

Appendix 1: Body function/structure categories

Table A1: Coding examples for body function/structure categories

Body function/structure coding category	Examples of types of harm
1. Mental functions/structures of the nervous system	Psychological harm (e.g. nervous shock) Subdural haematoma Cerebral palsy Paralysis
2. Sensory functions of the eye, ear and related structures	Loss of hearing Loss of sight
3. Voice and speech functions/structures involved in voice and speech	Dental injuries Injuries to the structure of the nose or mouth
4. Functions/structures of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems	Injury to the spleen or lungs Generalised infection/sepsis Deep vein thrombosis Vascular or artery damage Conditions affecting major body systems, such as cancer that has progressed and no longer affects a single body part or system
5. Functions and structures of the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems	Injury to the gall bladder, bowel, pancreas or liver
6. Genitourinary and reproductive functions and structures	Injury to the breast Injury to male or female reproductive organs Injury to the kidney
7. Neuromusculo-skeletal and movement-related functions and structures	Loss of function due to inappropriate casting of joint
8. Functions and structures of the skin and related structures	Burns
9. Death	'Death' is recorded where the incident was a contributory cause of the death of the claim subject
10. No body functions/structures affected	Failed sterilisation, where there is no consequent harm to body functions or structures

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