

## **General Practice Group Medical Visit Fees:** **Changes to billing procedure effective July 1, 2011**

A Group Medical Visit provides 1:1 patient care in a group setting. Group Medical Visits are an effective way of leveraging existing resources; simultaneously improving quality of care and health outcomes, increasing patient access to care and reducing costs. Group Medical Visits can offer patients an additional health care choice, provide them support from other patients and improve the patient-physician interaction. Physicians can also benefit by reducing the need to repeat the same information many times and free up time for other patients. Appropriate patient privacy is always maintained and typically these benefits result in improved satisfaction for both patients and physicians.

The Group Medical Visit is not appropriate for advice relating to a single patient. It applies only when all members of the group are receiving medically required treatment (i.e. each member of the group is a patient). The GP Group Medical Visits are not intended for activities related to attempting to persuade a patient to alter diet or other lifestyle behavioural patterns other than in the context of the individual medical condition.

### **New Fee Items :**

Effective July 1, 2011, the billing for GP Group Medical Visits will change. The current practice of billing the 00100 age appropriate fee for each patient for whom an individual medical service was provided in the group medical visit setting will be replaced by a sliding scale of fee codes that are time based and that depend on the size of the group and will be billed for each participating patient.

		<b>\$ Value</b>
<b>Fee per patient, per 1/2 hour or major portion thereof:</b>		
P13763	Three patients .....	24.65
P13764	Four patients .....	19.92
P13765	Five patient .....	17.11
P13766	Six patients .....	15.23
P13767	Seven patients .....	13.89
P13768	Eight patients .....	12.88
P13769	Nine patients .....	12.09
P13770	Ten patients .....	11.45
P13771	Eleven patients .....	10.03
P13772	Twelve patients .....	9.43
P13773	Thirteen patients .....	8.74
P13774	Fourteen patients .....	8.58
P13775	Fifteen patients .....	8.23
P13776	Sixteen patients .....	7.98
P13777	Seventeen patients .....	7.65
P13778	Eighteen patients .....	7.48
P13779	Nineteen patients .....	7.22
P13780	Twenty patients.....	7.05
P13781	Greater than 20 patients (per patient) .....	6.79

### **Notes:**

- i) A separate claim must be submitted for each patient.*
- ii) When a patient attends a group visit, it should be noted in his or her chart, along with the start and end times.*
- iii) A separate file should be maintained which documents all participants in each group visit.*

- iv) Claim must include start and end times.*
- v) Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements, and whose duties would otherwise include provision of care.*
- vi) A minimum of a full thirty (30) minute period and a maximum of ninety (90) minutes may be claimed per patient per day.*
- vii) Where group medical visits with a patient extend beyond two and one-half (2 ½) hours in any seven (7) day period, a note-record is required.*
- viii) Service is not payable with other consultation, visit or complete examination services, for the same patient, on the same day.*
- ix) Where two physicians are involved, the group should be divided for claims purposes, with each physician claiming the appropriate rate per patient for the reduced group size. Each claim should indicate "Group medical visit" and also identify the other physician.*