

Rules for payment of wound care accounts in terms of COIDA

1. In terms of Sec 73 (1) of COIDA, the Compensation Fund shall pay reasonable medical costs incurred by or on behalf of an employee in respect of medical aid necessitated by such accident or disease.
2. Referral letter with clinical indications for wound treatment should be submitted by the referring doctor and medical accounts from wound care practitioners should be accompanied by such motivation.
3. A regular medical report should be submitted to the Fund indicating progress of the wound.
4. The treatment of the wound should be directly related to the nature of injuries sustained by the employee.
5. Wound treatment within four months post operatively must be motivated according to rule 2 otherwise rules G (d) will apply. Rule G (d) of the General Practitioners and specialist Government Gazette stipulates that the fee in respect of a procedure shall include normal aftercare for a period not exceeding four months. If normal aftercare is delegated to any other health professional and not completed by the surgeon it shall be a surgeon's responsibility to arrange for the service to be rendered without extra charge.
6. The Surgeon should refer to the specific procedure code as outlined in the gazette for General Practitioners and specialist for a specific aftercare period.
7. After 10 conservative wound treatments the employee should be referred back to the treating doctor who should write a progress or final medical report. If further wound treatment is indicated the Compensation Fund should be furnished with motivation for further wound care treatment.
8. Wound treatment and cost of materials in the hospital is only payable to the hospital as a per diem tariff.

COMPENSATION FUND GUIDE TO FEES FOR WOUND CARE 2018

CODE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	2018 TARIFFS
88002	<p>Per 60 minutes. First assessment of the patient and the wound. During this 1 hour assessment, full history of the patient is taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Current use of medication, -Patients with other underlying metabolic diseases -HIV positive patients & those taking immunosuppressant drugs -Severely injured patients, ICU, Oncology patients and those with PMB conditions -Patients with infected wounds, swabs or tissue samples to be taken to the laboratory for culture and sensitivity. -need for referral to other appropriate team members, physiotherapists, dieticians, psychologists, occupational therapists is established -Education on healthy lifestyle and good nutrition -Training & education in elevation of injured limbs is also covered. -Patient education on wound healing and nutrition 	596.38
88001	<p>Per 30 minutes. This assessment code to be used only with first consultation in healthy patients with minimal factors which may influence healing.</p> <p>All of the above applies, i.e. history, medication, education.</p>	298.19
88041	<p>Per 30 minutes. Wound treatment for complicated wound or potentially complicated wound in patient with underlying metabolic diseases. Patients requiring compression bandaging, sharp debridement, bio mechanical debridement, off loading, will also be billed on this code. Ongoing wound assessment and education with every visit.</p>	313.48
88411	<p>additional time - for additional 15 minutes</p>	84.11
88042	<p>Per 30 minutes. Wound treatment without complications, no sharp debridement, no bio mechanical debridement, no compression therapy or off loading will be billed on this code. Ongoing wound assessment and education with every visit.</p>	168.21

880421	Code for additional time for additional 15 minutes	84.11
88040	Per 30 minutes. This code should be used for assessing suture lines in uncomplicated patients. No additional time should be allocated to this code.	129.98
88020	Per specimen. This included correct collection of material, swab or tissue, completion of documentation and speedy delivery to laboratory. Ensuring copies of reports to relevant team members are received and acted upon.	84.11
88049	Emergency/ Urgent/ unplanned treatment	168.21
88046	Per Ankle Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI). Involves testing systolic blood pressure on both arms and both legs with a hand held Doppler. Interpretation of results will determine if patient requires referral to vascular surgeon and if compression bandaging is suitable.	204.80
88047	Trans cutaneous Oxygen pressure (TcPO ₂). Measured by a trans cutaneous oxymeter. This measures the oxygen pressure in and around injured tissue, also used in lower limb assessment where arterial incompetence is suspected. Accurate indicator arterial disease and expected wound healing.	428.17
88301	Cost of material and special medicine used in treatment. Charges for medicine used in treatment not to exceed the retail Ethical Price List.	

- Skin closure strips
- Fast setting bandages
- Dressings
- Micropore
- Wound plast
- Orthopaedic wool bandage
- Surgical tape
- Stockinette
- Ribbon Gauze
- Cotton wool
- Crepe bandage
- Elastic adhesive bandage
- Zinc oxide adhesive plaster
- Absorbent gauze and gauze swabs
- Elastoplast
- Cleaning / infusion solution
- Dressing tray
- Ointment
- Gloves
- Face mask
- Protective sheet
- Protective apron