

Summary

Changes in National Insurance Reimbursement with Introduction of the DPC Package Payment System for ^{131}I Therapy for Hyperthyroidism

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The inpatient DPC package payment system lowers national insurance reimbursement as compared to the former fee-for-service payment system for inpatients, when an inpatient with hyperthyroidism or toxic multinodular goiter (TMNG) is admitted for 2-day radioiodine therapy. The differentials are ¥29,970 and ¥48,870 for a 2-day hospital stay for administration of

555 MBq and 925 MBq, respectively. We request the Health and Labor Ministry to newly establish the fee for ^{131}I internal therapy for hyperthyroidism. Furthermore, the fee should be paid according to the fee-for-service payment system.

Key words: Radioiodine therapy, Hyperthyroidism, Toxic multinodular goiter.