

**Health Services**

Cap. 44.

**HEALTH SERVICES (HOSPITAL FEES)  
REGULATIONS, 1977**1977/168.  
1982/143.  
1982/159.  
1992/54.  
1992/65.  
2006/120.**Authority:** These Regulations were made on 5th August 1977 by the Minister under section 100(2) of the *Health Services Act*.**Commencement:** 14th August, 1977.**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the *Health Services (Hospital Fees) Regulations, 1977*. Short title.**2.** In these Regulations,Interpreta-  
tion.

"consultant" means all grades and designations of consultant, and includes an honorary consultant, an associate consultant and an assistant consultant;

"Hospital" means the Queen Elizabeth Hospital;

"medical practitioner" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the *Medical Registration Act*;

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"medical staff" means the medical staff of the Hospital;

"patient" means any person who is provided with services, accommodation or treatment at the Hospital.

**2A.** A personFees.  
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(a) who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Barbados; or

(b) who enters into a private arrangement with a consultant or other medical practitioner

shall pay fees in accordance with these Regulations for services performed at the Hospital.

Classifica-  
tion of  
surgical  
operations.  
First  
Schedule

**3.** The classification of surgical operations contained in the *First Schedule* is the classification to be adopted for the purposes of these Regulations.

**4.** *Revoked by 2006/120.*

Consultant's  
fees and fees  
for other  
services.  
Third  
Schedule.

**5.** (1) Subject to regulation 6 and any exceptions contained in the *Third Schedule*, there shall be paid by or on behalf of every patient who enters into a private arrangement with a consultant for the payment of any fees in respect of any service mentioned in that Schedule such fee, not exceeding the maximum fee that a consultant may charge in respect of that service.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a patient is not entitled to pay fees to a consultant if that patient is admitted to a public ward and, not less than 2 days before his discharge, is without his consent in writing, admitted to a private ward.

Limitation  
of consult-  
ants' fees.

**6.** Where

(a) the services of more than one consultant are necessary in a series of treatments for the relief of a particular condition of a patient; and

(b) the total sum that, in accordance with regulation 5, those consultants taken together may charge exceeds \$1 000,

then the amount charged shall be equally proportioned among the consultants in such a manner that the total sum to be paid by the patient does not exceed \$1 000.

Prison  
Officers,  
members of  
the Police  
Force and  
Fire Service.

**7.** Notwithstanding regulation 5, Prison Officers, members of the Police Force and members of the Fire Service

(a) are exempt from payment of fees if they are admitted to a public ward; and

- (b) if they are admitted to a private or semi-private ward,
- (i) are entitled to the remission of 50 per cent of the fees set out in paragraph 1 of the *Second Schedule*; and
  - (ii) are exempt from the payment of fees under paragraphs 2 to 6 and 8 of that Schedule.

Second  
Schedule.

**8.** *Revoked by 2006/120.*

**9.** (1) Where, in any case not provided for by these Regulations, the Hospital Director is satisfied that by reason of

Fees in  
cases not  
otherwise  
provided for.

- (a) the ability or willingness of a patient to pay; or
- (b) the coverage of a patient by an insurance scheme policy,

fees ought to be paid by or on behalf of that patient in respect of services, accommodation or treatment, that patient may be charged such fees not exceeding one half of the maximum fees payable by patients in a private room in respect of such services, accommodation or treatment.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where a patient is admitted to a public ward, that patient shall not be required to pay any fees to a consultant unless the Hospital Director so certifies.

**10.** (1) Subject to paragraph (2), fees charged pursuant to these Regulations are payable by a patient who has been provided with the accommodation, treatment or services for which such fees are chargeable.

Persons by  
whom fees  
are payable.

- (2) Fees charged under these Regulations are payable by
- (a) the parent or, as the case may be, guardian of the patient if the patient is a minor;
  - (b) any person who has, in writing, accepted responsibility for payment of fees charged.

