



# AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF CUTANEOUS ONCOLOGY

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## Skin lesion excision item numbers

## - ACCO ready reckoner

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Site	Defect size ▲	Benign	Malignant	Nasty *
<b>Tough</b>	< 6 mm	31357 (2) ‡	31356 ## (4)	
	≥ 6mm	31360 (3.5)	31358 (5)	31371 (7)
	> 1/3rd of surface area of site		31359 (6) ‡‡	‡‡ In hospital only (See diagram)
<i>Tough site = nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit, genitalia, - or contiguous area</i>				
<b>Inter-mediate</b>	< 14 mm	31362 (2.5) ‡	31361 (3.5)	31372 ## (6)
	≥ 14 mm	31364 (3)	31363 (4)	31373 (7)
<i>Intermediate site = face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola, knee &amp; below, wrist &amp; below (See diagram)</i>				
<b>Any other site</b>	< 15 mm	31366 (2) ‡	31365 (3) ‡	31374 ## (5)
	≥ 15 - 30 mm	31368 (2.5)	31367 (4)	31375 (6)
	> 30 mm	31370 (3)	31369 (5)	31376 (7)

\* **Nasty tumours** = melanoma, adenocarcinoma, sarcoma or merkel cell tumour

▲ Defect size is that required to clear tumour. It does not include ellipse arms, cones or burrows triangle.

## Numbers denoted will be used rarely as the defects from these tumours will be invariably larger

‡ Items not eligible or suitable for hospital usage except for rare circumstances

FLAP USAGE – Colour code – Refer to Green Vs Orange boxes above
45201 (8) (flap repair) can be charged with excision. - Flaps include random pattern and muscle based flaps
45202 (8) can be charged when the one defect requires a second flap
45201 (8) cannot be charged with an excision, but:
45202 (8) can be charged if either (a) skin has severe existing scarring, atrophy or sclerodermoid change Or (b) defect is contiguous with a free margin
45200 (5), 45203 (8), 45206 (7) & 45207 (7) only used when <b>not</b> associated with skin lesion excision number
These flaps might now occasionally be used for mucosal defects, trauma, scar revision, etc.

GRAFT USAGE - no change in 2016 – **Can be used in conjunction with excision items	
45451 (9) = full thickness graft **	45448 (7) = split to eyelid, nose, lip, ear, neck, hand, fingers, genitals
45439 (5) = small split thickness graft	45442 (11) = Extensive split graft

### Excision of lesions from mucous membranes (ie. NOT skin)

Benign mucous membrane only	Non excisional biopsy	Defect < 10 mm	10 – 20mm	> 20 mm
		30072 (1)	31206 (2)	31211 (2.5)