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USING ACHI

CONVENTIONS USED IN ACHI TABULAR LIST

1. FORMAT

1.1 First level – anatomical site axis

ACHI Tabular List is structured with a principal axis of anatomical site. Within each chapter the anatomical site is structured by a ‘superior’ to ‘inferior’ (head-to-toe) approach.

1.2 Second level – intervention type axis

The secondary axis is intervention type, beginning with the least invasive intervention through to the most invasive intervention. Standardised interventional axes are:

Examination

Application, Insertion, Removal

Incision

Destruction

Excision

Reduction (only applicable to Chapter 15 Procedures on Musculoskeletal system)

Repair

Reconstruction

Revision

Reoperation

Other procedures

1.3 Third level – block axis

ACHI is structured on an anatomical basis, therefore code numbers (particularly those based on MBS item numbers) do not always appear in numerical order within the Tabular List. Therefore, a third level axis, called a **block**, is utilised. Blocks are numbered sequentially in the ACHI Tabular List to assist clinical coders in locating a specific code, and have titles that relate to the codes contained within the block.

1.3.1. Black reverse text boxes

Black reverse text boxes are used for all block numbers (see Example 1). They are **not valid** codes and **cannot** be assigned.

Example 1:

Tabular List: **1340** **Caesarean section**

Rationale: Black reverse text box for the block number (*Convention 1.3.1*).

Exception(s)

1. There are certain chapters that are exceptions to the general format:

- Chapter 6 *Dental services*

This chapter is based on ‘*The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary, Thirteenth Edition*’ (Australian Dental Association 2022).

This chapter is structured on a service basis (eg diagnostic services, preventative services, periodontics, oral surgery). Secondary axes, in most instances, relate to intervention type.

- Chapter 14 *Obstetric procedures*

This chapter has a principal axis relating to the pregnancy cycle (eg antepartum procedures, procedures associated with labour, delivery procedures). Secondary axes relate to intervention type.

Block No.	Block Name	Block No.	Block Name
1	Examination of skull, meninges or brain	41	Insertion and removal of spinal cerebrospinal fluid drain
2	Cranial tap or puncture	42	Insertion, removal and revision of spinal cerebrospinal fluid shunt
3	Insertion of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid devices	43	Insertion, replacement or removal of epidural electrodes
4	Removal of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid devices	45	Cordotomy or myelotomy
5	Irrigation, insertion or removal of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid shunt	46	Decompression of spinal cord or canal
6	Other application, insertion or removal procedures on skull, meninges or brain	49	Other incision procedures on spinal canal or spinal cord structures
7	Incisional exploration of meninges or brain	50	Biopsy of spinal cord or spinal meninges
8	Intracranial drainage	52	Discectomy
9	Intracranial decompression	53	Removal of spinal lesion
10	Postoperative reopening of craniotomy or craniectomy site	54	Other excision procedures on spinal canal or spinal cord structures
11	Destruction of intracranial aneurysm or other vascular lesion	55	Repair of spinal canal or spinal cord structures
12	Biopsy of brain or meninges	56	Revision procedures on spinal canal or spinal cord structures
13	Excision of lesion of skull	58	Functional spinal stereotactic procedure
14	Removal of intracranial haematoma or abscess	59	Other procedures on spinal canal or spinal cord structures
15	Removal of intracranial lesion	60	Administration of anaesthetic agent around cranial nerve
16	Other intracranial excision	61	Administration of neurolytic agent into cranial nerve
17	Skull base surgery for lesion	62	Administration of agent into posterior primary rami of spinal nerve
19	Ventriculostomy	63	Administration of anaesthetic agent around other peripheral nerve
20	Repair of dura of brain	64	Administration of neurolytic agent into other peripheral nerve
21	Extracranial to intracranial bypass	65	Administration of therapeutic agent around sympathetic nervous system
22	Other repair of meninges or brain	66	Administration of neurolytic agent into sympathetic nervous system
23	Cranioplasty	67	Insertion, replacement or removal of peripheral nerve electrodes
24	Revision of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid shunt	68	Exploration of brachial plexus
25	Procedures for skull fracture	69	Incision of optic nerve meninges
27	Functional intracranial stereotactic procedure	70	Trigeminal gangliotomy
28	Other procedures on skull, meninges or brain	71	Percutaneous neurotomy of primary posterior rami of spinal nerve
29	Examination of spinal canal and spinal cord structures	72	Percutaneous neurotomy of other peripheral nerve
30	Lumbar puncture	73	Division of intracranial nerve
31	Application, insertion or removal procedures on vertebra or intervertebral disc	74	Division of peripheral nerve
32	Epidural injection	75	Decompression of intracranial nerve
33	Epidural infusion	76	Release of carpal tunnel
34	Caudal injection	77	Other neurolysis of peripheral nerve and nerve trunk
35	Caudal infusion	78	Destruction of nerve
36	Spinal injection	79	Biopsy of nerve
37	Spinal infusion	80	Removal of lesion of nerve
38	Spinal blood patch	81	Surgical sympathectomy
39	Insertion of spinal catheter, infusion device or pump	82	Other neurectomy
40	Removal of spinal catheter, infusion device or pump		

