

# GPSI\* Skin Lesion Excision Programme

\*GP with Special Interest

A programme by **WellSouth**



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## Intended Purpose

The programme aims to offer funded skin lesion excision to patients with a high risk lesion where skin cancer is suspected. Through a range of providers these excisions can take place in primary care without the need for a referral to secondary services.

**HealthPathways Link:** <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/98343.htm>

## Referral Eligibility (all practices)

- Any patient with a suspected skin cancer, as per [Clinical GPSI Skin Lesion Triage Table](#) (green area only).

## Exclusions

- Lesions where cancer is not suspected
- Wide excisions

## Key Information

- All referrals must be sent via WellSouth portal for clinical triage, even if a specialist has recommended excision.
- Referrals must include two photos. One must be a close up, preferably dermoscopic, the other must show location (e.g. if lesion is on the cheek then 2nd photo should show whole face).
- Lesions which are suspected to be too complex for primary care must still be sent via the WellSouth portal, these will be sent to secondary following triage.
- Up to three lesions can be sent in the same referral.
- Patient can be charged as normal for the initial appointment to generate referral.

## Excision Eligibility (approved GPSI only)

- All excisions must be approved via clinical triage including referrals to yourself if you are a GPSI.
- Retrospective requests for funding post excision will be declined.

## Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

## Referral

Skin Lesion Programme

New Referral

## Excision

Skin Lesion Programme

Lesion 1 - New Excision

## Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	PMS Description
WPSKEB	\$375.00	Skin STD Excision
WPSKEA	\$580.00	Skin CMLPX Excision
WPSKEE	\$670.00	Skin EXTRM Excision

## Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$326.09 + GST	Standard excision up to 45 minutes
\$504.35 + GST	Complex excision 45-75 minutes
\$582.61 + GST	Extremely complex over 75 minutes

## Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged. This includes any pre-op appointment and suture removal/follow-up visit.

## When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme or for information on how to become a GPSI please contact [gpsiskin@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:gpsiskin@wellsouth.org.nz) or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.