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THE FOLLOWING RMA SOPS TAKE EFFECT ON 27 APRIL, 2021

New SOPs	Posterior tibialis tendinopathy
Revocations & Replacements	Ankylosing spondylitis Malignant neoplasm of the kidney* Seborrhoeic dermatitis
Amendments	Nil

* replaces adenocarcinoma of the kidney

NOTEWORTHY FEATURES

Posterior tibialis tendinopathy	New – 45 & 46 of 2021
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- This new SOP covers inflammation or degeneration of the tendon of the posterior tibialis muscle. This is an important muscle for stabilisation of the (medial arch of the) foot and it is the primary inverter of the foot. The muscle lies deep in the calf and the

tendon runs behind the inside of the ankle and inserts into the middle part of the inside of the foot (primarily at the navicular tubercle).

- The SOP has similar overuse (running, weight bearing exercise) type factors to those found in comparable musculoskeletal SOPs.
- There are additional factors for trauma, infection and specified diseases.

Ankylosing spondylitis

Revocation – 39 & 40 of 2021

Replaces 3 & 4 of 2013

- The definition has been updated but SOP coverage is unchanged.
- There is a new RH only onset factor for periodontitis.
- There are new RH only worsening factors for obesity and periodontitis.
- The smoking (worsening factor) now applies for current smokers only.
- The inability to obtain appropriate clinical management factor now includes a note about an inability to undertake a prescribed ankylosing spondylitis exercise program being covered by the factor.

Malignant neoplasm of the kidney

Revocation – 41 & 42 of 2021

Replaces 9 & 10 of 2013

- The name of the SOP has changed, from adenocarcinoma of the kidney, but there is no change in SOP coverage.
- There are new RH only factors for renal stone disease, diabetes mellitus and welding.
- There are new RH and BOP factors for inability to exercise and organ or tissue transplant.
- The obesity factor has been extended to now also cover being overweight (RH & BOP).
- Trichloroethylene has been extended from an RH only factor to now apply for both RH and BOP.

- There are new onset and worsening factors for HTLV-1 infection (RH only) and being immobile (RH and BOP).
- There is expanded coverage for drugs, with further biologic agents and 5- fluorouracil added to the drugs list (erlotinib and interferon alpha, previously included by name, are both biologic agents and so remain covered by the revised factor). There is also a new generic factor covering idiosyncratic drug reactions.
- There is a new worsening only factor for wearing a face mask.

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