

Acupuncture

Medical treatments provided with acupuncture may be reimbursed under specific conditions.

Reimbursement rates and ceilings

The reimbursement rate is set at 80 % (ceiling EUR 25).

Number of sessions

The maximum number of sessions eligible for reimbursement per year is 30.

Prescription

The treatment must be medically justified. The essential indications of acupuncture, for which efficacy has been scientifically demonstrated, are the treatment of **pain, headache, nausea and vomiting**. Acupuncture for other indications is considered as non-functional (Medical Council Opinion of 2/10/2014).

For that reason, a detailed medical prescription has to be attached to your claim for reimbursement. Treatment must start no later than 6 months after the date of the prescription.

The medical prescription must state:

- the signature, name and official references of the prescribing doctor
- the full name of the patient
- the date of issue
- the type of treatment concerned (acupuncture)
- the medical motivation (pathological context, reason for treatment)
- the number of sessions prescribed

Prior Authorisation

Prior authorisation is not necessary for this treatment.

Recognised practitioners

The treatment must be carried out by a doctor or in a hospital environment, in accordance with the GIP, Title II, Chapter 8, point 2 — B1.1.

What supporting documents have to be attached to the claim for reimbursement?

- **The detailed prescription** must be in accordance with the legislation of the country in which it was issued (eg. “attestation de soins donnés, “mémoire d’honoraires”) that includes the following information:
 - full name of the patient
 - date, type and price of the medical treatment carried out
 - signature, name and official references of the practitioner/doctor