous process or pedicle, or simple interspinous wiring between 2 adjacent vertebral levels, not being a service associated with: (a) interspinous dynamic stabilisation devices; or (b) a service to which item 51021, 51022, 51023, 51024, 51025 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$1,915.00
51021	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, one motion segment, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51022, 51023, 51024, 51025 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,490.00
51022	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, 2 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51021, 51023, 51024, 51025 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,340.00
51023	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, 3 or 4 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51021, 51022, 51024, 51025 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,165.00
51024	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, 5 or 6 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51021, 51022, 51023, 51025 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,205.00
51025	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, 7 to 12 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51021, 51022, 51023, 51024 or 51026 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$7,250.00
51026	Fixation of motion segment with vertebral body screw, pedicle screw or hook instrumentation including sublaminar tapes or wires, more than 12 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51020, 51021, 51022, 51023, 51024 or 51025 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$7,785.00
51031	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, one motion segment, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51032, 51033, 51034, 51035 or 51036 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$2,860.00

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51032	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, 2 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51031, 51033, 51034, 51035 or 51036 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,430.00
51033	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, 3 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51031, 51032, 51034, 51035 or 51036 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,005.00
51034	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, 4 to 7 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51031, 51032, 51033, 51035 or 51036 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,290.00
51035	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, 8 to 11 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51031, 51032, 51033, 51034 or 51036 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,575.00
51036	Spine, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft to, 12 or more motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51031, 51032, 51033, 51034 or 51035 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,860.00
51041	Spinal fusion, anterior column (anterior, direct lateral or posterior interbody), one motion segment, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51042, 51043, 51044 or 51045 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,290.00
51042	Spinal fusion, anterior column (anterior, direct lateral or posterior interbody), 2 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51041, 51043, 51044 or 51045 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$4,605.00
51043	Spinal fusion, anterior column (anterior, direct lateral or posterior interbody), 3 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51041, 51042, 51044 or 51045 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,760.00
51044	Spinal fusion, anterior column (anterior, direct lateral or posterior interbody), 4 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51041, 51042, 51043 or 51045 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,250.00
51045	Spinal fusion, anterior column (anterior, direct lateral or posterior interbody), 5 or more motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51041, 51042, 51043 or 51044 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,580.00
51051	Pedicle subtraction osteotomy, one motion segment, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$7,380.00
51052	Pedicle subtraction osteotomy, 2 motion segments, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,975.00
51053	Vertebral column resection osteotomy performed through single posterior approach, one motion segment, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$10,210.00
51054	Vertebral body, piecemeal or subtotal excision of (where piecemeal or subtotal excision is defined as removal of more than 50% of the vertebral body), one vertebra, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,445.00

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51055	Vertebral body, piecemeal or subtotal excision of (where piecemeal or subtotal excision is defined as removal of more than 50% of the vertebral body), 2 vertebrae, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51054, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,170.00
51056	Vertebral body, piecemeal or subtotal excision of (where piecemeal or subtotal excision is defined as removal of more than 50% of the vertebral body), 3 or more vertebrae, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$9,530.00
51057	Vertebral body, en bloc excision of (complete spondylectomy), one vertebra, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,290.00
51058	Vertebral body, en bloc excision of (complete spondylectomy), 2 vertebrae, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$7,080.00
51059	Vertebral body, en bloc excision of (complete spondylectomy), 3 or more vertebrae, not being a service associated with: (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057 or 51058 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,650.00
51061	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at one motion segment, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51062, 51063, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,210.00
51062	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 2 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51063, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$10,665.00
51063	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 3 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$12,925.00
51064	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 4 to 7 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$14,930.00
51065	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 8 to 11 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51064 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$16,120.00
51066	Spine fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 12 or more motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51064 or 51065 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$16,795.00
51071	Removal of intradural lesion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51072 or 51073 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,550.00
51072	Craniocervical junction lesion, transoral approach for, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51071 or 51073 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,815.00

