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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-016460

Thank you for your request of 26 January 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please confirm all the injury codes that ACC has in its system relating to mesh injuries? Can you please also confirm (and provide information) whether ACC reassessed the injury codes after the Mesh Down under movement/when the mesh reassessment team was set up.

Background information about treatment injury data

Before responding to your request, we would first like to provide you with some background information about treatment injuries.

ACC has provided cover for treatment injuries since 1 July 2005. The treatment injury provisions replaced the medical misadventure provisions of the Accident Compensation Act 2001, to bring it more in line with the no-fault nature of the scheme.

A treatment injury is a personal injury caused as a result of seeking or receiving medical treatment from a registered health professional. In order to fulfil the criteria for cover, the person must have suffered a personal injury and there must be a clear causal link between the treatment and the injury, and the injury must not be a necessary part or ordinary consequence of the treatment.

When considering treatment injury data, it is important to note that the number of claims lodged with ACC cannot be taken as an accurate indication of the occurrence of injury during treatment or the quality of care. This is because, among other reasons, not all occurrences of injury during treatment are lodged with ACC.

Data

Please find attached as an appendix the requested injury read codes. The injury codes provided below includes claims accepted between 1 July 2005 and 31 December 2021. The injury codes below applied when the claim has been uniquely identified as Surgical Mesh claim.

Context

Treatment injury (TI) data is available from 1 July 2005, when treatment injury provisions came into law. The ACC website contains further information on treatment injury and can be found here:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/treatment-safety/>.

A full overview of treatment injury in public and private surgical hospitals and general practice settings is available at <https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/ACC7971-Supporting-Treatment-Safety-2021.pdf>.

Claim lodgement rates are dependent on several factors. They can be influenced by:

- population demography i.e. the characteristics of the resident population, visitors and referred patients
- health status of the population treated
- what level of facility the organisation provides i.e. tertiary versus secondary
- familiarity of health providers or clients in recognising and/or lodging treatment injury claims.

Reassessment of Injury codes

ACC has not reassessed the injury codes related to mesh injuries. There are not specific codes in which surgical mesh is the cause of the injury. The diagnosis of each claim injury is determined by the treatment provider from whom the injured person first seeks treatment. The diagnosis is usually provided in the form of a Read, ICD 10 or SNOMED code. When providers lodge a claim for a client, they choose a code that matches the diagnosis or the type of injury. That way, ACC know what type of cover decision we need to investigate and once accepted what support, treatment and rehabilitation the client needs and can receive from us.

Who to Contact

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available [here](#).

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Table A: Read Codes for All Surgical Mesh Claims Accepted, July 2005 to December 2021

Read Code	Description
Z....	Unspecified conditions
U6...	[X]Complications of medical and surgical care
SP255	Postoperative wound infection, unspecified
SP256	Postoperative wound infection-deep
SP212	Post-operative haematoma formation
SP25.	Postoperative infection
SP2y2	Postoperative pain
J33z1	Incisional hernia NOS
J30..	Inguinal hernia
SP2z.	Postoperative complication NOS
SP...	Surgical and medical care complications NEC
K1652	Bladder outflow obstruction
J3...	Hernia of abdominal cavity
SP221	Injury to nerve during surgery
SJ7x.	Other specified nerve injury
SG921	Foreign body in vagina
TB0..	Surgical procedures causing complications, without blame
S778.	Injury of urethra
SP03.	Mechanical complication genito-urinary device/implant/graft
SP25z	Postoperative infection NOS
K58y0	Other pelvic pain - female
S777.	Injury of bladder
S886.	Open wound of vagina
U61..	[X]Misadventures to patients during surgical + medical care
1A23.	Incontinence of urine
SP230	Operation wound dehiscence
TB...	Medical + surgical procedures causing complications,no blame
SP257	Postoperative wound infection-superficial
SP030	Mechanical complication of genito-urinary device, unspec
K5500	Erosion of cervix
TB0z.	Surgical operations/procedures + complication, no blame, NOS
SJ6x2	Closed injury pudendal nerve
J32..	Umbilical hernia
S887.	Open wound of vagina with complication
SP07.	Other complications internal prosthetic device/implant/graft
M2y5.	Foreign body in skin or subcutaneous tissue
K1903	Recurrent urinary tract infection
SD10D	Abrasion, vagina
K196.	Urinary obstruction unspecified
SP26.	Persistent postoperative fistula
SD1yD	Superficial injury of vagina NOS, without major open wound
Jyu3.	[X]Hernia
L354z	Obstetric high vaginal laceration NOS
SK115	Other abdominal wall injuries
K160.	Bladder neck obstruction
K586.	Stress incontinence - female
SP251	Postoperative wound abscess
SP242	Perforation resulting from foreign body left postoperatively
TA...	Medical accidents to patients during surgical/medical care
K23..	Hydrocele

