

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)

Breast Prosthesis (Implant) Revision/ Replacement Policy

Statement

Derby and Derbyshire CCG has deemed that the replacement of breast implants should not routinely be commissioned unless criteria 1 and 2 are met:

1. The original implant was supplied and inserted by the NHS for non-cosmetic reasons e.g. reconstruction surgery for breast cancer, correction of breast asymmetry and Poland syndrome
2. The replacement can be carried out as part of the same procedure as the removal of the previous implant

These commissioning intentions will be reviewed periodically. This is to ensure affordability against other services commissioned by the CCG.

1. Background

Breast implants are fitted on the NHS, mostly for breast reconstruction following breast cancer. Breast implants do not last a lifetime and therefore will require replacement at some point in the patient's lifetime. The insertion of breast implants also carries a risk of number complications that may warrant the removal of the implants.

2. Recommendation

The replacement of breast implants are not routinely be commissioned unless criteria 1 and 2 are met:

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2. The replacement can be carried out as part of the same procedure as the removal of the previous implant

Exclusion Criteria

DDCCG will not commission the replacement of privately funded breast implants.

Information to be included with referral

- Smoking Status
- Details of condition, including history of surgical provider

3. Rationale for Recommendation

- A small proportion of NHS-funded breast augmentation may have historically been undertaken on patients for purely cosmetic reasons. Such patients should privately fund any ongoing treatment.

4. Useful Resources

- Breast Enlargement (implants), NHS, last reviewed July 2019, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cosmetic-procedures/breast-enlargement/>
- Breast Augmentation, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, https://baaps.org.uk/patients/procedures/1/breast_augmentation

5. References

- Appendix D - Breast Implant removal/Reinsertion, East Midlands Commissioning Policy for Cosmetic Procedures, updated 25/03/11

- Breast Augmentation, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, accessed 28/09/20, https://baaps.org.uk/patients/procedures/1/breast_augmentation

6. Appendices

Appendix 1- Consultation

All relevant providers/stakeholders will be consulted via a named link consultant/specialist. Views expressed should be representative of the provider/stakeholder organisation. CPAG will consider all views to inform a consensus decision, noting that sometimes individual views and opinions will differ.

Consultee	Date
Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, UHDBFT	July 2020
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon, CRHFT	September 2020
Clinical Policy Advisory Group	October 2020
Clinical and Lay Commissioning Committee	November 2020

Appendix 2- Document Update

Document Update	Date Updated
Version 1 - Breast implant removal/ reinsertion - separated into two policies. Breast prosthesis removal and replacement should be done at the same time.	September 2018
Policy review was due in June 2020. However due to the Covid-19 pandemic the review date has been extended by 6 months to December 2020.	June 2020
Version 2 – Policy re-worded and reformatted to reflect the new organisation’s clinical policy format. This includes the addition of background information, useful resources, references and consultation sections to the policy. Removal of the criteria ‘The removal of the implant is in accordance with this policy’. Addition of ‘correction of breast asymmetry’ included in the examples listed in criteria 1. Addition of exclusion criteria to policy ‘DDCCG will not commission the replacement of privately funded breast implants.’	October 2020

Appendix 3- OPCS code(s)

- B302 (removal of prosthesis for breast)
- B304 (renewal of prosthesis for breast)
- B319 (unspecified other plastic operations on breast)