

CMQ97-001

**Guideline for
Treatment of
Cataract in Adults**

Minute of Commission #96-0059

**Adoption of Clinical Practice Guideline:
*Treatment of Cataract in Adults***

Pursuant to Section 19(1) and 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission hereby adopts the attached* Clinical Practice Guideline for *Treatment of Cataract in Adults*, effective immediately.

*Guideline distributed January 1997

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**Guideline for
Chest X-rays in
Asymptomatic
Adults**

Minute of Commission #96-0064

**Adoption of Clinical Practice Guideline:
*Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults***

Pursuant to Section 19(1) and 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission hereby adopts the attached* Clinical Practice Guideline for *Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults*, effective immediately.

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Note: Copies of guidelines and protocols are available through the MSP Medical Care Programs Info-by-Fax line at (250) 356-9644, or by calling Claims Billing Support at (250) 952-2670.

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**Chest X-ray for
Admission to Adult
Residential Care
Facilities**

A routine chest x-ray for screening purposes for admission to a hospital, nursing home or other health care institution is not a benefit under MSP, unless justified under:

- ♦ the recommendations of the BC guideline for Chest X-rays in Asymptomatic Adults, or
- ♦ the regulations for tuberculosis control issued by the Provincial Director of Tuberculosis Control.

Note: Under the regulations for tuberculosis control issued by the Provincial Director of Tuberculosis Control, only those persons who are at high risk of active tuberculosis are required to have a chest x-ray as part of the screening procedure for admission into a licensed residential community care facility.

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For further information about tuberculosis screening procedures, contact the Tuberculosis Control Branch, BC Centre for Disease Control, 828 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 1L8.

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Protocol for
Electrocardiograms

Minute of Commission #96-0058

Acceptance of Protocol for Electrocardiograms

Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission *Payment Schedule*:

Services relating to the performance and/or interpretation of electrocardiograms will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the *Protocol for Electrocardiograms*, appended*.

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

Effective April 1, 1997.

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Protocol for the
Investigation of
Suspected Osteomy-
elitis in Normal Bone

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Acceptance of Protocol for the Investigation of Suspected Osteomyelitis in Normal Bone Using Nuclear Medicine Techniques

Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 32(4) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission *Payment Schedule*:

Services relating to the investigation of suspected osteomyelitis in normal bone will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the *Protocol for the Investigation of Suspected Osteomyelitis in Normal Bone using Nuclear Medicine Techniques*, appended*.

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

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