K19W.	Urethral disorder, unspecified
7D18z	Other repair of vaginal prolapse NOS
SP222	Accidental organ perforation during a procedure
J33..	Ventral hernia
SPz..	Medical and surgical care complications NOS
J57y1	Enterocutaneous fistula
SJ61.	Femoral nerve injury
SJ6x0	Closed injury obturator nerve
SP03z	Mechanical complication of genito-urinary device NOS
SyuK.	[X]Complications of surgical and medical care, NEC
K56y.	Other noninflammatory vaginal disorders
SP252	Postoperative intra-abdominal abscess
SG900	Foreign body in bladder
K562z	Stricture or atresia of the vagina NOS
S7700	Closed injury of bladder
K56..	Noninflammatory vaginal disorders
K564.	Old vaginal laceration
PDyz.	Other bladder or urethral anomaly NOS
SP15.	Urinary complications of care
SP03y	Mechanical complication of other genito-urinary device
M2y3.	Foreign body granuloma of skin and subcutaneous tissue
Kyu83	[X]Other specified inflammation of vagina and vulva
N24z.	Soft tissue disorders NOS
J30z.	Inguinal hernia NOS
TB01z	Implant artificial internal device+complication NOS,no blame
K580.	Dyspareunia due to non psychogenic cause in the female
SGz..	Foreign body in orifice NOS
J31..	Femoral hernia
K16y8	Functional disorder of bladder
g7...	VAGINAL INFECTIONS OTHER PREPS
Kyu9A	[X]Other specified noninflammatory disorders of vagina
Myu77	[X]Other granulomatous disorders/skin+subcutaneous tissue
SP2..	Other procedure complication NEC
U731.	[X]Sequel of misadven to patient during surgic+medic proced
Kyu5F	[X]Urethral disorder, unspecified
SP071	Internal prosthetic device causing fibrosis
J3031	Unilateral recurrent inguinal hernia - simple
SK117	Other groin injuries
SJ7..	Injury to other nerves
SP06.	Infection and inflammation due to internal prosthetic device
S7B..	Injury of intra-abdominal organ(s) with pelvic organ(s)
A3Bz.	Bacterial infection NOS
K19yw	Disorder of urinary system, unspecified
S77z.	Pelvic organ injury NOS
J57yB	Perforation of intestine
SJ7z.	Injury to other nerve NOS
SJ45.	Iliohypogastric nerve injury
J30y1	Unilateral recurrent inguinal hernia unspecified
K566.	Vaginal haematoma
PC4z.	Cervical, vaginal and external female genital anomaly NOS
PB5z.	Other intestine anomalies NOS
SP28.	Postoperative wound sinus
Syu73	[X]Injury of other nerves at hip and thigh level

7D100	Schuchardt non-obstetric episiotomy
K19..	Other urethral and urinary tract disorders
S8...	Open wound of head, neck and trunk
M07z.	Local infection skin/subcut tissue NOS
K42y.	Other cervical, vaginal and vulval diseases
7D1..	Vagina operations
J33z2	Epigastric hernia NOS
M2y1.	Scar conditions and fibrosis of skin
773C.	Other operations on bowel
7D18y	Other specified other repair of vaginal prolapse
N2420	Neuralgia unspecified
1AE..	Vaginal discomfort
K134.	Other ureteric obstruction
K5207	Vesicovaginal fistula
K5212	Rectovaginal fistula
Syu39	[X]Inj oth and unspecif nerves of abdomen/lower back/pelvis
SG90.	Foreign body in bladder and urethra
Kyu5A	[X]Other specified urinary incontinence
SJ6z.	Pelvic girdle and lower limb nerve injury NOS
SG90z	Foreign body in bladder and urethra NOS
E2B..	Depressive disorder NEC
M2y15	Painful operation scar
N23y1	Foreign body muscle granuloma
S7803	Peritoneum injury without mention of open wound into cavity
K16..	Other disorders of bladder
J50zz	Intestinal obstruction NOS
SC1..	Late effect of skin and subcutaneous tissue injury
Eu432	[X]Adjustment disorders
PD6z.	Urethra or bladder neck atresia or stenosis NOS
K182.	Postoperative urethral stricture
TB04.	Other restorative surgery with complication, without blame
K42yz	Other cervical, vaginal and vulval disease NOS
SP078	Infect+inflam react due/prosth dev,implant+graft in gen trct
S88..	Open wound of external genital organs
K56yz	Other noninflammatory vaginal disorder NOS
N24..	Other soft tissue disorders
Eu431	[X]Post - traumatic stress disorder
SG901	Foreign body in urethra
SyuLA	[X]Sequelae of complication of surgical & medical care, NEC
SyuBD	[X]Injury of nerve(s) of unspecified body region
SB4z.	Leg blood vessel injury NOS
Zw059	[Q] Neuropraxia
SP232	Surgical wound necrosis
K516.	Vaginal enterocele
Eu454	[X]Persistent somatoform pain disorder
K2860	Scrotal haematoma due to nontraumatic cause
M2yA.	Skin sinus
J32z.	Umbilical hernia NOS
SP241	Obstruction resulting from foreign body left postoperatively
773Cz	Other operation on bowel NOS
K16z.	Bladder disorders NOS
M2y1z	Scar NOS
S7701	Closed injury of urethra

