





## Ear, Nose, Mouth & Throat

### In Summary:

This review was undertaken following the receipt of a number of coding queries and public submissions, which identified that a review of ACHI across Chapter 4 *Procedures on ear and mastoid process* and Chapter 5 *Procedures on nose, mouth and pharynx* was required, with associated changes to the ACS and ICD-10-AM as appropriate.

- A review of removal of grommets was undertaken
- A review of FESS was undertaken
- A review of hearing implant interventions was undertaken
- Individual techniques for destruction have been removed, and destruction procedures classified to a single code
- Diagnostic concepts have been removed from intervention category and code titles
- Codes with similar procedural concepts have been combined into a single code



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## Grommets



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## Grommets

- New ICD-10-AM code for removal of grommets Z45.83  
*Adjustment and management of myringotomy tube*
- Revision of the ACHI codes for grommet insertion and removal
- ACS 0803 *Admission for removal of grommets* was retired

**Z45.83** Adjustment and management of myringotomy tube



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## Grommets

**[308]** *Application, insertion or removal procedures on eardrum and middle ear:*

- New ACHI codes for insertion and removal of grommets:

[41632-02](#) [Insertion of myringotomy tube, unilateral](#)

[41632-03](#) [Insertion of myringotomy tube, bilateral](#)

[41632-04](#) [Removal of myringotomy tube, unilateral](#)

*Code also when performed:*

• [myringoplasty \(see block \[313\]\)](#)

[41632-05](#) [Removal of myringotomy tube, bilateral](#)

*Code also when performed:*

• [myringoplasty \(see block \[313\]\)](#)



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## Grommets

**Example 1:**

A 9-year-old girl was admitted for removal of bilateral grommets. This was performed successfully, under general anaesthesia and she was discharged home the same day.

**Assign:**

Z45.83                    *Adjustment and management of myringotomy tube*

41632-05 [308]    *Removal of myringotomy tube, bilateral*

92514-99 [1910]   *General anaesthesia, ASA 99*



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## Functional endoscopic sinus surgery [FESS]



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## FESS

A review was undertaken into the classification of FESS.

Amendments include:

- the creation of a singleACHI code to classify Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) to assist in the classification of this complex operative intervention.
- Revision of ACS 0807 *Functional endoscopic sinus surgery*



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## FESS

New code at block **389** Other procedures on nasal sinuses:

96257-01 Functional endoscopic sinus surgery [FESS]

*Note:* FESS is performed to improve the ventilation and drainage of the sinuses, and to remove disease from the sinuses. FESS may include (but is not limited to) the following endoscopic sinus procedures in any combination in a single operative episode:

- biopsy of sinus (any sinus) (bilateral) (unilateral)
- ethmoidectomy (bilateral) (unilateral)
- incision procedures of sinus (any sinus) (bilateral) (sinusotomy) (unilateral)
- intranasal antrostomy (bilateral) (unilateral)
- removal of foreign body from sinus (antrum)
- removal of polyp from sinus (any sinus)
- sinuscopy
- sinusectomy (any sinus) (bilateral) (unilateral)

*Code also when performed:*

- nasal procedure(s) (see blocks [371] to [381])



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## FESS

**ACS Amendment:**

**0807 FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY (FESS)**

Functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS) is a term describing a range of procedures performed in any combination for the surgical treatment of sinus disease.

For example:

- biopsy of sinus
- ethmoidectomy
- incision procedures on sinus (sinusotomy)
- intranasal antrostomy
- intranasal removal of foreign body from sinus
- removal of nasal sinus polyps
- sinuscopy
- sinusectomy

Where FESS is documented, assign only 96257-01 [389] *Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery [FESS]*. Do not assign additional codes for the individual sinus procedures performed during the FESS operative episode.

**ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION OF FESS**

Where functional endoscopic sinus surgery or FESS is not documented, assign codes for the individual sinus procedures documented as performed within the operative episode. If a procedure is performed endoscopically, assign 41764-01 [370] *Sinuscopy* (see also ACS 0023 *Laparoscopic/Arthroscopic/Endoscopic Surgery*).

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## FESS

**Example 2:**

A 45 year old female with a history of chronic sinusitis underwent a FESS procedure (under GA). The following procedures were documented on the operation report:

FESS

- Bilateral ethmoidectomy
- Bilateral intranasal antrostomy
- Bilateral turbino-plasty
- Septoplasty

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## FESS

### Assign Codes:

J32.9	<i>Chronic sinusitis, unspecified</i>
96257-01 <b>[389]</b>	<i>Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)</i>
41689-05 <b>[376]</b>	<i>Turbinoplasty, bilateral</i>
41671-02 <b>[379]</b>	<i>Septoplasty</i>
92514-99 <b>[1910]</b>	<i>General anaesthesia, ASA 99</i>



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## Implanted Hearing Devices



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## Implanted Hearing Devices

### Block changes in Chapter 4:

- Retired blocks:
  - **321** *Application, insertion or removal procedures on mastoid or temporal bone* and associated procedure codes
  - Retired block **329** *Application, insertion or removal procedures on inner ear* and associated procedure codes
- New block
  - **334** *Implanted hearing prostheses* with new codes for:
    - ✓ Implantation, adjustment and removal of **cochlear implants**
    - ✓ Implantation, adjustment and removal of **Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHA)**
    - ✓ Implantation, adjustment and removal of **other** hearing devices eg for that of an auditory brain stem implant



## Implanted Hearing Devices

There has been revision of cochlear implant codes to allow for classification based on laterality of cochlear prostheses.

