

A listing of the item numbers for Podiatrists. (effective from 1 September, 2024)

Item Number	Full Description	Abbreviated Description
General Podiatric Services and Consultations		
Clinic		
Initial Patient		
002	Consultations are provided to a patient who is new/non-active to the practice.	INTERMEDIATE
004	Consultations are provided to a patient who is new/non-active to the practice.	COMPREHENSIVE
005	Consultation and assessment of lower limb-related complications of Diabetes.	COMPREHENSIVE
Active Patient		
010	Consultations are provided to a patient already known to the practice with records on file.	BRIEF SERVICE
012	Consultations are provided to a patient already known to the practice with records on file.	INTERMEDIATE
014	Consultations are provided to a patient already known to the practice with records on file.	COMPREHENSIVE
015	An acute episode of lower limb injury related to complications from Diabetes. Initial 6 weeks upon diagnosis with reassessment following this period if necessary.	ACUTE SERVICE
016	Management of lower limb-related complications from Diabetes.	MANAGEMENT SERV
Home-based Domiciliary Care – Consultations provided to patients in their usual place of residence		
Initial Patient		
023	Consultations are provided to a patient who is new/non-active to the clinician/care plan.	INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
024		COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE
025	Consultation and assessment of lower limb-related complications of Diabetes.	COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE

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Active Patient		
031		BRIEF SERVICE
033	Consultations are provided to a patient that is already known to the clinician/has an existing care plan with records on file.	INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
034		COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE
035	Acute episode of lower limb injury related to complications from Diabetes. Initial 6 weeks upon diagnosis with reassessment following this period if necessary.	ACUTE SERVICE
036	Management of lower limb-related complications from Diabetes.	MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Travel: Can be used when travelling for a non-clinic based episode of care.		
550	Travel time from the practitioner's prior consultation to the client's residence and from the client's residence to the practitioner's next appointment (rate per 15 minutes)	
Hospitals: Consultations that are provided to patients in a hospital. These items are used to identify the additional cost of transporting the podiatrist, all necessary equipment, and the preparation for medical intervention. These items should not be used to describe the provision of services that are already funded by the facility.		
Initial Patient		
551	Consultations are provided to a patient who is new/non-active to the clinician/care plan.	INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
Active Patient		
552	Consultations are provided to a patient who is new/non-active to the clinician/care plan.	INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
Vascular Studies		
101	Photoplethysmography (PPG) is a method used to monitor the pulse in the most distal part of the foot, typically on the hallux (or lesser toes). It involves measuring the distal segmental systolic pressure using sphygmomanometry. This systolic pressure, when combined with a brachial pressure, allows for the calculation of a Toe/Brachial Index (TBI). The TBI is a reliable and objective measurement for assessing ischemia in the foot. This procedure also includes the measurement of the Ankle Brachial Index (ABI).	PLETHYSMOGRAPHY
104	Peripheral Flow Study (including Doppler) – arterial and venous.	PERIPHERAL FLOW

Item Number	Full Description	Abbreviated Description
Biomechanical Examination (Pair) and/or Assessment (Itemised Examination of the patient's lower limb. The item numbers F111 – F117 represent the separate elements of this examination).		
111	Muscle Testing. Measuring muscle strength & tone	MUSCLE TEST
114	Range of motion study. Anomalies to be recorded	MOTION STUDY
115	Digital gait analysis	COMP GAIT ANLYS
117	Visual gait appraisal. Anomalies to be recorded	GAIT APPRAISE
118	Biomechanical Assessment (includes F111, F114, and either F115 or F117). A complete assessment of the patient's muscle tone and range of motion of the joints of the lower limb and foot, combined with a digital or visual gait appraisal. Anomalies to be recorded.	BIOMECH ASSESS
Physical Therapy		
142	Neuromuscular re-education	
145	Non-invasive rehabilitative functional therapy (e.g. Stretching, Strengthening, Electrophysical therapy, massage, padding and or taping, hot/cold therapy).	
147	Manipulation / Mobilisation – treatment involving the use of manual joint manipulation, mobilisation and trigger point therapy.	MANIP/MOBLISTN
Orthomechanical Services and Procedures		
Impressions and Models		
301	Negative model of the foot, or part thereof, can be obtained through a number of techniques, such as impression foam and plaster. To be used as an independent procedure for the prescribing of an orthosis or prosthesis.	NEGIMPRS ORTHIC
302	Positive model of the foot or part thereof and including modifications for the prescribing of an orthosis or prosthesis (this may also include 3D imaging or digital scans depending on software).	POSIMPRS ORTHIC
304	Negative impression of the foot and up to the lower 1/3 of the lower leg, obtained through a number of techniques, such as impression foam and plaster. To be used as an independent procedure for the prescribing of an orthosis or prosthesis.	NEGIMPRSLWR1/3
305	Positive model fabrication of the foot and up to the lower 1/3 of the lower leg (e.g. plaster cast, wax) and including modifications for the prescribing of an orthosis or prosthesis (this may also include 3D imaging or digital scans depending on software).	POSIMPRS LWR1/3