SN530	Allergic reaction
K19z.	Urethral and urinary tract disorders NOS
J3033	Bilateral recurrent inguinal hernia - simple
J3311	Incisional hernia with obstruction
J304.	Direct inguinal hernia
K5620	Post-operative vaginal adhesions
SP23.	Operation wound disruption
7B310	Suprapubic urethrovesical suspension
7B42.	Other open operations on urethra
R083.	[D]Incontinence of urine
SN52.	Drug hypersensitivity NOS
ZV6C1	[V]Follow-up care involving plastic surgery of breast
K5100	Cystocele without uterine prolapse
K1801	Urethral stricture due to infection EC
R090.	[D]Abdominal pain
7H111	Primary mesh repair of inguinal hernia
SP21.	Peri-operative haemorrhage or haematoma
PD631	Stenosis of urinary meatus
M03z.	Cellulitis and abscess NOS
1A7..	Vaginal discharge symptom
SP24z	Sequelae from foreign body left postoperatively NOS
K283.	Atrophy of testis
PC4yz	Other cervical/vaginal/external female genital anomaly NOS
S8z..	Open wound of head, neck and trunk NOS
J3221	Paraumbilical hernia - irreducible
H51zz	Pleural effusion NOS
7H11.	Primary repair of inguinal hernia
PC40.	Cervical/vaginal/external female genital anomalies, unspec
SP211	Post-operative haemorrhage
U11R.	[X]Foreign body or object entering through skin
7D181	Anterior repair
J3zz.	Unspecified abdominal cavity hernia NOS
K51y.	Other genital prolapse
8313	Pelvic sling
19EA.	Change in bowel habit
K4043	Chronic abscess of the female pelvis
7N32z	[SO]Bowel NEC
SP23z	Operation wound disruption NOS
SK03.	Post-traumatic wound infection NEC
7D1z.	Vagina operations NOS
7D1A.	Other repair of vagina
Jyu60	[X]Other peritonitis
ZV474	[V]Other urinary problems
7E0G.	Other vaginal operations on uterus
R0938	[D]Umbilical lump
7D155	Excision of vaginal adhesions
S776.	Injury of ureter
F351.	Meralgia paraesthetica
S77..	Injury to pelvic organs
Jyu32	[X]Oth spcfd abdominal hernia without obstructn or gangrene
U6152	[X]Failure in suture or ligature during surgical operation
J302.	Inguinal hernia - irreducible
PC4..	Cervical, vaginal and external female genital anomalies

