

## Commissioning Policy

### Elective Hip Replacement Surgery Criteria Based Access (CBA)

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0.5	11.06.2024	Removal of Kellgren Lawrence link under Policy Statement as no longer necessary. No change to criteria or review date. Policy moved to new policy template	Senior commissioning Programme Manager/ Assistant IFR Manager	CPRG

## 1.0 Background

Where a patient meets the criteria set out in this policy the decision to go ahead with surgery should be made using the principles of shared decision making to ensure that any decision is reached jointly taking into account the patient's needs and preferences.

New GP referrals should normally be made via the MSK specialist triage service in line with the agreed local pathway.

Surgical intervention should only be considered where the patient's general physical and mental health is sufficiently good to expect that significant improvement in pain and function will result from surgery.

## 2.0 Policy statement

Policy category	Policy details
<b>CBA</b>	<p>The ICB will only fund surgical treatment for patients who meet the criteria set out below:</p> <p>The patient is suffering from significant persistent pain as defined within the policy.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>The patient is suffering from significant functional impairment as defined within the policy.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>The patient's symptoms persist despite the patient having fully engaged with conservative measures as defined by NICE Quality Standard QS87 (<a href="#">Quality Standard 7: Core treatments before referral for consideration of joint surgery</a>) for a period of 3 months (unless the patient has severe persistent pain that is causing severe functional impairment which is compromising their mobility to such an extent that they are in immediate danger of losing their independence and joint replacement would relieve this, and conservative management as set out in this policy is contra-indicated).</p> <p><b>Definition of significant persistent pain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Pain of almost continuous nature despite appropriate analgesia.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pain when walking short distances on level surfaces or standing for less than half an hour.</i></li> <li>• <i>Daily activities limited.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Definition of significant functional impairment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Functional capacity adequate to perform only a few normal activities and self-care.</i></li> <li>• <i>Walking capacity limited usually less than 30 minutes.</i></li> <li>• <i>Aids such as a cane are often required.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>MRI grading (MRI not routinely required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>grade 0:</b> normal</li> <li>• <b>grade 1:</b> inhomogeneous high signal intensity in cartilage (T2WI)</li> <li>• <b>grade 2:</b> inhomogeneity with areas of high signal intensity in articular cartilage (T2WI); indistinct trabeculae or signal intensity loss in femoral head &amp; neck (T1WI)</li> <li>• <b>grade 3:</b> criteria of grade 1 and 2 plus indistinct zone between femoral head &amp; acetabulum; subchondral signal loss due to bone sclerosis</li> </ul> <p><b>grade 4:</b> above criteria plus femoral head deformity</p> <p>Hip replacement surgery is an effective but invasive treatment and should only be undertaken when more conservative approaches have failed to adequately address the problem.</p>
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### 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

GICB policy on hip arthroscopy <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Hip-Arthroscopy.pdf>

GICB policy on hip impingement surgery <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Hip-impingement-surgery.pdf>

GICB policy on hip resurfacing techniques <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Hip-resurfacing-techniques.pdf>

## 5.0 References

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NICE Quality Standard QS87. *Quality Standard 7: Core treatments before referral for consideration of joint surgery*. 2015. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs87/chapter/Quality-statement-7-Core-treatments-before-referral-for-consideration-of-joint-surgery>

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