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Background:

The Main Specialty Codes are used to report the Main Specialty of the Consultant responsible for the activity. Following a request sent to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary helpdesk, the values for retired Main Specialty Codes have been relisted for the purposes of analysing historical data, as well as clarifying the date on which the specific codes were retired.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice does not reinstate the Main Specialty Codes.

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Summary of changes:

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

MAIN SPECIALTY AND TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES TABLE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

For further information regarding the definition and use of [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) see the attribute [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#).

For further information regarding the definition and use of [TREATMENT FUNCTION](#) see the attribute [TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE](#).

Table 1 Main Specialty codes

	Code	Main Specialty Title
Surgical Specialties		
	100	GENERAL SURGERY
	101	UROLOGY
	110	TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS
	120	ENT
	130	OPHTHALMOLOGY
	140	ORAL SURGERY
	141	RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
	142	PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
	143	ORTHODONTICS
	145	ORAL & MAXILLO FACIAL SURGERY
	146	ENDODONTICS
	147	PERIODONTICS
	148	PROSTHODONTICS
	149	SURGICAL DENTISTRY
	150	NEUROSURGERY
	160	PLASTIC SURGERY
	170	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
	171	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
	180	ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY
	191	Retired
	191	PAIN MANAGEMENT (Retired 1 April 2004)
Medical Specialties		
	190	ANAESTHETICS
	192	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE
	300	GENERAL MEDICINE
	301	GASTROENTEROLOGY
	302	ENDOCRINOLOGY
	303	CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY
	304	CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGY
	305	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
	310	AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE
	311	CLINICAL GENETICS
*	312	CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS and MOLECULAR GENETICS (Retired 1 April 2010)
	313	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY and ALLERGY
	314	REHABILITATION
	315	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE
	320	CARDIOLOGY
	321	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
	325	SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE
	326	ACUTE INTERNAL MEDICINE
	330	DERMATOLOGY

	340	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE (also known as thoracic medicine)
	350	INFECTIOUS DISEASES
	352	TROPICAL MEDICINE
	360	GENITOURINARY MEDICINE
	361	NEPHROLOGY
	370	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
	371	NUCLEAR MEDICINE
	400	NEUROLOGY
	401	CLINICAL NEURO-PHYSIOLOGY
	410	RHEUMATOLOGY
	420	PAEDIATRICS
	421	PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY
	430	GERIATRIC MEDICINE
	450	DENTAL MEDICINE SPECIALTIES
	451	SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY
	460	MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY
†	500	OBSTETRICS and GYNAECOLOGY
	501	OBSTETRICS
	502	GYNAECOLOGY
	504	COMMUNITY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
	510	Retired
	520	Retired
	510	ANTENATAL CLINIC (Retired 1 April 2004)
	520	POSTNATAL CLINIC (Retired 1 April 2004)
	560	MIDWIFE EPISODE
	600	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
	601	GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE
	610	Retired
	620	Retired
	610	MATERNITY FUNCTION (Retired 1 April 2004)
	620	OTHER THAN MATERNITY (Retired 1 April 2004)
Psychiatry		
	700	LEARNING DISABILITY
	710	ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS
	711	CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
	712	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY
	713	PSYCHOTHERAPY
	715	OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY
Radiology		
	800	CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (previously RADIOTHERAPY)
	810	RADIOLOGY
Pathology		
	820	GENERAL PATHOLOGY
	821	BLOOD TRANSFUSION
	822	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY
	823	HAEMATOLOGY

824	HISTOPATHOLOGY
830	IMMUNOPATHOLOGY
831	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND VIROLOGY
832	Retired
832	NEUROPATHOLOGY (Retired 1 April 2004)
833	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY (also known as MICROBIOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY)
834	MEDICAL VIROLOGY
Other	
900	COMMUNITY MEDICINE
901	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
902	COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL
903	PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE
904	PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL
950	NURSING EPISODE
960	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EPISODE
990	Retired
990	JOINT CONSULTANT CLINICS (Retired 1 April 2004)

Notes:

†	Code 500 is not acceptable for Central Returns including Hospital Episode Statistics
*	Code 312 is retained for CONSULTANTS qualified in this Main Specialty prior to 1 April 2010.