**11.** *Revoked by 2006/120.*



FIRST SCHEDULE

*(Regulation 3)*

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

*Major*

Abscess of brain

Acute appendicitis

Amputation at hip

Amputation of penis (total)

Amputation at shoulder

Amputation through thigh

Any operation involving intestinal suture

Biliary fistula

Carcinoma of the colon

Cholecystectomy

Cholescystenterostomy

Cleft palate or radical operation for malignant growth of palate

Closure of faecal fistula or artificial anus

Complete prolapse of rectum involving laparotomy, colostomy or  
intestinal anastomosis

Complicated fistula

Craniotomy

Cystectomy

Depressed fracture

Diverticulitis

Double inguinal and/or femoral hernia

Drainage of bile ducts

Enterotomy, colotomy, colostomy

Epithelioma of the anus

Epithelioma of lip with excision of glands

Epithelioma of the tongue with radical operation upon the glands

Excision of cysts or tuberculous glands of neck (deep to deep fascia)

Excision of larger joints

Excision of rectum

Gastrectomy

Gastro-enterostomy

Gastrostomy

Gastrotomy

Grafting with tube grafts

Harelip

Hernia (strangulated or irreducible)

Hydatid of lung or liver

Implantation of radium or radon seeds in the cranium, chest, abdomen or bladder

Intestinal obstruction (including intussusception)

Laminectomy

Litholapaxy

Meningeal haemorrhage

Nephrectomy

Perforated ulcer of the alimentary tract

Prefrontal leucotomy

Prostatectomy

Pyelo-or nephro-lithotomy

Radical removal of breast

Rammstedt's operation

Removal of stone from ureter

Rupture of bladder

Rupture of urethra

Splenectomy

Subphrenic abscess requiring trans-thoracic or trans-peritoneal abscess

Sympathectomy

Thyroidectomy

Transplantation of ureters

Tumor of the brain and similar operations

*Intermediate*

Abscess of prostate

Adenoma of thyroid

Amputation of limbs, except fingers and toes (minor) and thigh, shoulder and hip (major)

Amputation of penis (partial)

Appendicitis (non-acute)

Castration

Diathermy to growths of bladder (first time intermediate, afterwards minor)

Drainage of gall bladder

Empyema

Fistula-in-ano

Haemorrhoidectomy

Hernia inguinal, femoral, umbilical or ventral (simple)

Hydrocele (radical)

Imperforate anus

Implantation of radium or radon seeds, except where included under "Major" or "Minor"

Injection of Gasserian ganglia

Injection of pruritus ani

Peritonitis (tuberculosis pneumococcal)

Prolapse of rectum

Radical operation for anal fissure

Rectal polypi

Sacro-coccygeal dermoid sinus

Simple removal of whole breast

Suprapubic cystostomy and similar operations



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*Minor*

Abscess except where included in Major and Intermediate operations

Amputation of fingers or toes

Any condition treated by surgical diathermy under general anaesthesia, other than mouth, or tongue or bladder

Blood transfusion (grouping and expenses of donor extra)

Cystoscopy

Dilatation of anus for fissure

Dilatation of rectal stricture

Dilatation of urethra

Examination under anaesthetic

Hydrocele (Injection)

Implantation of radium or radon seeds for treatment of skin tumour

Induction of pneumothorax

Ischiorectal abscess

Lupus

Naevi, except in severe cases

Plastic operations not requiring a tube graft and of a simple kind

Pyelography (not including services of radiologist)

Removal of anal warts and anal papillae

Removal of needles from hand or foot or elsewhere

Rodent ulcer not involving bone or eye

Sebaceous cysts

Skin grafting where not included in Major operations

Tuberculous caseous glands of neck (curettng)

Varicocele  
and similar operations

#### GYNAECOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

##### *Major*

##### *Vulvo-Vaginal:*

Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy with amputation of the cervix  
(Manchester operation)

Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy with vaginal hysterectomy  
(Mayo-Palmer operation)

Any vaginal operations when combined with coeliotomy, viz.,  
col poperineoplasty with ventrofixation

Radical excision of vulva and glands

Repair of vaginal fistulae

Vaginal hysterectomy

##### *Uterus and Adnexa:*

Cyst of the broad ligament

Hysterectomy

Myomectomy

Salpingectomy (acute inflammation, complicated pro- or hydro-salinx,  
extra-uterine gestation)  
and similar operations

