

UK PODIATRY BILLING CHEAT SHEET – WHAT ARE THE BILLING CODES?



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The NHS doesn't have charging codes, and the allocation of charges varies depending on whether the podiatry services take place in a primary or secondary care setting, as each has a different classification and coding structure.

In primary care, the Read or SNOMED-CT codes are used for both interventions and disorders (although this doesn't relate to charging). In secondary care, OPCS-4 (procedure codes) and ICD-1- (diagnosis codes) are used, which are then mapped to Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs) for costing and reimbursement.

Procedures can be checked on the [SNOMED-CT term browser](#) then, using the Classification Map, you can see which OPCS-4 code is used for the procedure. Once you have that code, you can use the Code to Group workbook to see the HRG that the procedure code is mapped to with the [user manual](#), and [the current national tariffs are available here](#).

Private health care in the UK is different. Here, the procedural and diagnostic codes are available on the [CCSD website](#), and each procedure needs to be looked up individually. For example, [consultation codes are available here](#).

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S6400 Excision of nail bed (in a hospital setting only). It's advisable to apply to the health insurance provider for pre-authorisation before providing the treatment to avoid having the claim denied.