S562.	Sprain, sacrospinous ligament
K180.	Infective urethral stricture
L354.	Obstetric high vaginal laceration
K522.	Female genital tract - skin fistula
S771z	Bladder/urethra injury with open wound into cavity NOS
K421.	Vaginitis and vulvovaginitis
K18z.	Urethral stricture NOS
K56y2	Granulation tissue at vaginal vault
SJ6x3	Open injury pudendal nerve
PC4y.	Other cervical, vaginal and external female genital anomaly
K151.	Chronic interstitial cystitis
Kyu9D	[X]Other specified abnormal uterine and vaginal bleeding
S7710	Open injury of bladder
SB253	Iliac artery injury
J3321	Incisional hernia - irreducible
S772.	Ureter injury without mention of open wound into cavity
K4031	Acute pelvic cellulitis
K5624	Stenosis of vagina
J3C..	Spigelian hernia
E29y1	Other post-traumatic stress disorder
K5531	Adhesions of cervix
Kyu56	[X]Other urethral stricture
SE24.	Contusion, genital organs
SyuJ0	[X]Post-traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified
K1z..	Other urinary system diseases NOS
SyuBA	[X]Open wound of unspecified body region
K5202	Urethrovaginal fistula
NyuAF	[X]Other specified soft tissue disorders
Mz...	Skin and subcutaneous tissue disease NOS
J50y2	Adhesions with obstruction unspecified
Eu41z	[X]Anxiety disorder, unspecified
S735z	Colon or rectum injury with open wound into cavity, NOS
J5021	Volvulus of the small bowel
SP036	Unspecif complication genitourin prosth device,implant+graft
SyuKH	[X]Infec & inflam react due oth int prosth device/imp/graft
N245.	Pain in limb
TA25.	Not sterile - aspiration fluid/tissue, puncture, catheter
J3331	Simple incisional hernia
Eu32z	[X]Depressive episode, unspecified
K42y2	Ulcer of vagina
K140.	Bladder calculus
K5622	Occlusion of vagina
K510z	Vaginal prolapse without uterine prolapse NOS
SJ642	Closed injury lateral cutaneous nerve thigh
SE...	Contusion (bruise) with intact skin
K190z	Urinary tract infection, site not specified NOS
SJ41z	Sympathetic nerve injury NOS
S7810	Intra-abdominal organ injury with open wnd to cavity, unspec
M084.	[X]Cellulitis of breast
G534.	Pericardial effusion - acute
Q4041	Omphalitis
A38z.	Septicaemia NOS
22L4.	O/E - Wound infected

SK1D0	Injury of adductor muscle and tendon of thigh
SJ6x1	Open injury obturator nerve
J300.	Inguinal hernia with gangrene
K181.	Traumatic urethral stricture
SP056	Infec & inflam react due oth int prosth device/imp/graft
S884.	Open wound of vulva
J103.	Oesophageal stricture and stenosis
N239.	Fibromyalgia
G8611	Acquired (chronic) lymphoedema
Syu3L	[X]Unspecified injury of abdomen, lower back and pelvis
K282z	Torsion of testis NOS
BBe8.	[M]Neuroma NOS
S5yz1	Muscle injury / strain
Kyu86	[X]Vulvovaginal ulceration+inflammation in other diseases CE
J574z	Other rectal and anal disorders NOS
1A32.	Cannot pass urine - retention
SP3..	Medical care complication NEC
K240.	Orchitis
TN8..	Injury ?accidental, by other means
Q404z	Umbilical sepsis NOS
SK...	Traumatic complications and unspecified injuries
J23z2	Appendicular fistula
J57yC	Granuloma of intestine
SP052	Mechanical complication of breast prosthesis
SyuK8	[X]Mechanic complication of oth urinary devices & implants
S572.	Lumbar sprain
TA1..	Foreign object left in body during procedure
TF5..	Foreign body accidentally entering other orifice
N238.	Muscle contracture
SJ...	Nerve and spinal cord injuries
K574.	Old laceration or scarring of vulva
J50z.	Intestinal obstruction NOS
K16yz	Other bladder disorders NOS
S5P32	Open division, xiphoid cartilage ligament
J55..	Peritonitis
S53y.	Hip sprain NOS
M2y13	Disfigurement due to scar
SC43.	Late effect of medical and surgical care complication
SE222	Contusion, groin
SP152	Oliguria as a complication of care
TA0..	Accidental cut, puncture, perforation ,h'ge - medical care
SJ331	Sacral nerve root injury - S2
J33z.	Ventral hernia NOS
J574.	Other rectal and anal disorders
K18y.	Other urethral stricture
K5601	Moderate vaginal dysplasia
PD73.	Persistent umbilical sinus
K16y.	Other bladder disorders
PA30.	Atresia of oesophagus
SJ630	Closed injury common peroneal nerve
MO...	Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections
K16y4	Irritable bladder
J520.	Constipation - functional

K1700	Urethral abscess unspecified
J32y.	Unspecified umbilical hernia
SP250	Postoperative stitch abscess
SC31.	Late effect of intra-abdominal organ injury
J50yz	Other intestinal obstruction NOS
K1653	Detrusor instability
Jyu30	[X]Other specified abdominal hernia+obstruction,w'o gangrene
J302z	Inguinal hernia - irreducible and NOS
J543.	Pelvi-rectal abscess
S770.	Bladder and urethra injury without open wound into cavity
K165z	Other bladder function disorder NOS
J322.	Umbilical hernia - irreducible
SP02z	Mechanical complication of nervous system device NOS
A992.	Granuloma inguinale
SD960	Foreign body in skin wound
SD810	Corneal abrasion
K1900	Bacteriuria, site not specified
K5104	Vaginal prolapse unspecified without uterine prolapse
B3262	Malignant melanoma of fore-arm
M....	Skin and subcutaneous tissue diseases
7D18.	Pelvic floor repair operation
7H227	Reopen abdomen and reexplore intraabdominal op site NEC

