

GENERAL SURGERY	
Procedure/Condition	Criteria ■ Black – criteria required to be met prior to referral. ■ Blue – criteria to be met prior to procedure
Surgical Haemorrhoidectomy (Restricted) Secondary ⇒	<p>The Commissioner will only fund treatment for Surgical Haemorrhoidectomy if indication A or B is met:</p> <p>A. Recurrent (grade 3) and persistent symptomatic haemorrhoids that fails to respond to conservative treatment. Patients should be recommended to try the following options in primary care-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral fluid intake, high fibre diet and fibre supplementation • Topical treatment • Rubber band ligation (dependent on training and equipment availability within primary care)/(however would also be carried out by secondary care) <p>B. Haemorrhoids that cannot be successfully reduced and where banding is not appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurrent grade 4 combined internal/external haemorrhoids with persistent pain or bleeding <p>NB: The above criteria B is applicable to secondary care.</p> <p>Alternative treatment where available within secondary care should also be considered prior to surgery which include-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injection sclerotherapy • Infrared coagulation/photocoagulation • Direct current electrotherapy <p>This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq.</p>
Base / Evidence	RCS Commissioning Guide 2013 https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/library-and-publications/college-publications/docs/rectal-bleeding-guide/ Other non surgical treatment mentioned in NICE CKS https://cks.nice.org.uk/haemorrhoids Evidence-Based Interventions: Guidance for CCGs https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/evidence-based-interventions-guidance-for-clinical-commissioning-groups-ccgs/
OPCS code(s):	H511

Version No	Date	Changes
3	Dec 2016	Updated to include clearer approach to conservative treatment prior to surgical intervention
3.1	July 2017	Secondary section highlighted and word referral removed from Alternative treatment
3.2	Nov 2017	Wording and criteria updated
3.3	April 2019	EBI criteria added for grade 3 and grade 4 haemorrhoids

3.4	October 2019	Addition of 'This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq.' as requested by contracting.
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