

## Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

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Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic an interim CPAG Terms of Reference (ToR) has been devised to ensure that there is continuity of CPAG meetings during these extraordinary times. The interim arrangements can be found on the Derby and Derbyshire CCG (DDCCG) Clinical Policies website: [http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/assets/Clinical-policies/CPAG/CPAG\\_TOR/interim\\_cpag\\_tor.pdf](http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/assets/Clinical-policies/CPAG/CPAG_TOR/interim_cpag_tor.pdf)

### PRIOR APPROVAL UPDATED

Prior Approval (PA) is an assurance mechanism used by DDCCG to ensure that the clinical criteria listed within the Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) policies are met. Through CPAG, DDCCG has collaborated with stakeholders to remove any unnecessary administration burden.

A useful summary can be found on the DDCCG Clinical Policies website: <http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/plcv>

### CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED PROCEDURES OF LIMITED CLINICAL VALUE POLICIES

Research evidence shows that some interventions are not clinically effective or only effective when they are performed in specific circumstances. The purpose of the Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) policy is to clarify the commissioning intentions of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG will only fund treatment for clinically effective interventions that are then delivered to the right patients.

There were no updated PLCV policies for September.

### CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED: SUMMARY OF POLICIES

Clinical Policy	Key Changes
Brow Lift	<p>A brow lift is a surgical procedure that involves the elevation and repositioning of the skin and soft tissue around the upper area of the face. The procedure uses the same surgical principles and techniques as craniofacial surgery, allowing access to the upper face.</p> <p>The policy has been re-worded and reformatted to reflect the new organisation's clinical policy format. This includes the addition of background information, rationale for recommendation, useful resources, references, consultation and document version control.</p>

### CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT & ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SERVICE TEMPLATES

The Clinical Policies Website went live from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and will be regularly updated with new information/policies. <http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/>

The Electronic Referral Service (ERS) PLCV referral form templates are being reviewed and updated to accurately reflect the current policies and are now available on the Clinical policies website. We actively encourage feedback which should be sent to the PLCV inbox at [PLCV.priorapproval@nhs.net](mailto:PLCV.priorapproval@nhs.net)

### NICE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE, DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE AND MEDTECH INNOVATION BRIEFINGS (IPGS, DTG, MTGS, MIBS)

The DDCCG does not commission and will not fund any procedure or technology assessed by NICE under their IPG, MTG, DTG and MIB 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
- OR the NICE MIB has evaluated the innovation.

The following NICE programme outputs were noted by the group for the month of August:

IPG/MTG/DTG/MIB	Description	Outcome
IPG676	Transcranial magnetic stimulation for obsessive-compulsive disorder	Research only – Not commissioned
IPG677	Electrical stimulation to improve muscle strength in chronic respiratory conditions, chronic heart failure and chronic kidney disease	Standard - Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
IPG678	Deep brain stimulation for refractory epilepsy in adults	Type of arrangement Special – Not commissioned
IPG679	Implanted vagus nerve stimulation for treatment-resistant depression	Type of arrangement Special – Not commissioned
DG40	High-sensitivity troponin tests for the early rule out of NSTEMI	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB221	Healthy.io test for home testing of urine albumin to creatinine ratio	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based

		business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB222	pCONUS2 Bifurcation Aneurysm Implant for complex intracranial aneurysms	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB223	Spartan RX point-of-care CYP2C19 test to guide treatment in acute coronary syndrome	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB224	FebriDx for C-reactive protein and myxovirus resistance protein A testing	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval

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

### NHS ENGLAND INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PAYMENTS (ITP)

The DDCCG have no statutory duty to fund the additional costs associated with the implementation of NHS England's Innovation and Technology Payment innovations.