Table 2 Treatment Function codes

Code	Treatment Function Title	Comments
Surgical Specialties		
100	GENERAL SURGERY	Includes sub-categories not elsewhere listed e.g. endocrine surgery
101	UROLOGY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system
102	TRANSPLANTATION SURGERY	Includes pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung (see Cardiothoracic Transplantation). Excludes corneal grafts
103	BREAST SURGERY	Includes treatment for cancer, suspected neoplasms, cysts and post-cancer reconstructive surgery. Excludes cosmetic surgery
104	COLORECTAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the lower intestine (colon, anus and rectum)
105	HEPATOBIILIARY & PANCREATIC SURGERY	Includes liver surgery, but liver transplantation should be recorded in 102 Transplantation Surgery
106	UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the upper parts of the gastrointestinal tract
107	VASCULAR SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases of the vascular system
108*	SPINAL SURGERY SERVICE	Surgery concentrating on specialised and complex treatment of the back and spine. The SERVICE has a significantly different composition and profile from the SERVICE provided in TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE - 110 Trauma & Orthopaedic. Excludes Spinal Injuries - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 323
110	TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	Surgery to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders of the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves and muscles. Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 108

120	ENT	Ear, nose and throat
130	OPHTHALMOLOGY	The surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye. Excludes Medical Ophthalmology - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 460
140	ORAL SURGERY	The diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and aesthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the head, mouth, teeth, gums, jaws and neck
141	RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY	Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics are all part of Restorative Dentistry
142	PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY	Dentistry SERVICES dedicated to children with appropriate facilities and support staff
143	ORTHODONTICS	The treatment of malocclusions (improper bites). Orthodontic treatment can focus on dental displacement only, or can deal with the control and modification of facial growth
144	MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY	Mouth, jaw and face related surgery
150	NEUROSURGERY	The prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of disorders which affect any portion of the nervous system including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extra-cranial cerebrovascular system
160	PLASTIC SURGERY	SERVICES to correct or restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns
161	BURNS CARE	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only
170	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	Should only be used where there are no separate SERVICES for Cardiac Surgery and Thoracic Surgery
171	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY	This is paediatric general surgery
172	CARDIAC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels
173	THORACIC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm
174	CARDIOTHORACIC TRANSPLANTATION	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. Includes pre- and post-operative services
180	ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY	SERVICES to care for PATIENTS with urgent problems delivered as part of an Accident and Emergency Attendance or admission at an Accident and Emergency Department
191	PAIN MANAGEMENT	Complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist multi-professional team
<p>Other Children's Specialist Services - The Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES represent CLINICS OR FACILITIES intended to provide dedicated SERVICES to children with appropriate facilities and support staff, i.e. they are designed for children only. If a CLINIC OR FACILITY provides this but also treats adult PATIENTS as part of the SERVICE then a Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE may not be appropriate. The age of the PATIENT attending does not initiate a change to the TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE for the ACTIVITY.</p>		
211	PAEDIATRIC UROLOGY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system
212	PAEDIATRIC TRANSPLANTATION SURGERY	Includes pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung (see Cardiothoracic Transplantation). Excludes corneal grafts
213	PAEDIATRIC GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the gastrointestinal tract
214	PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	Surgery to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders of the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves and muscles. Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 108

