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**THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS TAKE EFFECT ON 26 SEPTEMBER, 2016**

<b>New SOPs</b>	<b>Antiphospholipid syndrome Ganglion Incisional hernia Scheuermann's disease</b>
<b>Revocations &amp; Replacements</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Amendments</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### **NOTEWORTHY FEATURES**

**Antiphospholipid syndrome**

**New - 69 & 70 of '16**

- This new SOP is for an autoimmune condition, which occurs as a primary condition, or in the setting of another autoimmune disorder, e.g. systemic lupus erythematosus.

- Antiphospholipid syndrome causes:
  - thrombotic events in arteries, veins and small vessels, that can occur anywhere in the body, resulting in a wide range of clinical manifestations, including strokes, myocardial infarctions and DVTs, and;
  - pregnancy complications, resulting in manifestations such as embryo loss, foetal death and premature birth.
- The factors in the SOPs cover infections, surgery, cancer, drugs and pregnancy.

### **Ganglion**

**New - 71 & 72 of '16**

- This is a new SOP, for a common, benign soft tissue swelling most often found in the wrist.
- The RH SOP has one causal factor, for acute trauma, and the usual factor for inability to obtain appropriate clinical management. The BOP SOP has only the inability factor.

### **Incisional hernia**

**New - 73 & 74 of '16**

- An incisional hernia is a hernia that develops at a site where an incision was made for a prior abdominal procedure. It is due to a failure of fascial tissues to adequately heal following an incision.
- There are factors for: prior incision; wound infection; post-surgical wound failure (dehiscence); obesity; specified drug therapy; Marfan syndrome; and causes of increased intraabdominal pressure.

### **Scheuermann's disease**

**New - 75 & 76 of '16**

- This new SOP covers a common developmental disorder of the thoracolumbar spine that typically occurs in early adolescence. It results in an increased forward curvature of the spine (kyphosis) which is rigid.

- The RH SOP has a worsening factor for extensive, strenuous physical activity and the usual factor for inability to obtain appropriate clinical management. The BOP SOP has only the inability factor.

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