



# Restructure of Knee Arthroscopy Items from 1 July 2021

**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**

Deleted MBS Item(s)		MBS Fee
49557	Knee, diagnostic arthroscopy of (including biopsy, simple trimming of meniscal margin or plica) - not being a service associated with autologous chondrocyte implantation or matrix-induced autologous chondrocyte implantation or any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$281.45
49558	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving 1 or more of: debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty - not associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$281.45
49559	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving chondroplasty requiring multiple drilling or carbon fibre (or similar) implant; including any associated debridement or oestoplasty - not associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$421.50
49560	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving 1 or more of: partial or total meniscectomy, removal of loose body or lateral release – not being a service associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$568.85
49561	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving 1 or more of: partial or total meniscectomy, removal of loose body or lateral release; where the procedure includes associated debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty – not associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$695.05
49562	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving 1 or more of: partial or total meniscectomy, removal of loose body or lateral release; where the procedure includes chondroplasty requiring multiple drilling or carbon fibre (or similar) implant and associated debridement or osteoplasty – not associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$758.45
49563	Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving 1 or more of: meniscus repair; osteochondral graft; or chondral graft (excluding autologous chondrocyte implantation or matrix-induced autologous chondrocyte implantation) –not associated with any other arthroscopic procedure of the knee region (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$821.60



New MBS Item(s)		MBS Fee
<b>Complexity Tier One</b>		
49570	Diagnosis of knee, by arthroscopic means, if the pre-procedure diagnosis is undetermined, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) biopsy; (b) lavage (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$284.00
<b>Complexity Tier Two</b>		
49572	Partial meniscectomy of knee, by arthroscopic means, for atraumatic meniscus tear, other than a service to which another item of this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of treating osteoarthritis (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$691.15
49574	Removal of loose bodies of knee, by arthroscopic means—one or more bodies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$691.15
49576	Repair of chondral lesion of knee, by arthroscopic means, including either or both of the following (if performed): (a) microfracture; (b) microdrilling; other than a service performed in combination with a service to which another item of this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of performing chondral or osteochondral grafts (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$691.15
49578	Release of soft tissue, lateral release or osteoplasty of knee, by arthroscopic means, other than a service performed in combination with a service to which another item of this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of stabilising the patellofemoral joint of the knee (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$691.15
49580	Partial meniscectomy of knee, by arthroscopic means, for traumatic meniscus tear (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$691.15
<b>Complexity Tier Three</b>		
49582	Meniscal repair of knee, by arthroscopic means (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$807.05
49584	Chondral, osteochondral or meniscal graft of knee, by arthroscopic means (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$807.05
49586	Synovectomy of knee, by arthroscopic means, for neoplasia or inflammatory arthropathy, other than a service to which another item of this Schedule applies if the service described in the other item is for the purpose of treating uncomplicated osteoarthritis (Anaes.) (Assist.)	\$807.05