



PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE CIRCULAR

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FEBRUARY 2006 PROSTHESES LIST

Purpose

The purposes of this Circular are to inform the health industry that:

- The delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing has made a determination giving effect to a new version of the Prosthesis List (February 2006); and
- The February 2006 Prosthesis List commences on 14 March 2006.

Variations from the previous Prosthesis List – Part A

The February 2006 Prosthesis List (Part A) contains the following changes:

- 210 products have been deleted at the request of the supplier (Attachment 3).
- 410 new products have been added; and
- Approximately 700 products have been changed at the request of the supplier (Attachment 4)

Variations from the previous Prosthesis List – Part B (Human Tissues)

The February Prosthesis List (Part B) contains the following changes:

- 4 new human tissues have been added;
- 10 human tissues have been deleted at the request of the supplier (Attachment 5); and
- 26 human tissues have been changed at the request of the supplier. (Attachment 6).

Gap permitted products

A list of the gap permitted products is set out at Attachment 7.

Corrections

Suppliers are asked to carefully check the listing of their new products and changes requested to previous listings, and report any errors to the PDC Secretariat as soon as possible. Advice of errors should be emailed to Prostheses@health.gov.au by no later than Tuesday 14 March 2006.

Any errors will be corrected in an amending determination that will be released on 1 April 2006 and will take effect from 15 April 2006.

Standard Freight and Loan Kit Costs

It should be noted that the cost of standard freight and loan kits is included in the benefits amounts for the following products:

- products that have been evaluated and grouped by Clinical Advisory Groups (ie cardiac stents, cardiac pacemakers and leads, cardiac defibrillators and leads, hip replacements, knee replacements and intraocular lenses);
- new products listed in February 2005;
- new products listed in August 2005; and
- new products listed in February 2006.

A field has been added to the Prostheses Database labelled "Freight/Loan Kit Fees Incl" to identify these products. If this field is checked, the cost of freight and loan kits has been included in the benefit amount/s for the product.

If this field is not checked, hospitals and health funds will need to check with the supplier whether the cost of freight or loan kits is included in the benefit amount/s.

The field is visible in "Tables" and "Forms" views of the database.

Over time, as new products are added to the Prostheses List and benefit amounts for grandfathered products are negotiated, every product on the List will have freight and loan kit fees included in the benefit amount/s. Once that occurs, the field will be removed from the database.

Choice of product

The clinical choice of which product to use remains a matter between the doctor and the patient and it is not to be influenced by the manufacturer, supplier or health fund.

New suppliers

The following new suppliers have products listed on the Prostheses List:

Ackermann Australia Pty Ltd

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Darco Australia

Contact: Amanda Hickey
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REGENTS PARK NSW 2143
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Fax: 02 8717 7999
Email: amanda.hickey@optusnet.com.au

Edwards Medical Supplies

Contact: Eric Paulsen
PO Box 3085
NARELLAN NSW 2567
Ph: 02 4647 1444
Fax: 02 4647 9871
Email: inmed@bigpond.net.au

Global Medical Solutions Australia Pty Ltd

Contact: Jason Beirne
PO Box 115
ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
Ph: 02 9567 4792
Fax: 02 9012 0272
Email: Jason.beirne@gms-aus.com

Sirtex Medical Limited

Contact: Dr Marius van den Berg
Unit F6, Parkview
Lane Cove Business Park
16 Mars Road
LANE COVE NSW 2066
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Email: mvandenbergs@sirtex.com

Straumann Pty Ltd

Contact: Angela Young
7 Gateway Court
PORT MELBOURNE VIC 3207
Ph: 03 9646 7060
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If you require further information please telephone: (02) 6289 9853/24 hr answering machine or email the enquiry to

PrivateHealth@health.gov.au

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