

26 May 2014

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Dear S Rushton

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 6 May 2014, for the number of Cervical Spine surgical procedures funded by ACC over the last five year, under the Core Item ID codes SPN211, SPN212, SPN213, SPN214, SPN215 and SPN216.

In my email to you on 8 May 2014, I advised that ACC could only provide you with information recorded from 1 July 2013 using the core item codes you specified.

I further advised you that ACC could provide data in relation to a number of other codes with similar descriptions used prior to 1 July 2013, but could not confirm if these older codes were used for the exact same (*cervical spine surgical*) procedures or not. You agreed to ACC providing you with this data.

The table below shows the number of claims that received the relevant spinal surgery by calendar year.

Surgery by calendar year					
Core Item ID	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
SPN104 or SPN211	10	8	12	11	11
SPN105 or SPN212	6	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
SPN106 or SPN213	130	125	125	131	136
SPN107 or SPN214	27	33	34	36	34
SPN108 or SPN215	38	28	38	24	24
SPN109 or SPN216	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	0

Please note:

- Surgery can potentially be part of a package of procedures (Non-core). These surgeries are not possible to identify and are not counted in this report.
- The number of claims paid was suppressed when it was less than five for privacy reasons. This decision complies with Section 9(2) of the Act.

In your further email of 13 May to ACC, you asked for a list of the Core Item ID / MBS-E codes that were used prior to 1 July 2013. ACC is pleased to provide the following list of codes:

Old Codes	New Codes		Old Codes	New Codes
SPINE				
SPN101	SPN201		SPN119	SPN224
SPN102	SPN202		SPN120	SPN226
SPN103	SPN210		SPN121	SPN230
SPN104	SPN211		SPN122	SPN250
SPN105	SPN212		SPN123	SPN252
SPN106	SPN213		SPN124	SPN254
SPN107	SPN214		SPN125	SPN228
SPN108	SPN215		SPN126	SPN232
SPN109	SPN216		SPN127	SPN222
SPN110	SPN206		SPN128	SPN291
SPN111	SPN207		SPN129	SPN291
SPN112	SPN208		SPN130	SPN292
SPN113	SPN220		SPN133	SPN260
SPN114	SPN290		SPN134	SPN262
SPN115	SPN240		SPN135	SPN256
SPN116	SPN243		SPN136	SPN257
SPN117	SPN246		SPN137	SPN258
SPN118	SPN247		SPN138	SPN259

Please contact me at anne.fitzgerald@acc.co.nz if you have any questions about this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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