215	PAEDIATRIC EAR NOSE AND THROAT	Ear, nose and throat
216	PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	The surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye.
217	PAEDIATRIC MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY	Mouth, jaw and face related surgery
218	PAEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY	The prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of disorders which affect any portion of the nervous system including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extra-cranial cerebrovascular system
219	PAEDIATRIC PLASTIC SURGERY	SERVICES to correct or restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns
220	PAEDIATRIC BURNS CARE	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only
221	PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels
222	PAEDIATRIC THORACIC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm
223*	PAEDIATRIC EPILEPSY	Designated clinic which provides SERVICES to children led by CONSULTANT paediatrician with expertise in epilepsy supported by specialist staff
241	PAEDIATRIC PAIN MANAGEMENT	Complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist multi-professional team
242	PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE	Only to be used by designated Paediatric Intensive Care Units
251	PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the digestive system
252	PAEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the endocrine system
253	PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY	Excludes Anticoagulant Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 324
254	PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE	The medical specialty concerned with the investigation, diagnosis and management of patients with disorders of balance, hearing, tinnitus and auditory communication. Excludes audiology and hearing tests
255	PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY AND ALLERGY SERVICE	Clinical Immunology is the treatment of disorders of the immune system. Allergy Service is the diagnosis and management of allergic disease
256	PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES	SERVICES to diagnose and treat contagious or communicable diseases
257	PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	SERVICES for the treatment of diseases of the skin
258	PAEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Also known as Thoracic Medicine
259	PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	SERVICES to treat kidney conditions and abnormalities
260	PAEDIATRIC MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with Chemotherapy of PATIENTS with cancer
261	PAEDIATRIC METABOLIC DISEASE	The diagnosis and management of inherited metabolic conditions
262	PAEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	SERVICES to treat rheumatism, arthritis, and other disorders of the joints, muscles and ligaments
263	PAEDIATRIC DIABETIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose, treat and support PATIENTS with diabetes
264	PAEDIATRIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS	Specialised, multidisciplinary SERVICE concerned with the diagnosis, assessment and management of PATIENTS with cystic fibrosis. This TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE should be used by recognised specialist centres only
280	PAEDIATRIC INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	Diagnosis and treatment of diseases utilising minimally-invasive image-guided procedures. Not to be used for Diagnostic Imaging - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 812

290	COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS	Includes routine health surveillance, health promotion, behavioural paediatrics and Looked After Children . Excludes Paediatric Neuro-Disability
291	PAEDIATRIC NEURO-DISABILITY	Dedicated SERVICES for children with Cerebral Palsy and non-progressive handicapping neurological conditions, with or without Learning Disability
Medical Specialties		
190	ANAESTHETICS	This can be used in out-patients only. Pain Management should be recorded in 191
192	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	also known as Intensive Care Medicine
300	GENERAL MEDICINE	Includes sub-categories not elsewhere listed e.g. Metabolic Medicine.
301	GASTROENTEROLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the digestive system
302	ENDOCRINOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the endocrine system
303	CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY	Excludes Anticoagulant Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 324
304	CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGY	Physiological measurement including ECG (e.g. exercise testing, stress testing), gastrointestinal physiology, cardiac physiology, vascular technology, urodynamics, and ophthalmic and vision science. Excludes Clinical Neurophysiology - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 401, Audiology - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 840 or Respiratory Physiology - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 341
305	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY	SERVICES providing drug information, medication safety and other aspects of pharmacy practice
306	HEPATOLOGY	Also known as liver medicine
307	DIABETIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose, treat and support PATIENTS with diabetes
308	BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANTATION	Previously coded within Clinical Haematology (TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 303). Includes haemopoietic stem cell transplantation
309	HAEMOPHILIA SERVICE	Previously coded within Clinical Haematology (TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 303).
310	AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE	The medical specialty concerned with the investigation, diagnosis and management of patients with disorders of balance, hearing, tinnitus and auditory communication. Excludes audiology and hearing tests
311	CLINICAL GENETICS	Diagnosis of disorders caused by genetic mechanisms and counselling SERVICE to PATIENTS and affected family members. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only
312	not a Treatment Function	
313	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY and ALLERGY SERVICE	Should only be used where there are no separate SERVICES for Clinical Immunology and Allergy
314	REHABILITATION SERVICE	SERVICES to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to those with physical impairments or disabilities. Excludes Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 725
315	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE	The treatment for curable illnesses and those living with chronic diseases, as well as PATIENTS who are nearing the end of life
316	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the immune system
317	ALLERGY SERVICE	The diagnosis and management of allergic disease (abnormal immune responses to external substances) and the exclusion of allergic causes in other conditions
318	INTERMEDIATE CARE	Intermediate care encompasses a range of multi-disciplinary SERVICES designed to safeguard independence by maximising rehabilitation and recovery after illness or injury