CHAPTER 1

PROCEDURES ON
NERVOUS SYSTEM
(BLOCKS 1–86)

SKULL, MENINGES AND BRAIN

EXAMINATION

1 Examination of skull, meninges or brain

- 40903-00 Neuroendoscopy
Intraventricular neuroendoscopy
- Code also when performed:*
- insertion of shunt (40003-00, 40003-01, 40003-02, 40003-03 [5])
 - third ventriculostomy (40012-00, 40012-01 [19])
- Excludes:* that with biopsy (40903-01 [12])
- 40803-00 Intracranial stereotactic localisation
- Includes:* angiography
application of head frame
computer assisted coordinate determination
computerised tomography [CT]
localisation
magnetic resonance imaging [MRI]
targeting
ventriculography
- Note:* Performed for:
- brachytherapy
 - intracranial surgery
 - radiosurgery
 - radiotherapy.
- Code also when performed:*
- brachytherapy (90764 [1791])
 - burr holes NEC (39007-03 [7])
 - intracranial electrode:
 - adjustment (40709-02 [6])
 - insertion (40709-00 [6])
 - replacement (40709-03 [6])
 - radiosurgery (15600-00 [1789])
 - radiotherapy (15600-01 [1789])
 - stereo electroencephalography [SEEG] (92011-01 [1825])
- Code also:*
- surgical procedure(s) performed
- Excludes:* functional stereotactic procedure (40801-00 [27])
stereotactic:
 - cingulotomy (40801-00 [27])
 - pallidotomy (40801-00 [27])
 - thalamotomy (40801-00 [27])
 stereotaxy as a component of another intervention — omit code

APPLICATION, INSERTION, REMOVAL

2 Cranial tap or puncture

- 39009-00 Tap for subdural haemorrhage
Tap through fontanelle
Excludes: drainage via burr holes (39600-00 [8])
- 39007-00 Cisternal puncture
Includes: by percutaneous puncture
- 39007-01 Ventricular puncture
Ventricular puncture through previously implanted catheter
Includes: by percutaneous puncture
- 39703-03 Aspiration of brain cyst
Excludes: drainage of infected cyst (39900-00 [8])
- 39007-02 Other cranial puncture
Aspiration of:
 - subarachnoid space
 - subdural space NOS
 Cranial aspiration NOS
Includes: by percutaneous puncture

3 Insertion of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid devices

- Replacement of cerebrospinal fluid devices
Revision of cerebrospinal fluid devices
- 39015-00 Insertion of external ventricular drain
Excludes: insertion of ventricular cerebrospinal fluid shunt (40003-00, 40003-01, 40003-02 [5])
that with any other intracranial intervention — omit code
- 39015-01 Insertion of ventricular reservoir
Insertion of reservoir:
 - Ommaya
 - Rickham's
- 39015-02 Insertion of intracranial pressure [ICP] monitoring device, with monitoring

4 Removal of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid devices

- Excludes:* that with replacement (39015 [3])
- 90001-00 Removal of external ventricular drain
- 90001-01 Removal of ventricular reservoir
Removal of reservoir:
 - Ommaya
 - Rickham's
- 90001-02 Removal of intracranial pressure [ICP] monitoring device

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5 Irrigation, insertion or removal of intracranial cerebrospinal fluid shunt*Code also when performed:*

- neuroendoscopy (40903-00 [1])

Excludes: insertion of external ventricular drain (39015-00 [3])
revision of cerebrospinal fluid shunt (40009-00, 40009-01 [24])

90002-00 Irrigation of cerebrospinal fluid shunt

40003-00 Insertion of ventriculo-atrial shunt

Includes: stereotaxy
that via burr hole

40003-01 Insertion of ventriculopleural shunt

Includes: stereotaxy
that via burr hole

40003-02 Insertion of ventriculoperitoneal shunt
Ventriculoperitoneostomy

Includes: stereotaxy
that via burr hole

40003-03 Insertion of ventricular shunt to other extracranial site

Includes: stereotaxy
that via burr hole

40003-04 Insertion of cisternal shunt

Insertion of shunt:

