

Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

CLINICAL POLICIES updated PROCEDURES OF LIMITED CLINICAL VALUE POLICIES

The NHS Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) guidance is to assist CCG's in fulfilling their duties relating to securing continuous improvements in the quality of services for patients and in outcomes, particularly regarding appropriate clinical interventions. The objective of this guidance is to support CCGs in their decision-making, to address unwarranted variation, and to provide national advice to make local clinical decision-making more appropriate.

In line with the group's principle of adopting NHS Evidence Based Interventions policies, where they are felt to be more restrictive than the current Derby & Derbyshire policies, the following have been updated:

Derby and Derbyshire CCG Adoption of NHS EBI Policies	Key Changes
Arthroscopic Shoulder Decompression for Subacromial Shoulder Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording
Varicose Vein Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Clarification that DDCCG do not commission surgery for symptoms of pain, aching, discomfort, swelling etc. Clarification post June CLCC and June CPAG for recommendation for referral criteria for venous leg ulcer secondary to a varicose vein.
Knee Arthroscopy for Patients with Osteoarthritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Addition of 'mechanical' to clarify the type of knee locking. Referral changed to physiotherapy and MDT MSK CATS Clarification on open access to MRI scan

CLINICAL POLICIES updated Summary of Clinical policies

The following clinical policies were updated:

Policy	Key Changes
<p>Cough Assist</p> <p><i>Restrictive policy that states the use of mechanical insufflation-exsufflation devices to help clear airway secretions in patients with neuron muscular dystrophy or spinal cord problems is not commissioned.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording updated to reflect the new organisation
<p>IVF</p> <p><i>Policy restricts the number of IVF cycles to one cycle per patient for those who meet the criteria stated in the policy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligned policy with wording of contract and referral form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of single women Appropriate tests for ovarian reserve Adopted children-page 6 BMI<19 – page 8 E-cigarettes-page 8 Previous relationship refusal-page 10 Definition for premature ovarian failure-page 12
<p>Surrogacy</p> <p><i>Restrictive policy that states assisted conception treatments involving surrogates for any patient group is not commissioned</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the EMACC Surrogacy Policy, which will replace DDCCG existing Surrogacy Policy Policy re-formatted to align with DDCCG policy format

NICE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE, DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE (IPGS, DTG, MTGS)

The Derby and Derbyshire CCG do not commission and will not fund any procedure or technology assessed by NICE under their IPG, MTG and DTG programmes unless:

- the provider has submitted a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and this has been subsequently approved
- AND
- the NICE IPG states 'use with standard arrangements for clinical governance, consent and audit'
 - OR the NICE MTG states 'the case for adoption within the NHS as described is supported by the evidence'
 - OR the NICE DTG makes a recommendation as an option for use

The following business cases were submitted to DDCCG. The business cases were reviewed and presented to CPAG. The outcomes include the following:

Business Case	
IPG611 Prostate Artery Embolisation as a treatment option for benign prostate hyperplasia (UHDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG agreed that there is no clear evidence that the procedure will support better health, care and value for the population of Derbyshire Business case declined - not commissioned. Awaiting revised version of business case with updated data (several trials are due to report data in 2020-2022)
MTG leg ulcer and diabetic foot ulcer pathway proposal to include UrgoStart and UrgoClean Ag dressings onto the formulary (UHDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG accept the clinical aspects of business case which now needs to be considered by the diabetes working group who will ultimately decide how the business case will be ratified and implemented.
IPG271 Total Wrist Replacement (UHDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG have agreed to not commission in accordance with the DDCCG's IPG policy as this is classed as a special arrangement. Business case declined
IPG619 Superior capsular augmentation for massive rotator cuff tears (UHDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG have agreed to not commission in accordance with the DDCCG's IPG policy as this is classed as a research arrangement. Business case declined

The following NICE programme outputs were considered by the group:

IPG/MTG	Description and date of release
MTG43	PICO negative pressure wound dressings for closed surgical incisions (May)
MTG44	Curoc for preventing infections when using needleless connectors (May)

Our CCG continues to monitor and implement IPGs with our main providers.

EAST MIDLANDS AFFILIATED COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE POLICY UPDATES

We are currently awaiting East Midlands Affiliated Commissioning Committees update on Gamete Storage/ Cryopreservation.

CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Clinical Policies Website went live from 1st April 2019 and will be regularly updated with new information/policies.

<http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/>