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Custom Made / Cast Orthosis		
201	Ankle-Foot Orthosis (AFO). A brace worn on the lower leg and foot to support the ankle and hold the foot and ankle in the desired position.	ANKL/FT ORTHIC
211	Orthodigital traction device. A device manufactured with the purpose of mobilising a toe and/or toe joints for the correction of hallux valgus, hammer toes, underlapping or overlapping toes. Can be made from a variety of materials. Custom made.	ORTHIC TRACTN
221	Custom-made Functional Orthosis (Single). A functional foot orthosis that is custom-made from an impression of the patient's foot (can be obtained by plaster or foam impression or 3D imaging) with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic modifications. Can be made from a variety of materials.	CUSTOM ORTHIC
223	Custom made orthotic (single). Made and fitted in the same day using technology such as a 3D printer. A functional foot orthosis that is custom-made from an impression of the patient's foot (obtained by plaster or foam impression, 3D imaging or digital scan) with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic modifications. Made using technology such as a 3D printer.	CUSTOM NEW TECH
227	Heel stabiliser	HEEL STABILSER
261	Cushioning Orthosis – Simple (single). Flexible device, made from cushioning material such as rubber or other similar composite material, the design of which is based upon measurements of the patient foot and / or shoe. Aim is to provide cushioning and padding underfoot and shock absorption during gait.	CUSHION ORTHIC
263	Pressure Relief Orthosis – Complex (single). Device made from material such as rubber or other similar composite materials, the design of which is based upon either measurements of the patient's foot and/or their shoes, or from a reproduced mould of the patient's foot.	PRESSURE ORTHIC
265	Moulded Orthosis (single). A device made from heat sensitive thermoplastic, forming the orthosis shell. The aim of this orthosis is to provide correction, cushioning, padding and / or redistribution of load away from areas of increased pressure and / or shock absorption in gait.	MOULDCST ORTHIC
269	Heel lift made of thermoplastic or similar material	HEEL LIFT
271	Interior shoe modification (e.g. tri-planar wedge, met bars, met domes, toe-filler, felt heel lifts, valgus pads).	SHOE PADDING
341	Protective device (e.g. Otoform toe splint, latex bunion shield, interdigital wedge)	PROTECT DEVICE
344	Minimally invasive nail correction (e.g. nail brace).	NAILBRACE CUST

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Prefabricated & modified Orthoses		
229	Heel stabiliser	PREFABHEEL STBL
240	Pre-moulded or Preformed (off the shelf) Orthosis. An orthosis selected from a range of prefabricated devices with varied design features (including different materials and construction specifications) depending on the supplier or manufacturer. Requires modification.	PREMOULD ORTHIC
241	Pre-moulded or Preformed (off the shelf) Orthosis. An orthosis selected from a range of prefabricated devices with varied design features (including different materials and construction specifications) depending on the supplier or manufacturer. Requires no modification.	PREMOULD ORTHIC
Orthosis Modifications and Repairs		
351	Digital or partial foot prosthesis	PROSTHESIS
381	Orthosis cover – plain (single)	ORTHICCOVER PLN
383	Orthosis cover – with soft tissue supplement (single)	ORTHICCOVER SUP
385	Orthosis Post, extrinsic – forefoot or rearfoot (single)	ORTHIC POST
Prosthetic Devices		
008	Footwear assessment. Includes assessment and completion of treatment plan.	
284	Infant foot deformity – correction shoe	CRRCT SHOE INF
311	Immobilisation splint, thermoplastic, plaster, or other; below knee	SPLNT BLOW KNEE
312	Immobilisation splint, thermoplastic, plaster, or other; ankle/foot	SPLNT ANKLE/FT
315	Immobilisation splint, thermoplastic, plaster, or other; above knee	SPLNT ABVE KNEE
Footwear		
605	Custom Footwear	
618	Depth Width Footwear, non-custom	

Podiatric Surgery

Note: Codes to be used for a general podiatrist conducting minor procedures in the practice.

119	Surgical assessment	SURGERY ASSESS
421	Incision and drainage of infected or non-infected lesion	INCISN/DRAINAGE
438	Debridement of post-operative wound	DEBRIDE

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440	Avulsion of toenail	TOENAIL AVULSN
445	Excision, benign lesion	LESION EXCISN
474	Excision nail and/or nail matrix. Partial, for permanent removal.	
475	Excision nail and/or nail matrix. Complete, for permanent removal.	
476	Excision or plastic correction of peri-ungual tissue.	
492	Linear repair.	
541	Electrocautery, chemocautery or cryocautery of benign or quiescent lesion or verrucae, with or without curettage	LESION CAUTERY
546	Nail root and matrix resection with matrix sterilisation (single edge)	NAIL RESECT EDG
547	Nail root and matrix resection with matrix sterilisation (total nail)	NAIL RESECT TTL
548	Nail and root matrix resection with matrix sterilisation – each additional edge.	
561	Incision of soft tissue abscess (superficial).	

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Note: Item numbers for procedures not related to skin or nail tissues are restricted to Fellows of the Australian College of Podiatric Surgeons.

Other Procedures

401	Collection and handling of specimen for transfer to a laboratory	HANDLE SPECIMEN
411	Medical/Surgical supplies (e.g. dressings, list drugs)	SUPPLIES
412	Written podiatric report	WRITTEN REPORT
985	Unlisted podiatry service or procedure	UNLISTED SRVCE

*(Alternatively, the full listing is readily available at www.apodc.com.au – Service Item Descriptors)

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HICAPS Hints

- If the card does not have the patient IDs listed, start with 01.
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- Descriptions relating to the Transaction Response Codes are listed in the HICAPS Terminal User Guide.

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