

GYNAECOLOGY AND FERTILITY	
Procedure/Condition	Criteria ■ Black – criteria required to be met prior to referral. ■ Blue – criteria to be met prior to procedure
Vaginal Pessaries (Restrictions apply to secondary care)	The CCGs will only fund vaginal pessaries described below: Replacement /reinsertion of vaginal ring pessaries should only be undertaken in a primary care setting; it is not commissioned as a secondary care service
Secondary ⇒	This does not include any more technically difficult pessaries such as shelf pessaries There is no restriction applied to the incidental first fitting of ring pessaries in secondary care if the patient has been referred for a separate reason, however patients should not be referred specifically for the first fitting of ring pessaries.
Base / Evidence	RCOG Green Top Guideline 46 (2015). Cheung, R, Y, et al . (2016) “Vaginal Pessary in Women with Symptomatic Pelvic Organ Prolapse: A Randomized Controlled Trial.” De Albuquerque et al. (2016) “Female pelvic organ prolapse using pessaries; systematic review.”
OPCS code(s):	

Version No	Date	Changes
2	Nov 2014	Vaginal Pessaries –changes to include clarification of restrictions in fitting of ring pessaries in secondary care added.
3	Dec 2016	No update
3.1	Sept 2019	Addition of ‘This policy is subject to a prior approval’ as requested by contracting.
3.2	Nov 2019	Removal of ‘This policy is subject to a prior approval’ and replaced with ‘This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq.’, as requested by contracting.