

# Proposed changes to Bupa classification codes for imaging and radiology



Bupa classification code procedure description	Current surgical classification	Proposed new surgical classification	Rationale for proposed changes	Comparable procedure
A2223 Cerebral angiogram	INTER 1 £208	MAJOR 1 £452	This procedure takes about 90 minutes and is performed by an interventional radiologist with a subspecialist interest in neuroradiology. It requires intricate technical skill and carries a significant risk of complication. Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent is more complex (Major 3) and XR130 Transjugular/transformal/plugged liver biopsy(ies) (Inter 5) is less complex, therefore we propose to increase this procedure to Major 1.	XR600 Insertion of esophageal metallic stent under imaging control
A5540 Spinal angiogram	INTER 1 £208	INTER 5 £386	This procedure takes about 60 minutes and is performed by an interventional radiologist with a subspecialist interest in neuroradiology. It requires intricate technical skill and carries a significant risk of complication. This is more complex than XR915 Insertion of central venous catheter - tunneled (x-ray guided) (proposed BBL Inter 4) and less complex than XR600 Insertion of esophageal metallic stent under imaging control (Major 1), therefore we propose to increase this procedure to Inter 5.	XR130 Transjugular/transformal/plugged liver biopsy(ies)
L9110 Insertion of tunnelled central venous catheter (Hickman line)	INTER 1 £208	INTER 4 £335	L9110 Insertion of tunnelled central venous catheter (Hickman line) is the same procedure as XR915 Insertion of central venous catheter - tunnelled (x-ray guided) (Inter 4), therefore we propose increasing it to Inter 4 in recognition of the complexity of the procedure.	XR920 Cyst ablation under imaging control
L9115 Implantation of port device (PowerPort)	INTER 1 £208	INTER 5 £386	L9115 Implantation of port device (PowerPort) is essentially the same procedure as XR915 Insertion of central venous catheter - tunnelled (x-ray guided), with the additional step of creating a subcutaneous pocket within which the port device is secured, therefore we propose increasing it to Inter 5 in recognition of this.	XR130 Transjugular/transformal/plugged liver biopsy(ies)

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L9180 Insertion of Portacath/Port-a-cath/Vasoport Unit	MINOR 5 £167	INTER 5 £386	L9180 Insertion of portocath/port-a-cath/vasoport unit is essentially the same procedure as L9115 Implantation of port device (PowerPort) and therefore we propose increasing it to Inter 5 in recognition of the complexity.	XR130 Transjugular/trans formal/plugged liver biopsy(ies)
M1360 Percutaneous insertion of nephrostomy tube	INTER 5 £386	INTER 3 £289	The procedure takes an hour on average. It is equally complex as XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral (Inter 3), and more complex than XR910 Insertion of central venous catheter - non-tunnelled (x-ray guided) (Inter 1). Therefore we propose re-grading it Inter 3.	XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral
XR110 Ultrasound guided biopsy(ies)	INTER 2 £249	MINOR 4 £137	This procedure takes about 20 minutes and is suitable for biopsy of peripheral lesions. W9030-one or two injections, +/- aspiration, into joint(s), cyst, bursa, or soft tissue (Minor 3) is less complex and XR936 Insertion of guidewire into breast lesion under imaging control (Minor 5) is more complex. Therefore we propose re-grading this procedure Minor 4.	J1300 Percutaneous biopsy of lesion of liver
XR180 Ultrasound guided drainage of fluid collection	INTER 5 £386	MINOR 5 £167	This procedure takes about 30 minutes. It is as complex as XR220 seminal vesicle injection and A5790 sacroiliac joint injection under image guidance (Minor 5), and less complex than XR121 Image-guided vacuum assisted excision of breast lesions (Inter 3). Therefore we propose re-grading it Minor 5.	A5790 sacroiliac joint injection under image guidance
XR190 CT/MRI guided drainage of fluid collection	MAJOR 1 £452	INTER 3 £289	This is a 45 minute procedure, which is equally as complex as XR120-CT/MRI guided biopsy and less complex than XR920 Cyst ablation under imaging control (Inter 4). Therefore we propose re-grading it Inter 3.	XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral
XR254 Angioplasty of other arteries (e.g. sub-clavian, tibial, femoro-popliteal)	MAJOR 2 £508	MAJOR 3 £548	XR254 takes between 60 and 90 minutes on average, and is as complex as XR260 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent (Major 3). Therefore we propose re-grading it Major 3.	XR260 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent
XR270 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent-graft	MAJOR 4 £589	MAJOR 3 £548	XR270 takes 60 to 90 minutes on average. It is essentially the same procedure and as complex as XR260 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent (Major 3). Therefore we propose re-grading it Major 3.	XR260 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent

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XR320 Dilatation/stenting of nasolacrimal duct under imaging control	MAJOR 4 £589	INTER 3 £452	This 30 minute procedure is normally carried out by an ophthalmologist. It is less complex than XR940 Insertion of oesophageal metallic stent under imaging control (Major 1), and as complex as XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter - unilateral (Inter 3). Therefore we propose re-grading it Inter 3.	XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral
XR352 Embolisation of artery / vein	MAJOR 3 £548	MAJOR+ 1 £665	This procedure is carried out on acutely unwell patients, usually with an active bleeding gastrointestinal vessel. It carries significant risks and can take up to 90 minutes. It is as complex as XR565 Percutaneous dilatation of biliary stricture under imaging control (Major+ 1) and so we propose re-grading it Major +1.	XR565 Percutaneous dilatation of biliary stricture under imaging control
XR410 Thrombolysis or aspiration of thrombus under imaging control	INTER 5 £386	MAJOR 1 £452	This procedure is carried out on acutely unwell patients with an acute thrombus. It carries significant risks and can take up to 60 minutes. It is slightly less complex than L7110 Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of artery, +/- insertion of stent (Major 2) because there is no possibility of a stent insertion, therefore we propose re-grading XR410 Major 1 to reflect this.	XR600 Insertion of esophageal metallic stent under imaging control
XR430 Renal angioplasty, +/- insertion of stent	MAJOR 2 £508	MAJOR 3 £548	XR430 Renal angioplasty, +/- insertion of stent is as complex as XR260 angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent, therefore we propose re-grading it Major 3 to reflect this.	XR260 Angioplasty with insertion of metallic stent
XR630 Percutaneous nephrostomy	INTER 5 £386	INTER 3 £289	The procedure is as complex as XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral (Inter 3), and more complex than XR910 Insertion of central venous catheter - non-tunnelled (x-ray guided) (Inter 1). It is also the same procedure as M1360. Therefore we propose re-grading it Inter 3.	XR660 Insertion of stent into ureter unilateral