*Intermediate*

*Vulvo-Vaginal:*

Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy

Colporrhaphy and/or perineorrhaphy

*Uterus and Adnexa:*

Dilatation with intra-uterine operations

Evacuation of retained products

Ovariectomy

Salpingectomy or salpingostomy  
and similar operations

*Minor*

*Vulvo-Vaginal:*

Cauterisation

Colpotomy

Cysts or simple tumours of the vulva and vagina

Relief of atresia vaginae

Removal of Caruncle Urethral prolapse

*Uterus and Adnexa:*

Induction of radiation menopause

Curettage

*Cervix:*

- Biopsy of endometrium
- Dilatation
- Insufflation
- Removal of polypi  
and similar operations

## EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

*Major*

- Extensive operative treatment of malignant disease
- Open, i.e., external operation on the larynx and pharynx  
(exclusive of laryngotomy)
- Open operations on the nasal accessory sinuses
- Operations on the temporal bone exclusive of simple mastoidectomy
- Operations for complications of suppurative otitis media  
and similar operations

*Intermediate*

- Operative treatment of malignant disease involving skin of face only
- Operative peroral endoscopy (i.e. bronchoscopy, oesophagoscopy and  
Laryngoscopy)
- Intra-nasal operations
- Simple tracheotomy
- Simple mastoidectomy
- Reduction of long standing fractures of nose or facial bones
- Removal of tonsils or adenoids  
and similar operations.

*Minor*

Diagnostic peroral endoscopy

Opening of quinsies

Myringotomy

Reduction of recent nasal fractures

Simple removal of nasal polypi and similar operations

OPHTHALMIC OPERATIONS

*Major*

Corneal grafting

Detachment of retina

Exenteration of orbit

Extraction of senile cataract

Glaucoma, acute or chronic

Iridectomy

Kronlein's operation

Operation for dislocated lens

Ptosis

Reconstruction of eyelids

Removal of intraocular foreign body

Removal of intraorbital tumors

Strabismus  
and similar operations

*Intermediate*

Conical corneal  
Corneal adscision or tattooing  
Corneal wound  
Epicanthus  
Excision of lachrymal sac, all methods  
Excision of rodent ulcer  
Excision of evisceration of eyeball  
Exploration of orbit  
Lachrymal abscess  
Needling capsule after senile cataract  
Needling juvenile cataract  
Orbital abscess  
Paracentesis  
Radon applications for neoplasm  
Trichiasis  
and similar operations

*Minor*

Canaliculus and lachrymal duct exploration  
Cauterisation of corneal ulcer  
Chalazion  
Ectropion

Entropion

Excision of pterygium

Peritomy

Removal of superficial dermoid

Removal of foreign body embedded in cornea

Suturing lid wounds  
and similar operations

ORTHOPAEDIC OPERATIONS

*Major*

Amputation through hip

Congenital club foot

Congenital dislocation of the hip

Disarticulation of the hip and shoulder

Excision of cervical rib

Excision of larger joints

Internal derangement of the knee and other joints

Laminectomy

Open reduction of fractures

Operative treatment of compound fractures

Radical operation for bone tumor

Reconstructive operations on bone and joints

Arthrodesis

Arthroplasty

Bone grafts

Repair of intricate tendon injuries

Secondary nerve sutures

Severe congenital and acquired deformities requiring open correction

Spina bifida

Tendon transplantation  
and similar operations

*Intermediate*

Amputation of limbs, except fingers and toes (minor) and thigh,  
shoulder and hip (major)

Closed reduction and fixation of fractures involving joints or  
shafts of larger bones

Emergency operations for acute osteomyelitis and acute suppurative  
arthritis

Excision of bursae communicating with larger joints

Manipulation of larger joints

Open correction of simpler deformities

Hallux valgus	}	Unilateral
Hallux rigidus		
Pes cavus		
Torticollis		

Primary nerve and tendon repairs  
and similar operations

*Minor*

Amputations of toes and fingers

Application of plaster-of-paris casts with or without anaesthesia

Hammer toe

Manipulation of smaller joints



Removal of exostoses

Removal of small bursae

Simple manipulation or tenotomy and plasters  
and similar operations

OROSURGICAL OPERATIONS

*Intermediate*

Removal of complicated impacted or unerupted teeth  
and similar operations

*Minor*

Alveolectomies

Apicectomies

Extraction of teeth (multiple)