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Table B: ICD9 Codes for All Surgical Mesh Claims Accepted, July 2005 to December 2021

ICD9 Code	ICD9 Code Description
1.23	Reopening of Craniotomy Site
309.24	Adjustment Reaction with Predominant Disturbance of Other Emotions; Adjustment Disorder with Anxiety or Disturbance of Conduct
338.2	Chronic Pain
355.9	Causalgia; Mononeuritis, Unspecified Site; Complex regional pain syndrome NOS
48.63	Anterior Resection of Rectum, Other
550.93	Inguinal Hernia, Bilateral without Mention of Obstruction or Gangrene
553.8	Hernia of Other Specified Sites
560.2	Intestinal Obstruction, Volvulus; Knotting, Strangulation, Torsion or Twist of Intestine, Bowel or Colon
59.4	Suprapubic Sling Operation; Goebel-Frangenheim-Stoeckel Urethrovesical Suspension; Millin-Read Urethrovesical Suspension; Oxford Operation for Urinary Incontinence; Urethrocystopexy by Suprapubic Suspension
616	Inflammatory Disease of Cervix, Vagina, and Vulva, Cervicitis and Endocervicitis; Cervicitis with or without Mention of Erosion or Ectropion; Endocervicitis with or without Mention of Erosion or Ectropion; Nabothian (Gland) Cyst or Follicle
70.78	Vaginal suspension and fixation with graft or prosthesis
729.91	Post-traumatic seroma
957.1	Injury to Other Specified Nerve(s)
957.9	Nerve Injury, Unspecified; Nerve Injury NOS
97.74	Removal of Other Vaginal Pessary
996.59	Complications Peculiar to Certain Specified Procedures in the Use of Artificial Substitutes, Mechanical Complication due to Other Implant and Internal Device, Not Elsewhere Classified
998.51	Infected Postoperative Seroma
E874.9	Mechanical Failure of Instrument or apparatus during Procedure; Unspecified Procedure
E876.5	Other and Unspecified Misadventures During Medical Care; Performance of wrong operation (procedure) on correct patient; Wrong device implanted into correct surgical site
M9570/0	Neuroma NOS

Table C: ICD10 Codes for All Surgical Mesh Claims Accepted, July 2005 to December 2021

ICD10 Code	ICD10 Code Description
3037501	Other enterostomy
3218300	Intestinal sling procedure prior to radiotherapy
3556500	Vaginal reconstruction
3734000	Division of urethral sling following previous stress incontinence procedure
F431	Post traumatic stress disorder
G580	Intercostal neuropathy
G5810	Complex regional pain syndrome type I, unspecified site
G5819	Complex regional pain syndrome type I, other specified site
K4091	Unilateral or unspecified inguinal hernia, without obstruction or gangrene, recurrent
L9059	Scar conditions and fibrosis of skin due to other specified cause
N029	Recurrent and persistent haematuria, unspecified
N768	Other specified inflammation of vagina and vulva
N899	Noninflammatory disorder of vagina, unspecified
R522	Other chronic pain
R688	Other specified general symptoms and signs
S299	Unspecified injury of thorax
S314	Open wound of vagina and vulva
S3654	Injury of sigmoid colon
S3720	Injury of bladder, unspecified
S3738	Injury of other part of urethra
S379	Injury of unspecified pelvic organ
S398	Other specified injuries of abdomen, lower back and pelvis
T144	Injury of nerve(s) of unspecified body region
T149	Injury, unspecified
T181	Foreign body in oesophagus
T190	Foreign body in urethra
T191	Foreign body in bladder
T198	Foreign body in other and multiple parts of genitourinary tract
T793	Post traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified
T810	Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure, not elsewhere classified
T812	Accidental puncture and laceration during a procedure, not elsewhere classified
T813	Disruption of operation wound, not elsewhere classified
T8141	Wound infection following a procedure
T831	Mechanical complication of other urinary devices and implants
T834	Mechanical complication of other prosthetic devices, implants and grafts in genital tract
T835	Infection and inflammatory reaction due to prosthetic device, implant and graft in urinary system
T838	Other complications of genitourinary prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T839	Unspecified complication of genitourinary prosthetic device, implant and graft
T855	Mechanical complication of gastrointestinal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T8578	Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T859	Unspecified complication of internal prosthetic device, implant and graft
T888	Other specified complications of surgical and medical care, not elsewhere classified
T889	Complication of surgical and medical care, unspecified
T983	Sequelae of complications of surgical and medical care, not elsewhere classified