319	RESPIRE CARE	SERVICES providing temporary care of a dependant person, providing relief for their usual caregivers
320	CARDIOLOGY	SERVICES treating diseases and abnormalities of the heart
321	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	Dedicated SERVICES to children with diseases and abnormalities of the heart, with appropriate facilities and support staff
322	CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY	SERVICES to treat diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites
323	SPINAL INJURIES	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only, Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 108
324	ANTICOAGULANT SERVICE	The monitoring and control of anticoagulant therapy including the initiation and/or supervision of oral anticoagulant therapy and the determination of anticoagulant dosage. This can be used in out-patients only
325	SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE	The diagnosis and management of medical problems caused by physical activity, the prevention of related injury and disease and the role of exercise in disease treatment
327	CARDIAC REHABILITATION	Rehabilitation SERVICE for PATIENTS with or recovering from heart related conditions such as heart attacks or from procedures such as coronary artery bypass surgery to ensure that they achieve their full potential in terms of physical and psychological health
328	STROKE MEDICINE	For stroke services excluding Transient Ischaemic Attack - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 329
329	TRANSIENT ISCHAEMIC ATTACK	A multidisciplinary SERVICE for rapid diagnosis and treatment of PATIENTS presenting with suspected Transient Ischaemic Attack and mini-strokes to minimise the chance of a full stroke occurring and maximise the chances of independent living after a stroke
330	DERMATOLOGY	SERVICES for the treatment of diseases of the skin
331*	CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICE	The management and treatment of congenital heart disease, this includes the ongoing care of children in to adulthood
340	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Also known as Thoracic Medicine
341	RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY	Physiological measurement of the function of the respiratory system. Includes Sleep Studies (the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disordered breathing, including upper airway resistance syndrome and sleep apnoea)
342	PROGRAMMED PULMONARY REHABILITATION	A multidisciplinary programme of care for PATIENTS with chronic respiratory impairment that is individually tailored and designed to optimise the individual's physical and social performance and autonomy
343	ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS SERVICE	Specialised, multidisciplinary SERVICE concerned with the diagnosis, assessment and management of PATIENTS with cystic fibrosis. This TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE should be used by recognised specialist centres only
344*	COMPLEX SPECIALISED REHABILITATION SERVICE	Complex specialised rehabilitation SERVICE which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 1 service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
345*	SPECIALIST REHABILITATION SERVICE	Specialist rehabilitation SERVICE which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2a service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
346*	LOCAL SPECIALIST REHABILITATION SERVICE	Local specialist rehabilitation SERVICE which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2b service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
350	INFECTIOUS DISEASES	SERVICES to diagnose and treat contagious or communicable

		diseases
352	TROPICAL MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose and treat diseases that are found most often in tropical or sub-tropical regions
360	GENITOURINARY MEDICINE	Primarily related to medicine dealing with sexually transmitted diseases
361	NEPHROLOGY	SERVICES to treat kidney conditions and abnormalities
370	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with Chemotherapy , of PATIENTS with cancer
371	NUCLEAR MEDICINE	The treatment of PATIENTS through the use of radioactive substances
400	NEUROLOGY	SERVICES to diagnose and treat conditions and diseases of the central nervous system
401	CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	The study of the central and peripheral nervous systems through the recording of bioelectrical activity. Includes Electroencephalogram (EEG)
410	RHEUMATOLOGY	SERVICES to treat rheumatism, arthritis, and other disorders of the joints, muscles and ligaments
420	PAEDIATRICS	SERVICES to treat infants, children, and adolescents
421	PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	Dedicated SERVICES to children to diagnose and treat conditions and diseases of the central nervous system, with appropriate facilities and support staff
422	NEONATOLOGY	Special Care, High Dependency and Intensive Care
424	WELL BABIES	Use when NEONATAL LEVEL OF CARE = 0 - Normal Care: Care given by the mother/substitute with medical and neonatal nursing advice if needed. See Well Baby
430	GERIATRIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to treat diseases and disabilities in older adults. There is no set age at which PATIENTS may be under the care of Geriatric Medicine, this decision should be determined by the individual PATIENT 's needs
450	DENTAL MEDICINE SPECIALTIES	Includes Oral Medicine.
460	MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY	SERVICES to diagnose and treat medical conditions affecting the eye, orbits, and visual pathways
500	not a Treatment Function	
501	OBSTETRICS	The management of pregnancy and childbirth including miscarriages and still births but excluding planned terminations. Excludes Midwifery Service see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 560
502	GYNAECOLOGY	Disorders of the female reproductive system. Includes planned terminations
503	GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY	SERVICES to treat cancers of the female reproductive system
510	Retired	Record as Obstetrics, antenatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
520	Retired	Record as Obstetrics, postnatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
560	MIDWIFERY SERVICE	SERVICES provided under the direct care of a MIDWIFE . Excludes Obstetrics see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 501
600	not a Treatment Function	
610	Retired	Record as Obstetrics
620	Retired	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
Therapies		
650	PHYSIOTHERAPY	The treatment of human function and movement to help people to achieve their full physical potential. The use of physical approaches to promote, maintain and restore wellbeing
651	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	The use of specific activities to limit the effects of disability and