Removal of small tumours of dental origin

Simple fractures of the maxilla and mandible

Uncomplicated impacted or buried teeth  
and similar operations.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

*(Regulations 4 and 7)*

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Permanent Residents	Others
1. Accommodation including services specified in items 6, 14, 15 and 16 except SAD medications		
(a) Private Room	\$150 per day or part thereof	\$300 per day or part thereof
(b) Ward accommodation other than the Intensive Care Unit	\$40 per day or part thereof	\$80 per day or part thereof
(c) Medical Intensive Care Unit	\$250 per day or part thereof	\$500 per day or part thereof
(d) Surgical Intensive Care Unit	\$300 per day or part thereof	\$600 per day or part thereof
(e) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	\$150 per day or part thereof	\$300 per day or part thereof
2. Use of Operating Theatre		
(a) For Major Operations	\$300 per operation	\$600 per day per operation
(b) For Minor Operations	\$150 per operation	\$300 per day per operation
3. Use of Delivery Rooms	\$200 per delivery	\$400 per daily
4. Use of Outpatients Clinics	No charge	\$40 per visit
5. Use of Accident and Emergency Department	No charge	\$40 per visit

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Permanent Residents	Others
6. Use of Laboratory Equipment	\$5 to \$40 per schedule	\$5 to \$40 per schedule
7. Use of Radiology Equipment		1992/65
(a) C.T. Scan	\$400 per exam	\$800 per exam
(b) Cardiac Catheterization	\$150 per exam	\$300 per exam
(c) Ultrasound	\$10 per exam	\$20 per exam
(d) Simple X-ray Examination	\$10 per exam	\$20 per exam
(e) Complex X-ray Examination	\$100 per exam	\$200 per exam
8. Use of Cardiology Equipment		
(a) Electrocardiogram	\$10 per exam	\$20 per exam
(b) Echocardiogram	\$50 per exam	\$100 per exam
(c) Holter Monitoring and Analysis	\$25 per exam	\$50 per exam
(d) Treadmill Stress Testing	\$50 per exam	\$100 per exam
(e) Pacemaker Implantations	\$50 per implant	\$100 per implant
9. Use of Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine Equipment		
(a) Cobalt Therapy	\$100 per treatment	\$200 per treatment

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Permanent Residents	Others
(b) X-ray Therapy	\$50 per treatment	\$100 per treatment
(c) Nuclear Scanning	\$100 per exam	\$200 per exam
10. Use of Neurology Equipment	\$15 per test	\$30 per test
11. Use of Endoscopy Equipment	\$50 per procedure	\$100 per procedure
12. Use of Respiratory Diagnostic Equipment	\$15 per test	\$30 per test
13. Use of Haemodialysis Equipment	\$125 per treatment	\$250 per treatment
14. Physiotherapy	\$20 per session	\$40 per session
15. Occupational Therapy	\$20 per session	\$40 per session
16. Medicines	In accordance with the Barbados Drug Service Regulations	Cost of Medication plus 50% with a minimum charge of \$15 per item
17. Use of Hospital Vehicles	\$100 per trip	\$200 per trip
18. Telephone excluding overseas calls	\$5 per extension per day	\$5 per extension per day

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Permanent Residents	Others
19. Storage of Dead Bodies in the Hospital Mortuary	\$110 per day or part thereof beginning with the day after notification to the next of kin of the availability of the body for burial	As for citizens and permanent residents

Exceptions for Accommodation charges

- (1) A mother admitted to stay with her child is entitled to a reduction equal to 50% of the fees specified in Item 1 of this schedule.
- (2) A child born in the hospital is entitled to be accommodated free of charge immediately after birth until discharged.
- (3) Where the Hospital Director, on the recommendation of a consultant, permits a private room to be shared, each occupant is entitled to a reduction equal to 40% of the room rate in respect of each day of shared occupancy.