For example :

**41617-04** Removal of cochlear prosthetic device, unilateral  
Removal of all components of cochlear prosthetic device  
*Excludes:* partial removal of device component(s) with replacement (41617-03 [334])

**41617-06** Removal of cochlear prosthetic device, bilateral  
Removal of all components of cochlear prosthetic device  
*Excludes:* partial removal of device component(s) with replacement (41617-03 [334])



## Implanted Hearing Devices

There has been a revision of the classification for bone anchored hearing (BAHA) implants.

- The osseointegration procedures have been relocated from blocks 1697 and 1698 to the new block 334.
- Glossary notes have been added at blocks 1697, 1698 and 334 to explain first and second stage osseointegration procedures.
- ACS 1220 *Extraoral Osseointegrated implants* has been retired

45794-08 Osseointegration procedure, implantation of titanium fixture for attachment of bone anchored hearing aid [BAHA]  
First stage of two stage osseointegration procedure involving insertion of titanium implant into bone, for attachment of bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA)  
implantation of titanium screw for osseointegration  
One stage procedure for bone anchored hearing implant  
Placement of titanium fixture for osseointegration  
*Includes:* insertion and securing of magnetic implant  
*Code also when performed:*  
• bone graft — see Alphabetic Index: *Graft/bone*  
• fixation of transcutaneous abutment (45797-07 [334])  
• flap repair — see Alphabetic Index: *Flap/flap site*  
• reconstruction — see Alphabetic Index: *Reconstruction/flap site*

45797-07 Osseointegration procedure, fixation of transcutaneous abutment for attachment of bone anchored hearing aid [BAHA]  
*Includes:* exposure of titanium fixation skin graft to fixation site  
thinning of skin flap over fixation site  
*Note:* This procedure is the second stage of the osseointegration procedure, and involves attachment of the abutment for the bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA) to the titanium implant that was previously implanted into the patient's bone



## Other changes to ENM&T



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Individual techniques for destruction have been removed, with destruction procedures classified to a more generic destruction intervention code

For example [374] *Other destruction procedures on nose*

~~41695-00—Turbinectomy by cryotherapy~~

~~41674-00—Cauterisation or diathermy of nasal turbinates~~

~~Excludes: that for arrest of nasal haemorrhage (see block [373])~~

~~41674-03—Destruction procedures on nasal turbinates~~

~~Excludes: that for arrest of nasal haemorrhage (see block [373])~~

~~41674-01—Destruction procedures on Cauterisation or diathermy of nasal septum~~  
~~Cauterisation or diathermy Little's area~~



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## Other changes to ENM&T

Diagnostic concepts have been removed from intervention category and code titles



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## Other changes to ENM&T

Codes with similar procedural concepts have been combined into one generic code.

For example **[331]** *Excision procedures on inner ear:*

- 41593-00—Vestibular nerve section, translabrynthine approach
- 41596-00—Vestibular nerve section, retrolabrynthine approach
  - Excludes: that with cochlear nerve section (41596-02 [331])
- 41596-01—Cochlear nerve section, retrolabrynthine approach
  - Excludes: that with vestibular nerve section (41596-02 [331])
- 41596-02—Vestibular and cochlear nerve section, retrolabrynthine approach
- 41596-03—Vestibular and/or cochlear nerve section
  - Includes: that via:
    - [retrolabrynthine approach](#)
    - [translabrynthine approach](#)



## Other changes to ENM&T

### Turbinoplasty

**376**

#### Excision procedures on nasal turbinates

*Code also when performed:*

- rhinoplasty (see block [1679])
- septoplasty (41671-02, 41671-03 [379])

- 41689-00 Partial turbinectomy, unilateral
- 41689-01 Partial turbinectomy, bilateral
- 41689-02 Total turbinectomy, unilateral
- 41689-03 Total turbinectomy, bilateral
- 41689-04 Turbinoplasty, unilateral
- 41689-05 Turbinoplasty, bilateral
- 41692-00 Submucous resection of turbinate, unilateral
- 41692-01 Submucous resection of turbinate, bilateral



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### Further information

For further detailed information regarding this revision please refer to the Reference to Changes Document provided in this Education Package.



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