		promote independence in all aspects of daily life
652	SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY	The assessment, treatment and help to prevent speech, language and swallowing difficulties
653	PODIATRY	Also known as Chiropody. The diagnosis and treatment of disorders, diseases and deformities of the feet. Excludes Podiatric Surgery see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 663
654	DIETETICS	The application of the science of nutrition to devise eating plans for PATIENTS to treat medical conditions. The promotion of good health by helping to facilitate a positive change in food choices amongst individuals, groups and communities
655	ORTHOPTICS	The diagnosis and treatment of visual problems involving eye movement and alignment
656	CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of emotional and behavioural disorders
657	PROSTHETICS	The supply of prosthetics for PATIENTS
658	ORTHOTICS	The supply of orthoses for PATIENTS
659	DRAMA THERAPY	The use of drama and theatre techniques including role play, voice work and storytelling for therapeutic purposes
660	ART THERAPY	The use of art techniques including clay, paint and paper for therapeutic purposes and as a means of communication
661	MUSIC THERAPY	The use of music and all of its facets to help clients to improve or maintain their health
662	OPTOMETRY	The diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the eye and vision care
663*	PODIATRIC SURGERY	The treatment of foot problems, including soft tissue, bone and joint surgery of the foot, ankle and associated structures, excludes Podiatry see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE - 653
Psychiatry		
700	LEARNING DISABILITY	SERVICES provided to PATIENTS with a Learning Disability
710	ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS	SERVICES provided to adult PATIENTS for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness
711	CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES providing diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of psychopathological disorders of children and adolescents
712	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES to assess PATIENTS who have committed an offence and are receiving treatment in high, medium and low secure units or prisons
713	PSYCHOTHERAPY	SERVICES providing therapy used to treat emotional problems and mental health conditions
715	OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES providing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders in older adult PATIENTS
720	EATING DISORDERS	A specialist SERVICE for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders including anorexia, bulimia and compulsive overeating
721	ADDICTION SERVICES	The prevention and treatment of substance misuse including drugs and alcohol. If PATIENTS have both severe mental illness and problematic substance misuse, see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 726 Dual Diagnosis Service
722	LIAISON PSYCHIATRY	The provision of psychiatric treatment to PATIENTS attending general hospitals including out-patient clinics, Accident and Emergency Departments and admission to wards. Deals with the interface between physical and psychological health.
723	PSYCHIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE	The provision of psychiatric SERVICES to vulnerable individuals who are admitted to Psychiatric Intensive Care Units from open acute wards and forensic settings
724	PERINATAL PSYCHIATRY	A specialist psychiatric SERVICE for the diagnosis and treatment of ante-natal and post-natal psychiatric problems
725*	MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY AND	SERVICES provided to support recovery from mental illness

