

ANNEXURE J

INTERNAL PROSTHESES – GUARDIAN OPTION

1. Internal prostheses placed in the body as an internal adjuvant during an operation, with the exception of dental implants which are regarded as dental benefits, shall be paid at 100% of the cost.
2. The benefits shall be subject to pre-authorisation by the Principal Officer or his/her delegates and shall be limited to the following amounts per beneficiary per annum with due regard to the PMB's:

INTERNAL PROSTHESES

PROSTHESIS	LIMIT PER PROSTHESIS
1. Total knee replacement cemented	R 51 150.00
2. Partial knee replacement	R 30 000.00
3. Shoulder replacement	R 57 200.00
4. Hip replacement (charnley or chrome)	R 67 760.00
5. Hip revision	R 50 000.00
6. Partial hip replacement	R 30 000.00
7. Spinal fusion	R 55 660.00 for procedure Including plates and cage
8. Cervical and lumbar disc replacement	R 30 000.00
9. Pacemakers and leads	R 44 000.00
10. Cardiac stents	R 25 650.00 including drug eluding stents to a maximum of 3 where after further motivation is required
11. Heart valves	R 37 500.00 per valve
12. Grafts	R 28 500.00 per graft
13. Knee revision	R 45 000.00
14. Hernia Mesh	R 11 000.00 per procedure
15. Other (not defined in other categories)	R 25 000.00
PLEASE NOTE: The above-mentioned prostheses (No 1-15) shall be subject to a combined limit of R77 000 per beneficiary per annum if more than one prosthesis is obtained	
16. Pacemaker – Double chamber	R120 000.00
17. Pacemaker and Defibrillator	R280 000.00
18. Endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR), Anaconda and equivalents	R280 000.00
19. Brain Stimulator	R180 000.00
20. Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)	R280 000.00

PLEASE NOTE: These prostheses are only reimbursed for PMB-conditions.