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AXA PPP
Insurance company

Dear Insurance,

Patient Name: Jialin Yang; 06 Mar 1985;
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Reason for letter: Request for approval for multiple surgeons/ clinician and invoicing independently;
Provisional approval for the amount requested for the procedure
CCSD code

Clinicians involved: Mr Vincent Yip - Consultant HPB Surgeon (£3000)
Mr Deepak Hariharan - Consultant HPB Surgeon (3000)
Mr Christopher Chan - Consultant Colorectal Surgeon (to give his fees)
Dr Nabil Kibriya - Consultant Interventional Radiologist (£1500)

Provisional Code: J0740 - Open hepatectomy and ablation (Mr Vincent Yip and Mr Deepak Hariharan);
J0312 - Microwave ablation of liver tumour (Dr Nabil Kibriya and Mr Vincent Yip/ Deepak Hariharan)
H3334 - Anterior resection (low) (Mr Christopher Chan)
G7402 - Open formation of ileostomy (Mr Christopher Chan)
M2580 - uretolyysis (bilateral) (Mr Christopher Chan)
A7352 - Local anaesthetic blockade for major nerve (Mr Vincent Yip, Mr Deepak Hariharan and Mr Christopher Chan)

Diagnosis: Sigmoid/rectal cancer with bilobar liver metastases

Proposed procedure: Multiple wedge liver resections; Liver mobilisation for intra-operative microwave liver ablation; and synchronous anterior resection with formation of ileostomy

Proposed treatment date: 22/07/2024

Proposed venue: HCA The Harley Street Clinic

I am writing to your insurance company seeking upfront approval of the above for Mr Jialin Yang (Your client/patient).

Mr Yang was diagnosed with histologically proven synchronous sigmoid/ rectal adenocarcinoma and multiple liver metastases in January 2024. Because of the widely distributed liver metastases and synchronous presentation, he was treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy to downstage the disease.

He recently completed his chemotherapy, and had a re-staging imaging in May/June 2024. The re-staging imaging revealed excellent response (significant shrinkage) in both liver metastases as well as the primary colonic cancer. After HCA HPB multidisciplinary meeting discussion on 25/06/2024, the recommendation was to consider synchronous colectomy and liver resection (The proposed procedure and codes are listed above).

From a liver perspective, two of the liver metastases are located in more challenging positions. One of the lesions located immediately in front of the inferior vena cava (the major vessels going towards the heart); and the other metastasis located more central in the right liver, which might potentially be difficult to locate intra-operatively. Dr Kibriya, Consultant interventional radiologist, was therefore requested for his presence for microwave ablation, once the liver has been fully mobilised by myself and Mr Hariharan. Once the liver resection/ ablation is completed, Mr Chan will be involved in performing the anterior resection.

Clearance of all these liver metastases (at least 7 - 10 metastases) and bowel cancer simultaneously is a highly complex surgical procedure; and will require exceptional surgical and radiological expertises to achieve that. This has been clearly explained to Mr Yang by myself and Mr Chan during our clinic consultations.


Mr Yang has already been explained that multiple clinicians (listed above) are involved in order to achieve the best clinical outcome for him intra- and post- operatively. Clinicians above have provisionally agreed for a joint procedure for your client on 22/07/2024 at the HCA The Harley Street Clinic.

Prior to the procedure, I would be grateful if your insurance company can kindly approve multiple clinicians' involvement for the care of Mr Yang's surgical treatment. I would also highlight to your company that each clinician will subsequently invoice individually to your company regarding their costs based on the surgical procedure(s) undertaken. It is also worth mentioning to your company in advance that all clinicians are likely to be involved throughout the entire duration of the surgical procedure due to its complexity; As such, the fee schedule allocated to each code might not truly reflect the time and expertise involved by each clinician.

Mr Yang is keen to be involved in all our communications. I have therefore copied this letter to him for his notification.

We strongly feel that this surgical/service provision highlighted here provides the utmost care for all our patients requiring complex abdominal surgery, I am therefore grateful for your time in considering this matter, and look forward to hearing your favourable outcome.

Kind regards,



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