

## Information Sheet for Teletrauma Consultations<sup>1</sup>

### Clinical Context

- Tele-Trauma consultations are aligned with regular fee codes for face-to-face consultations.
- The Most Responsible Physician (MRP) at the patient site remains the MRP for the patient while in the Trauma Care area.

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### Billing for Trauma Specialists

#### **Initial consult on a new patient by each Trauma Specialist involved:**

- a) Appropriate OHIP service fees including Trauma Team Lead call service fee (e.g. A035, A935, G521, G522, G523)
- b) Trauma Premium E420 if the patient met severe injury criteria and is seen within 24 hours of the trauma
- c) Emergency Department afterhours premium (K990, K992, K994, K998, K996, K991, K993, K995, K999, K997) when applicable
- d) Special Travel Premium when coming from outside the hospital for Tele-trauma consult (K960, K961, K962, K963, K964) when applicable
- e) B100A: \$35.00\* First Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium (for the first patient seen in any given day) or B200A: \$15.00 Subsequent Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium (for additional patients seen in the same calendar day)

***\*Only one \$35.00 first telemedicine encounter premium can be billed for first patient seen in any given day per physician.***

#### **Follow-up Unplanned Visits**

*(This is at least the second patient visit for the Trauma Specialist that is unplanned and required due to unanticipated changes in the patient's condition.)*

- a) Appropriate OHIP service fees
- b) Emergency Department afterhours premium (99x series of codes) when applicable

- c) Special Travel Premium (96x series of codes)
- d) B100A or B200A Telemedicine premium

**Follow-up Elective Visits**

*(This is at least the second patient visit for the Trauma Specialist that is electively planned.)*

- a) Appropriate OHIP service fees
- b) B100A or B200A Telemedicine premium

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that OTN does not endorse these billing processes as appropriate when "non-telemedicine" services are claimed to OHIP

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**NOTE: Required OHIP Data Elements**

- a) A valid Health Card number for the patient.
  - b) The referring physician's OHIP billing number
  - c) Service Location Indicator (SLI) - Enter "OTN" into the SLI field to identify the claim as being for telemedicine.
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**Billing for On-Site Physicians who are with the patient (MRP)**

The following fees may be billed during Tele-Trauma consultations:

**1. Service claims:**

- a) Usual Fee Codes for trauma care as used for face to face. **This should be billed as an OHIP claim and not a telemedicine claim.**
- b) Trauma Premium E420 if the patient met severe injury criteria and is seen within 24 hours of the trauma
- c) Emergency Department afterhours premium (K990, K992, K994, K998, K996, K991, K993, K995, K999, K997) when applicable
- d) Special Travel Premium when coming from outside the hospital for Tele-trauma consult (K960, K961, K962, K963, K964) when applicable

**2. Telemedicine Patient Encounter Premium if MRP attends the videoconference telemedicine session:**

***This should be billed as a telemedicine claim and not an OHIP claim.***

B100A:	\$35.00*	First Telemedicine Patient Encounter (for the first patient seen in any given day)
<b><i>or</i></b>		
B200A:	\$15.00	Subsequent Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium (for additional patients seen in the same calendar day)

***\* Only one \$35.00 first telemedicine encounter premium can be billed for first patient seen in any given day per physician.***

***NOTE: Submit Separate Claims.*** OHIP billing and telemedicine premium billing are submitted as two separate claims:

- a) Telemedicine claims are flagged for manual review when submitting OHIP billing and telemedicine premium billing for the same patient on the same date of service.
- b) Written explanation is provided to confirm that it is not a billing error or a duplicate bill but rather, it is a Tele-Trauma service.
- c) Service Location Indicator (SLI) – Enter “OTN” into the SLI field to identify the claim as being for telemedicine.

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***Hospital Master Numbers***

The four-digit hospital master number must be included in the telemedicine claim to OHIP when the patient is registered in the Emergency or as an inpatient in the hospital. Hospital master numbers can be found at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/masternumbers>

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***Questions?***

If you have questions about the OHIP billing process, please contact your [local OHIP claims office](#).

If you have questions about OTN, please visit [www.otn.ca](http://www.otn.ca), email [hcpinfo@otn.ca](mailto:hcpinfo@otn.ca) or call 1-866-454-6862.

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