	REHABILITATION SERVICE	that maximises the PATIENT 's quality of life and social inclusion by encouraging their skills, promoting independence and autonomy
726*	MENTAL HEALTH DUAL DIAGNOSIS SERVICE	SERVICES to provide support to PATIENTS with both severe mental illness and substance misuse problems. Personality disorder may coexist with psychiatric illness and/or substance misuse
727*	DEMENTIA ASSESSMENT SERVICE	SERVICES for the assessment of PATIENTS with dementia, which may complicate care giving and can occur at any stage of the illness. In addition to memory impairment, dementia may include behavioural and psychological problems
Radiology		
800	CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (previously RADIOTHERAPY)	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with Radiotherapy , of PATIENTS with cancer.
810	not a Treatment Function	
811	INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	Diagnosis and treatment of diseases utilising minimally-invasive image-guided procedures. Not to be used for Diagnostic Imaging - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 812
812	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING	The production and interpretation of high quality images of the body to diagnose injuries and disease, e.g. x-rays, Ultrasound Scan , MRI Scan , PET Scan or CT Scan .
Pathology		
820	not a Treatment Function	
821	not a Treatment Function	
822	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY	To be used for clinical management only
823	not a Treatment Function	See Clinical Haematology
824	not a Treatment Function	
830	not a Treatment Function	See Clinical Immunology
831	not a Treatment Function	See Clinical Microbiology
832	Retired	
834	MEDICAL VIROLOGY	The diagnosis and management and prevention of virus and related infections, in hospital and in the community including HIV/AIDS, other blood-borne infections like hepatitis B and C and viruses such as SARS and avian flu
840	AUDIOLOGY	Physiological measurement and diagnosis of hearing disorders, and the rehabilitation of PATIENTS with hearing loss
Other		
900	not a Treatment Function	
901	not a Treatment Function	
920*	DIABETIC EDUCATION SERVICE	SERVICES providing dedicated small group education courses regarding self management for diabetic PATIENTS
950	not a Treatment Function	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
960	not a Treatment Function	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
990	Retired	

Notes:

†	Code 500 is not acceptable for Central Returns including Hospital Episode Statistics
	TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES should be used for all aggregate Central Returns unless otherwise stated eg National Workforce Data Set uses MAIN SPECIALTY CODES
	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER , NURSE and Allied Health Professional/ Biomedical Scientist / Clinical Scientist ACTIVITY should be recorded against the TREATMENT FUNCTION under which the PATIENT is treated

	Joint Consultant Clinic ACTIVITY should be recorded against the TREATMENT FUNCTION which best describes the specialised service
*	The functionality to report these TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES is available in version 6-2 of the Commissioning Data Sets and the associated CDS-XML Schema Release (6-2). However note that they will not be processed by the Secondary Uses Service's Payment Grouper until SUS Release 13 (April 2013). These TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES cannot be transmitted in XML Schemas for the previous version of the Commissioning Data Sets (6-1-1)

MAIN SPECIALTY CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A unique code identifying each [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) designated by Royal Colleges. This is the same as the [NHS OCCUPATION CODES](#) describing specialties.

Specialties are divisions of clinical work which may be defined by body systems (dermatology), age (paediatrics), clinical technology (nuclear medicine), clinical function (rheumatology), group of diseases (oncology) or combinations of these factors. Only Specialty titles recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties should be used. This list is maintained by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003 and European Primary and Specialist Dental Qualifications Regulations 1998.

Each [CONSULTANT](#) should be assigned a [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) by the [ORGANISATION](#) to which the [CONSULTANT](#) is contracted. For physicians and surgeons with a generalist component to their work, the [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) should be general medicine or general surgery. The hallmark of a general physician or general surgeon is the continued care of unselected emergency referrals. The [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) is specific to a [Health Care Provider](#). If, for example, a [CONSULTANT](#) physician working in two [Health Care Providers](#) has a generalist component to the work in one and not the other, general medicine is only assigned as the [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) in the former case. [CONSULTANTS](#) in general medicine or general surgery may also have specialist interests and these should be recorded as well as the [MAIN SPECIALTY](#).

The initial source of the information should be the designation on the [CONSULTANT's](#) contract. This should be checked periodically against the work a [CONSULTANT](#) is actually doing so that the statistics can relate to a [CONSULTANT's](#) current type of work.

The [MAIN SPECIALTY](#) only should be used for the purpose of producing Specialty costing statistics and for Workforce statistics where links with [ACTIVITY](#) and finance are required. Other specialist interests of [CONSULTANTS](#) may be recorded for workforce planning purposes.

This will be used to indicate the skill level of medical and dental employees.

Pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODES](#) should be used in Commissioning Data Set messages for lead [CARE PROFESSIONALS](#) other than [CONSULTANT](#) medical and dental staff e.g. 560, 950 and 960.

The [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#) for [GENERAL PRACTITIONERS](#) is General Medical Practice or General Dental Practice.

Joint [Consultant Clinic ACTIVITY](#) should be recorded against the [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#) of the [CONSULTANT](#) managing the clinic.

For further information, contact the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) by email at: enquiries@hscic.gov.uk.

National Codes:

Code	Main Specialty Title
	Surgical Specialties

	100	GENERAL SURGERY
	101	UROLOGY
	110	TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS
	120	ENT
	130	OPHTHALMOLOGY
	140	ORAL SURGERY
	141	RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
	142	PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
	143	ORTHODONTICS
	145	ORAL & MAXILLO FACIAL SURGERY
	146	ENDODONTICS
	147	PERIODONTICS
	148	PROSTHODONTICS
	149	SURGICAL DENTISTRY
	150	NEUROSURGERY
	160	PLASTIC SURGERY
	170	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
	171	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
	180	ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY
	191	Retired
	191	PAIN MANAGEMENT (Retired 1 April 2004)
Medical Specialties		
	190	ANAESTHETICS
	192	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE
	300	GENERAL MEDICINE
	301	GASTROENTEROLOGY
	302	ENDOCRINOLOGY
	303	CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY
	304	CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGY
	305	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
	310	AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE
	311	CLINICAL GENETICS
	312	CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS and MOLECULAR GENETICS (Retired 1 April 2010)
*	312	CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS and MOLECULAR GENETICS (Retired 1 April 2010)
	313	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY and ALLERGY
	314	REHABILITATION
	315	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE
	320	CARDIOLOGY
	321	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
	325	SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE
	326	ACUTE INTERNAL MEDICINE
	330	DERMATOLOGY
	340	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE (also known as thoracic medicine)
	350	INFECTIOUS DISEASES
	352	TROPICAL MEDICINE
	360	GENITOURINARY MEDICINE

	361	NEPHROLOGY
	370	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
	371	NUCLEAR MEDICINE
	400	NEUROLOGY
	401	CLINICAL NEURO-PHYSIOLOGY
	410	RHEUMATOLOGY
	420	PAEDIATRICS
	421	PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY
	430	GERIATRIC MEDICINE
	450	DENTAL MEDICINE SPECIALTIES
	451	SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY
	460	MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY
†	500	OBSTETRICS and GYNAECOLOGY
	501	OBSTETRICS
	502	GYNAECOLOGY
	504	COMMUNITY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
	510	Retired
	520	Retired
	510	ANTENATAL CLINIC (Retired 1 April 2004)
	520	POSTNATAL CLINIC (Retired 1 April 2004)
	560	MIDWIFE EPISODE
	600	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
	601	GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE
	610	Retired
	620	Retired
	610	MATERNITY FUNCTION (Retired 1 April 2004)
	620	OTHER THAN MATERNITY (Retired 1 April 2004)
Psychiatry		
	700	LEARNING DISABILITY
	710	ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS
	711	CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
	712	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY
	713	PSYCHOTHERAPY
	715	OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY
Radiology		
	800	CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (previously RADIOTHERAPY)
	810	RADIOLOGY
Pathology		
	820	GENERAL PATHOLOGY
	821	BLOOD TRANSFUSION
	822	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY
	823	HAEMATOLOGY
	824	HISTOPATHOLOGY
	830	IMMUNOPATHOLOGY
	831	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND VIROLOGY
	832	Retired

	832	NEUROPATHOLOGY (Retired 1 April 2004)
	833	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY (also known as MICROBIOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY)
	834	MEDICAL VIROLOGY
Other		
	900	COMMUNITY MEDICINE
	901	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
	902	COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL
	903	PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE
	904	PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL
	950	NURSING EPISODE
	960	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EPISODE
	990	Retired
	990	JOINT CONSULTANT CLINICS (Retired 1 April 2004)

Notes:

†	Code 500 is not acceptable for Central Returns including Hospital Episode Statistics
*	Code 312 is retained for CONSULTANTS qualified in this Main Specialty prior to 1 April 2010.

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