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Common Questions

Unlocking the Codes: MSP and Referrals

The CMBC receives calls on occasion from midwives asking about MSP codes, diagnostic tests and who midwives can refer to. Here are two common questions.

Why are my fee codes being refused when I order diagnostic tests?

A: Registered midwives in BC can only order and interpret screening and diagnostic tests approved by the Medical Services Plan (MSP) as billable items in BC. If midwives order screening and diagnostic tests that are not approved, these items will be refused.

As well, midwives in BC can only order screening and diagnostic tests in British Columbia. If clients are travelling to another province or territory at a time when testing is required, the midwife must make arrangements to have the necessary tests ordered by a registered practitioner in that province or territory. Fees may apply to non-residents.

A second situation where a test can be refused is if the hospital has not applied the proper code to a specific fee item. Although the test

ordered may be approved for midwives to order by MSP, if the hospital has used a different code, you will be informed that the test was refused by MSP. Prior to contacting the CMBC or MSP directly, it is important to confirm the proper code and test was assigned by requesting the coding information from the hospital or lab.

Can midwives refer and consult directly with all physicians?

A: Registered midwives may directly refer a client to, or consult with, any physician, but only some categories of physicians are paid a consultation fee approved by MSP. It is the physician's choice whether to accept a referral or consultation request. Over time and depending on the situation, the midwife may have an opportunity to collaborate with the consultants and initiate change around consulting practices in a given community.

MSP will pay a consultation fee when a midwife makes a referral to the following specialists: Anesthesia, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pediatrics and Psychiatry.

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AGM 2012

Monday, November 5, 2012 from 12 to 4 pm
CMBC Boardroom, #211, 1682 West 7th Avenue
Vancouver, BC

Guest Speakers:

12:30 pm - Angela Spencer RM, RN (UK), BScN, Clinical Education Coordinator UBC Midwifery Program
"Meconium Happens - Documenting essentials in midwifery emergencies and unexpected outcomes."

3:15 pm - Dr Unjali Malhotra, Medical Director, Options for Sexual Health British Columbia; Program Director, Women's Health Residency Program UBC; Clinical Instructor, UBC
"Postpartum Contraceptives - A general overview of a variety of methods with a focus on hormonal contraceptives"

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The following table outlines the relevant fee items and specialty codes:

Specialty	Specialty Code	Fee Item	Fee Item Description
Anaesthesia	18	1015	Consultation - Anaesthesia
		1115	Consultation - Repeat/ Limited - Anaesthesia
Cardiology	26	33010	Consultation - Cardiology
		33012	Consultation - Limited - Cardiology
Endocrinology	51	33210	Consultation - Endocrinology
		33212	Consultation - Limited - Endocrinology
Gastroenterology	56	33310	Consultation - Gastroenterology
		33312	Consultation - Limited -Gastroenterology
General Surgery	08	7010	Consultation - General Surgery
		7012	Repeat Or Limited Consultation - General Surgery
Hematology Oncology	74	33510	Consultation - Hematology/Oncology
		33512	Consultation - Limited - Hematology/Oncology
Infectious Diseases	67	33610	Consultation - Infectious Diseases
		33612	Consultation - Limited - Infectious Diseases
Internal Medicine	15	310	Consultation - Internal Medicine
		312	Consultation - Limited - Internal Medicine
Nephrology	59	33710	Consultation - Nephrology
		33712	Consultation - Limited - Nephrology
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	05	4010	Consultation - Ob&Gyn
		4012	Consultation - Limited - Ob&Gyn
Paediatrics	14	510	Consultation - Paediatrics
		512	Consultation - Limited - Paediatrics
		550	Consult-Paediatrics - Extended - Exceeding 52 Minutes
		551	Consult-Paediatrics - Extended - Exceeding 68 Minutes
Psychiatry	03	610	Consultation - Psychiatry
		625	Repeat Consultation - Psychiatry

Some specialists may be unaware that they are paid a fee for accepting a referral from a midwife and may be reluctant to accept a referral. Midwives can provide the fee code list to the physician along with a request for a referral in these situations.

NRP – New CPS Requirements

The Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) has made significant changes to the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certification and the changes are in effect as of October 2012. Please note:

1. The 5th edition NRP materials are no longer applicable. A new text and updates are available online.
2. Prior to attending an NRP Provider or Instructor course, participants are asked to take and pass an online examination, which has replaced the paper exam. Completed online examinations are only valid for 30 days and the practical portion of the NRP certification must be taken prior to the 30 days expiration date. You must bring your certification paper with you to the practical portion of the NRP course.
3. To access the on-line exam please go to: www.cps.ca/nrp-prn
4. The practical portion of the NRP certification course is scheduled to take approximately 6-8 hours.

As the new NRP certification process takes longer and programs may not be offered as frequently as before, the College strongly recommends registrants who require certification before March 31, 2013 plan ahead to locate when and where certification programs are being offered. **Get your NRP certification as early as possible - do not wait until near the end of the registration year when a program may not be available on short notice.**

Acupuncture Course for Midwives

The College of Midwives is pleased to announce that the first certification course for Acupuncture Use in Labour and the Postpartum Period was held recently in Vancouver. It was well received and here is what some midwives had to say:

"It has been so amazing to learn from these women-great curriculum and they are excellent teachers."

"Such a great opportunity to enhance your practice."

"Highly recommended."

"The course is well organized, well delivered and provides lots of opportunity to practice needling techniques with expert feedback from the course instructors."

"I am impressed at the experience and professionalism of the instructors. I am excited to have some more tools to use during labour".

A second course for Acupuncture use in Labour and the Postpartum Period will be offered in January 2013 as an intensive certification over a period of six days. This weeklong intensive will be followed by a weekend review session and exam. This intensive course is designed to better accommodate midwives and their schedules.

Acupuncture for Midwives

Course Dates:

January 21-26, 2013

9 am to 5 pm

Granville Island Hotel, Vancouver

Review/Exam Weekend:

February 16-17, 2013

9 am to 5 pm

Acubalance Studio

#150, 828 West 8th Avenue

For course information and registration, visit:

www.acupunctureformidwifery.com

CMBC Elections

We are pleased to announce that Leanne Yeates RM has been re-elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors of the CMBC.

Current professional Board members include: Sylvia Fedyk, Elizabeth Ebers, Heidi Mok, Thea Parkin, Christy Raynolds and Leanne Yeates; with public Board members Pauline Blais and Laura Masini Pieralli.

College Christmas Hours

CMBC offices will be closed from
noon on Monday, December 24, 2012
until 10:00 am on Wednesday, January
2, 2013

Registration Renewal 2013/14

Registration renewal packages for the 2013/14 fiscal year will be mailed to all registrants in early January. Please ensure that the CMBC has your current contact information.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all registered midwives that it is not too early to recertify in CPR, NRP or ESW. Your registration will not be renewed if any of these continuing competency requirements are not met.

Good Friday falls on March 29 and College offices will not reopen until April 1, 2013. As a result, it will be essential to get all documentation in early to avoid delays in your renewal.

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