

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)

NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB Position Statement on MRI scan of the hip for arthritis

Statement

NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB has deemed that MRI scan of the hip for arthritis should not routinely be commissioned.

When clinical assessment is suggestive of osteoarthritis (OA) and plain radiographs demonstrate typical OA features, the use of MRI for the investigation of hip pain is not usually needed.

This guidance applies to adults aged 19 years and over.

The ICB's commissioning intentions will be reviewed periodically. This is to ensure affordability against other services commissioned by the ICB.

Reference

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