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CHARGING PROTOCOL IN CASES OF MULTIPLE LUMPS IN THE BODY

With kind reference to the above matter and meeting held with the representatives from Malaysian Orthopaedic Association (MOA) and the College of Surgeons Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (CSAMM) on 6th March 2024 regarding the charging protocol for cases involving multiple lumps in the different anatomical regions of the body.

2. Based on the discussion, it was agreed that:

2.1 The charge for multiple lesions / lumps should be made according to the **anatomical region(s)** of the lesions which have been segmented into seven (7) regions:

i. Head and neck
ii. Thorax and abdomen
iii. Back
iv. Right upper limb
v. Left upper limb
vi. Right lower limb
vii. Left lower limb

2.2 The procedure codes to be referred should follow the codes available in the 13th Schedule, i.e:

i. *Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – up to three excision*;
ii. *Excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – four or more excision*; and
iii. *Lesion requiring wide excision including rodent ulcer excision.* This is in cases of suspicion of a tumor where it has to be supported by histopathological examination (HPE) and detailed examination report.

For example, in the case of tophi on the right elbow, on the dorsal aspect of the right hand, dorsal aspect of the right index finger and dorsal aspect of right thumb, the appropriate procedural code is *excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – four or more excisions.* In the case of tophi on the left elbow, left dorsal aspect of the hand and left dorsal aspect of right middle finger, the appropriate procedural code is *excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue – up to three excisions.*

2.3 The charging protocol should be as the following:

i. The initial / primary excision will be charged at 100% of the maximum chargeable fee. This is applicable per region using the procedural code as mentioned in para 2.2.
ii. For the subsequent / additional excisions performed in the different region will be charged at 75% of the maximum chargeable fee using the procedural code as mentioned in para 2.2.

3. We would like to advise that this charging protocol is to be followed in cases of multiple lumps in the body.

Thank you.

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