

Commissioning Policy

ACNE – PULSE DYE LASER TREATMENT

Intervention Not Normally Funded (INNF)

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1.0 Background

Laser treatment does not offer a permanent cure for acne. Laser treatment may temporarily reduce acne spots and redness, but the evidence is based on small studies. It is considered a low priority for funding and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

2.0 Policy statement

Policy category	Policy details
<i>INNF</i>	Acne - Pulse-dye laser treatment is considered a low priority for funding and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Funding approval must be sought from the ICB via the Individual Funding Request process prior to treatment.

3.0 Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy.

Individual cases will be reviewed at the ICB's Individual Funding Request Panel upon receipt of a completed application form from the patient's GP, Consultant or Clinician. Applications cannot be considered from patients personally.

4.0 Connected policies

N/A

5.0 References

Yung et al Comparison of PDL and combined 585/1064nm laser in acne vulgaris Dermatol Surg 2009; 35:1-7

Established local clinical practice.