

Rehab and your GP

GP Participation in Multidisciplinary Case Conferencing – Information for Rehabilitation Clinicians

Multidisciplinary Case Conferencing is one way General Practitioners (GPs) can be involved with discharge planning during an inpatient rehabilitation admission. Although this opportunity can result in valuable exchange of information and help to build relationships with a patient and their GP before transfer of care, it can be time consuming to organise. For large inpatient rehabilitation units and those establishing integration pathways with GPs, we have some suggestions on how you may prioritise this involvement.

Suggested Clinical Priorities for involvement of GP in Multidisciplinary Case Conferencing

- Significant change in function and/or care needs
 - especially cognition / communication
- New National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) clients or significant change to NDIS package of care
- New diagnosis of neurodegenerative condition (e.g. Dementia / Parkinson's Disease / Motor Neurone Disease)
- Medical complexity including new diagnosis of co-morbidity / co-morbidities
- Long inpatient admissions.

Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) has three claimable item numbers that are relevant for General Practitioner (GP) attendance in multidisciplinary case conferencing: **747, 750** and **758**

- Time limitations differentiate between these items (please see table on page three).

Eligibility

- The following professionals must be present: the GP **PLUS** at least two other health or community providers (that provide a different kind of care), e.g. Allied health, Rehabilitation Doctor, community care provider
- The family/patient can be present if they wish but it is not a requirement
- Patient must have a chronic or complex medical condition
- The case conference can take place face to face, over the phone or via telehealth/teleconference
- No more than five case conferences per patient can be claimed by the GP in a 12 month period.

Fees and Benefits

- Your patient's GP may charge out-of-pocket expenses for their attendance at case conferencing
- This is up to the GP
- When organising case conferencing, please ensure that at the time of booking, any likely out-of-pocket expenses are:
 - communicated by the GP to your mutual patient and
 - the patient consents to proceed.

Further Information

- This information was last updated on 31 May, 2023.
- For the most up to date information, including fees and benefits, please refer to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS Online) website:
<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Home>

Useful Hints

Before the case conference:

- When booking the case conference, give as much notice to the GP as possible
- Ensure the GP is aware their time is claimable via Medicare (see page three)

Documentation:

To facilitate correct clinical coding and revenue production for your facility, ensure the following is documented in the Integrated Electronic Medical Record (ieMR), in the correct inpatient encounter:

- State “case conference”
- Document all who are present, including stating GP is present (in person or over the phone / telehealth) and their discipline
- Document diagnosis
- Document discharge recommendations and who will be responsible for following this up
- Document how long the case conference has taken

Claimable Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Numbers

Item Number	Description	Time Limitations
747	Attendance by a general practitioner, as a member of a multidisciplinary case conference team, to participate in: (a) a community case conference; or (b) a multidisciplinary case conference in a residential aged care facility; or (c) a multidisciplinary discharge case conference	At least 15 minutes, but for less than 20 minutes
750	Attendance by a general practitioner, as a member of a multidisciplinary case conference team, to participate in: (a) a community case conference; or (b) a multidisciplinary case conference in a residential aged care facility; or (c) a multidisciplinary discharge case conference	At least 20 minutes, but for less than 40 minutes
758	Attendance by a general practitioner, as a member of a multidisciplinary case conference team, to participate in: (a) a community case conference; or (b) a multidisciplinary case conference in a residential aged care facility; or (c) a multidisciplinary discharge case conference	At least 40 minutes

Case Conference ieMR template

Cut and past the below into ieMR:

Case conference for: (patient name and date of birth)

Diagnosis:

Present:

Admission history:

Current issues:

Discharge plan:

Follow up plan:

Duration of Case conference:

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