THIRD SCHEDULE

*(Regulation 5)*

PART A

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Permanent Residents	Others
1. (a) Attendances and consultations by the Consultant Physician and any other Specialist not specified elsewhere:		
(i) First day of hospitalization		
(ii) Each subsequent day of hospitalization	\$ 25.50	\$ 51.00
(iii) Special procedures	\$ 12.75	\$ 25.50
(b) The amount of fees payable under this paragraph shall not exceed	\$ 25.50	\$ 51.00
(c) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a) "special procedures" includes lumbar puncture, sternal marrow puncture, fluid aspiration	\$250.00	\$500.00
(d) The fee payable under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be increased by 10% if the patient receives emergency treatment at night.		

ITEM	FEES	
	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
2. Consultant Surgeons		
(a) Cases involving operations and any necessary attendances:		
(i) Major operations	\$250.00	\$500.00
(ii) Intermediate operation	\$150.00	\$300.00
(iii) Minor operation	\$ 60.00	\$120.00
(b) In cases not involving operations the fees shall be the same as those specified in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.		
3. Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologists		
(a) For booked cases, whether normal or abnormal, including attendance during labour and Caesarean sections where necessary	\$200.00	\$400.00
(b) Where in addition all attendance in the ante-natal and post-natal periods is given at the hospital	\$ 60.00	\$120.00
(c) Obstetric emergencies	\$250.00	\$500.00
(d) In cases not involving operations, the fees shall be the same as those specified in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.		

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	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
4. Consultant Anaesthetist and Assistants		
(a) Major operation	\$125.00	\$250.00
(b) Intermediate operation	\$ 75.00	\$150.00
(c) Minor Operation	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
5. <i>Revoked by 2006/120</i>		

PART B

BACTERIOLOGICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL FEES

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## PART C

## DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
<i>GROUP I</i>		
Simple casualty examination of limbs		
Shoulder		
Hand		
Foot	not to exceed \$10.00	not to exceed \$20.00
Hip		
Knee		
Elbow		
Skull		
<i>GROUP II</i>		
More extensive examination of the skeletal system: for example:		
Thoracic cage for ribs		
Cervical spine		
Dorsal spine	not to exceed \$25.00	not to exceed \$25.00
Lumbar spine		
Pelvis		
Facial bones		
sinuses		

	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
<i>GROUP III</i>		
Simple examinations of the internal organs: for example:		
Chest		
Abdomen		
Skull for nervous disease	not to exceed \$25.00	not to exceed \$50.00
Gall bladder region		
Renal Tract		
<i>GROUP IV</i>		
Elaborate examinations of internal organs:		
Opaque meal		
Opaque enema		
Intravenous Pyelography		
Salpingography	not to exceed \$45.00	not to exceed \$90.00
Intravenous Cholangiography		
Tomographs of various organs		
Bronchograms		
Myelography		

	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
<i>GROUP V</i>		
Time consuming examination of special organs:		
for example:		
Angiography of brain		
Angiography of abdominal or chest organs	not to exceed \$120.00	not to exceed \$240.00
Air encephalography		

## PART D

## DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

	Citizens & Ordinarily Resident Persons	Others
1. Radiation Therapy by any modality: Malignant Disease		
(a) Single Session	\$ 60.00	\$120.00
(b) Multiple Sessions	\$100.00	\$200.00
2. Radiation Therapy by any modality:		
(a) Single Session	\$ 60.00	
(a) Single Session		
(b) Multiple Sessions	\$100.00	\$200.00
(i) 2 - 7 days	\$150.00	\$300.00
(ii) 8 - 14 days	\$250.00	\$500.00
(iii) more than 14 days		
3. Radioisotope Tests (Uptakes, Remogram, scanning, etc.)	\$ 12.50 to \$ 25.00	\$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00
4. Chemotherapy As per scale for Consultants Physicians		
5. Minor Surgery and Special procedures as per scale for Consultant surgeons.		

*All fees to be inclusive of planning and check films.*