- cisterno-atrial
- cisternoperitoneal
- cisternopleural

Includes: stereotaxy

40009-03 Removal of ventricular shunt

Excludes: that with replacement (40009-00 [24])

40009-04 Removal of cisternal shunt

Excludes: that with replacement (40009-01 [24])

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6 Other application, insertion or removal procedures on skull, meninges or brain

51111-00 Insertion of skull calipers

Insertion of skull:

- halo
- tongs

Excludes: with:

- closed reduction of spine (51110-02 [1387])
- immobilisation of spine NEC (51110-00 [1381])

40709-00 Insertion of intracranial electrode via burr holes

Implantation of intracranial electrode(s)

Includes: insertion of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator that for:

- deep brain stimulation [DBS]
- stereo electroencephalography [SEEG]

Note: Performed for:

- epilepsy
- multiple sclerosis
- pain control
- Parkinson's disease.

Code also when performed:

- brain neuromodulation [deep brain stimulation] [DBS] (40709-04 [1880])
- intracranial stereotactic localisation (40803-00 [1])
- stereo electroencephalography [SEEG] (92011-01 [1825])
- subcutaneous implantation of neurostimulator (39134-01 [1604])

40712-00 Insertion of intracranial electrode via craniotomy

Includes: insertion of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator subdural grids and strips

Note: Performed for:

- epilepsy
- multiple sclerosis
- pain control
- Parkinson's disease

40709-02 Adjustment of intracranial electrodes via burr holes

Revision of intracranial electrodes via burr holes

Includes: revision of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator that for:

- deep brain stimulation [DBS]
- stereo electroencephalography [SEEG]

Code also when performed:

- brain neuromodulation [deep brain stimulation] [DBS] (40709-04 [1880])
- intracranial stereotactic localisation (40803-00 [1])

40709-03 Replacement of intracranial electrodes via burr holes

Includes: replacement of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator that for:

- deep brain stimulation [DBS]
- stereo electroencephalography [SEEG]

Code also when performed:

- brain neuromodulation [deep brain stimulation] [DBS] (40709-04 [1880])
- intracranial stereotactic localisation (40803-00 [11])

40712-02 Adjustment of intracranial electrodes via craniotomy

Revision of intracranial electrodes via craniotomy

Includes: revision of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator

40712-03 Replacement of intracranial electrodes via craniotomy

Includes: replacement of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator

40709-01 Removal of intracranial electrode via burr holes

Includes: removal of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator that for:

- deep brain stimulation [DBS]
- stereo electroencephalography [SEEG]

Excludes: that with replacement (40709-03 [6])

40712-01 Removal of intracranial electrode via craniotomy

Includes: removal of extension wire connecting electrodes to neurostimulator

Excludes: that with replacement (40712-03 [6])

INCISION**7 Incisional exploration of meninges or brain****39007-03 Burr holes**
Intracranial exploration

Includes: that for:

- brachytherapy
- inspection

Excludes: that as operative approach for surgery — omit code

8**Intracranial drainage**

Includes: that via burr hole

Excludes: cerebrospinal fluid shunt (40003 [5], 40000-00, 40012 [19])

39900-00 Drainage of intracranial infection

Drainage of:

- infected brain cyst
- intracranial abscess

Excludes: postoperative reopening of craniotomy or craniectomy site (39721-00 [10])

39600-00 Drainage of intracranial haemorrhage

Drainage of haemorrhage:

- extradural
- intracerebral
- subdural

Includes: stereotaxy

Excludes: postoperative reopening of craniotomy or craniectomy site (39721-00 [10])

removal of intracranial haematoma:

- via osteoplastic craniotomy (39603-00 [14])
 - with craniectomy (39603-01 [14])
- tap of subdural haemorrhage through fontanelle (39009-00 [2])

39703-01 Drainage of intracranial lesion or cyst

Intracranial drainage NOS

Includes: cranioplasty
stereotaxy

Excludes: that of infected cyst (39900-00 [8])

9**Intracranial decompression****40015-00 Subtemporal decompression**

Includes: stereotaxy

39706-01 Decompression of intracranial tumour via osteoplastic craniotomy

Includes: cranioplasty
osteoplastic flap
stereotaxy

40106-00 Hind brain decompression

Decompression of:

- Arnold-Chiari malformation
- Chiari malformation

Includes: duraplasty

40106-01 Posterior cranial fossa decompression

Decompression for syringomyelia

Includes: craniotomy
duraplasty
laminectomy