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51073	Removal of intramedullary tumour or arteriovenous malformation, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51071 or 51072 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$8,650.00
51102	Thoracoplasty in combination with thoracic scoliosis correction—3 or more ribs (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,170.00
51103	Odontoid screw fixation (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,480.00
51110	Spine, treatment of fracture, dislocation or fracture dislocation, with immobilisation by calipers or halo, not including application of skull tongs or calipers as part of operative positioning (Anaes.)	\$2,285.00
51111	Skull calipers or halo, insertion of, as an independent procedure (Anaes.)	\$970.00
51112	Plaster jacket, application of, as an independent procedure (Anaes.)	\$660.00
51113	Halo, application of, in addition to spinal fusion for scoliosis, or other conditions (Anaes.)	\$730.00
51114	Halo thoracic orthosis—application of both halo and thoracic jacket (Anaes.)	\$1,285.00
51115	Halo femoral traction, as an independent procedure (Anaes.)	\$1,285.00
51120	Bone graft, harvesting of autogenous graft, via separate incision or via subcutaneous approach, in conjunction with spinal fusion, other than for the purposes of bone graft obtained from the cervical, thoracic, lumbar or sacral spine (Anaes.)	\$715.00
51130	Lumbar artificial intervertebral total disc replacement, at one motion segment only, including removal of disc and marginal osteophytes: (a) for a patient who: (i) has not had prior spinal fusion surgery at the same lumbar level; and (ii) does not have vertebral osteoporosis; and (iii) has failed conservative therapy; and (b) not being a service associated with a service to which item 51011, 51012, 51013, 51014 or 51015 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,600.00
51131	Cervical artificial intervertebral total disc replacement, at one motion segment only, including removal of disc and marginal osteophytes, for a patient who: (a) has not had prior spinal surgery at the same cervical level; and (b) is skeletally mature; and (c) has symptomatic degenerative disc disease with radiculopathy; and (d) does not have vertebral osteoporosis; and (e) has failed conservative therapy (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$5,600.00
51140	Previous spinal fusion, re-exploration for, involving adjustment or removal of instrumentation up to 3 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51141 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$1,345.00
51141	Previous spinal fusion, re-exploration for, involving adjustment or removal of instrumentation more than 3 motion segments, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51140 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$2,490.00
51145	Wound debridement or excision for post operative infection or haematoma following spinal surgery (Anaes.)	\$885.00
51150	Coccyx, excision of (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$1,075.00
51160	Anterior exposure of thoracic or lumbar spine, one motion segment, not being a service to which item 51165 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,075.00
51165	Anterior exposure of thoracic or lumbar spine, more than one motion segment, not being a service to which item 51160 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$3,880.00
51170	Syringomyelia or hydromyelia, craniotomy for, with or without duraplasty, intradural dissection, plugging of obex or local cerebrospinal fluid shunt (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$6,810.00

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51171	Syringomyelia or hydromyelia, treatment by direct cerebrospinal fluid shunt (for example, syringosubarachnoid shunt, syringopleural shunt or syringoperitoneal shunt) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$2,860.00

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Rules for Use

Fees in this schedule are payable **only** to medical practitioners who meet the provider eligibility criteria outlined in the current Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) book.

All conditions detailed in the explanatory notes of the Medicare Benefits Schedule apply also to the workers' compensation medical table of costs with the exception of the following:

- **Multi-operation rule** – fees for two or more procedures under one anaesthetic, other than amputations, performed on a patient on the one occasion should be calculated using the following rule – 100 per cent for the item with the greatest fee; plus 75 per cent for each other MBS item.
- **Assistant's fee** – a flat 20% surgical assistant's fee is payable when a surgical assistant is employed for Therapeutic Procedures Category 3,
 - Subgroup 14 (Hand Surgery) and,
 - Subgroup 15 (Orthopaedic) of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS).
 - Therefore, payment for surgical assistants is not limited to the MBS item numbers that specify eligibility for a surgical assistant benefit.
 - This should only be charged when clinically indicated. "The predominant consideration when using an assistant is patient safety, quality of care and overall efficiency." (AMA List of Medical Services and Fees 2011, p.362).
 - Assistance at Operations is defined in MBS Note TN.9.1
- **Aftercare** – all conditions detailed in the explanatory notes of the Medicare Benefits Schedule apply when treating injured workers. This includes the conditions surrounding any billing for routine post-operative care which is considered to be inclusive of the operation provided. If a patient requires additional services which are considered to be 'not normal aftercare' (NNAC), then the account should be endorsed with NNAC to enable separate payment for those services.
- **Other services** – dental, nursing and allied health services for compensable injuries are covered under the relevant table of costs for those services.

Assistance

Contact the relevant insurer for claim related information such as:

- payment of invoices and account inquiries
- claim numbers/status
- rehabilitation status.

For general advice about the tables of costs visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call 1300 362 128.