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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 23 MAY, 2016

New SOPs	Optochiasmatic arachnoiditis
Revocations & Replacements	Benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa Intervertebral disc prolapse Opisthorchiasis Clonorchiasis Malignant neoplasm of the urethra Cholelithiasis Cut, stab, abrasion and laceration Parkinson's disease and secondary parkinsonism
Amendments	Nil

NOTEWORTHY FEATURES

Optochiasmatic arachnoiditis

New - 57 & 58 of '16

- This is a new SOP, for a condition that involves the optic chiasm (an X shaped structure at the base of the brain where the optic nerves from each eye come together and partly cross over). Inflammation of a layer of the covering

membrane (the arachnoid) over the nerves at that site leads to local damage and loss of vision.

- The SOP has a range of factors, including for infections, trauma and procedures, that can affect the area.

Benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa

Revocation - 41 & 42 of '16

Replaces 33 and 34 of '08,
as amended

- There are minor changes to the definition with some new exclusions.
- The previously RH only factor for papilloma virus has been added to the BOP SOP.
- There are minor changes to the wording or associated definitions for the other factors.

Intervertebral disc prolapse

Revocation - 43 & 44 of '16

Replaces 39 and 40 of '07,
as amended

- There are changes to the smoking factor wording, dose (to a pack-year format) and cessation period.
- There are new factors (RH and BOP, onset and worsening) for being obese.

Opisthorchiasis

Revocation - 45 & 46 of '16

Replaces 111 and 112 of '07

Clonorchiasis

Revocation - 47 & 48 of '16

Replaces 113 and 114 of '07

- The definitions have been changed to the format used in other recent SOPs for infectious diseases, to now include symptoms of the condition.
- A 3 week minimum latency has been added to the factors.
- The lists of countries/areas (where these liver flukes are endemic) have been updated.

Malignant neoplasm of the urethra**Revocation - 49 & 50 of '16**Replaces 1 and 2 of '08,
as amended

- There are new RH only, onset only factors for human papilloma virus infection and for arsenic exposure.

Cholelithiasis**Revocation - 51 & 52 of '16**

Replaces 7 and 8 of '08

- For the obesity factor, waist circumference measures have been added to the definition of being obese.
- There are changes to the rapid weight loss factor, with a longer latency and a lower percentage of weight loss required.
- There are new RH and BOP, onset only factors for:
 - a very low calorie diet;
 - having bariatric surgery;
 - somatostatinoma;
 - inability to undertake any physical activity > 3 METs; and
 - cholangiohepatitis or recurrent pyogenic cholangitis.
- There are new RH only, onset only factors for:
 - non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; and
 - Hepatitis C infection.
- The treatment with specified drugs factor has a revised list of drugs.
- The previous inflammatory bowel disease factor now covers Crohn's disease only.
- The previous gastrectomy factor now includes oesophageal resection and vagotomy.
- The parasitic infections factor has a revised list of infections.

Cut, stab, abrasion and laceration**Revocation - 53 & 54 of '16**Replaces 3 and 4 of '08,
as amended

- There are no material changes.

- There has been a minor SOP name change ("secondary" added).
- The disease definitions have been revised and now exclude 'Parkinson-plus' disorders.
- There are substantial changes to factors and associated definitions.
- For Parkinson's disease:
 - There are new RH onset factors for: inability to engage in moderate physical activity; milk consumption; cheese consumption; depressive disorder or generalised anxiety disorder; having ceased smoking (also in BOP); and trichloroethylene exposure.
 - The head trauma factor now links to the moderate to severe traumatic brain injury SOP and has a longer minimum latency.
- For secondary parkinsonism:
 - There are new onset factors for: diseases of cerebral vessels; influenza; neurocysticercosis; trichloroethylene (RH only); manganese toxicity; khat (*Catha edulis*) or ecstasy use; ephedrine use; disorder of calcium metabolism; chronic renal disease; autoimmune diseases; and paraneoplastic encephalomyelitis.
 - The previous pesticide onset factor has been removed.
 - With the exclusion of 'Parkinson plus' conditions from the SOP, factors have been removed for: dementia pugilistica; multiple system atrophy; disorders associated with primary tau pathology; dementia with Lewy bodies; Alzheimer's disease; and other specified neurological diseases.
 - There are changes to a number of other previous factors and associated definitions, including the specified drugs in the drug or class of drug factor.
- There are new worsening factors corresponding to the new onset factors listed above, but each one covers both types of the disease.

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