

Rehabilitation & Entitlements Policy Group

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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 09 JANUARY, 2013

New SOPs	Nil
Revocations & Replacements	Malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx Ankylosing spondylitis Inguinal hernia Carpal tunnel syndrome Adenocarcinoma of the kidney
Amendments	Nil

NOTEWORTHY FEATURES

Malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx	Revocation – 1 & 2 of '13 Replaces 19 and 20 of '05
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- There are new RH only factors for: passive smoking; low fruit and vegetable intake; periodontitis; and asbestos exposure.
- There is a new RH and BOP factor for HIV infection.
- The previously RH only human papilloma virus factor has been modified and added to the BOP SOP.
- The alcohol factor doses have been lowered in both the RH and BOP SOPs.
- The previous transplantation factor (RH and BOP) has been modified, with bone marrow transplant replaced by the broader category of stem cell transplant, and with the new addition of solid organ transplant.

Ankylosing spondylitis	Revocation – 3 & 4 of '13 Replaces 25 and 26 of '05
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- The definition has been simplified. Extra-articular manifestations of ankylosing spondylitis are still covered by the definition but they are no longer listed.
- This SOP previously had no onset or worsening factors other than inability to obtain appropriate clinical management. There is now a worsening factor (RH and BOP), for smoking.

Inguinal hernia	Revocation – 5 & 6 of '13 Replaces 5 and 6 of '05
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- This SOP is essentially unchanged, apart from minor modifications to the definition for increased intra-abdominal pressure.

Carpal tunnel syndrome

Revocation – 7 & 8 of '13
Replaces 89 and 90 of '01

- There are new onset and worsening factors, in both RH and BOP SOPs, for: burns to the affected area; localised osteoarthritis; diabetes; pregnancy; and treatment with an aromatase inhibitor.
- The factors for injury, fracture/dislocation and surgery have been modified, to omit the previous reference to damage to the median nerve (direct nerve damage of this type is not carpal tunnel syndrome, it is a separate, non-SOP condition).
- The definition for 'forceful activities' has been amended.

Adenocarcinoma of the kidney

Revocation – 9 & 10 of '13
Replaces 87 and 88 of '01

- The RH smoking factor dose has been reduced (from 15 to 10 pack years).
- There are new factors, in the RH and BOP SOPs for: hypertension; low fruit and vegetable intake; ionising radiation; and sickle cell disorder.
- There are new RH only factors for: passive smoking; arsenic; cadmium fumes; trichloroethylene and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (excluding aspirin).
- In the BOP SOP, a previous factor for asbestos exposure has been removed.

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