

Rehabilitation & Entitlements Policy Group

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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 30 MARCH, 2015

New SOPs	Nil
Revocations & Replacements	Herpes zoster Paget's disease of bone Plantar fasciitis Neoplasm of the pituitary gland Seborrhoeic keratosis Malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland Spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis
Amendments	Nil

NOTEWORTHY FEATURES

Herpes zoster	Revocation – 47 & 48 of '15 Replaces 27 and 28 of '07
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- There is a new RH only onset factor for diabetes mellitus.
- There is a new, more precise and comprehensive definition for the “immunocompromised state as specified” factor.

Paget's disease of bone	Revocation – 49 & 50 of '15 Replaces 19 and 20 of '06
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- There are no material changes. These SOPs have only an “inability to obtain appropriate clinical management” factor.

Plantar fasciitis	Revocation – 51 & 52 of '15 Replaces 19 and 20 of '07
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- The minimum distance for the running factors have been increased from 10 km (RH) / 20 km (BOP) per week to 30 km per week (RH & BOP). The 3 month (RH) and 6 month (BOP) durations in the factors are unchanged.
- The weight bearing activity factors have been reworded and the minimum time requirements increased from 1 hr (RH) / 2 hrs (BOP) per week to 4 hrs per week (RH & BOP).
- The definition for the inappropriate footwear factor now covers inadequate cushioning. Previously it covered footwear “that results in excess pronation”.

Neoplasm of the pituitary gland	Revocation – 53 & 54 of '15 Replaces 42 and 43 of '04
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- There is a new RH only factor for ionising radiation.

Seborrhoeic keratosis	Revocation – 55 & 56 of '15 Replaces 31 and 32 of '06
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- More detail has been added to the definition. There are no other material changes.

Malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	Revocation – 57 & 58 of '15 Replaces 46 and 47 of '04
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- There is a new RH only factor, for lymphoepithelial carcinoma only, for infection with Epstein-Barr virus or HIV.
- A second ionising radiation factor has been added to the BOP SOP, covering only people aged 20 yrs or less. This factor has the same dose as the existing factor (which covers exposure at any age), but has a shorter latency (5 yrs vs. 10 yrs).

Spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis	Revocation – 59 & 60 of '15 Replaces 5 and 6 of '06
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- The previous factor for high impact trauma within the six weeks before onset has been split in two and changed. There is now:
 - A factor, for spondylolisthesis or spondylolysis, for high impact trauma factor resulting in acute arch fracture at the time of onset, and;
 - A factor, for spondylolisthesis only, for high impact trauma resulting in acute arch fracture or vertebral dislocation, within one year before onset.
- The corresponding worsening factor has been removed.
- The previously RH only physical activities factor (for under 25 yr olds) is now in RH and BOP and now also covers activities that cause increased lordosis (i.e. extension) of the lumbar spine.
- The rheumatoid arthritis factor, previously restricted to cervical spondylolisthesis only, now applies generally.
- There is a new onset factor, for degenerative spondylolisthesis only, for being obese (for 10/20 yrs).