



Clinical Thresholds

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| Condition or Treatment | Bunion Surgery |
| Commissioning Threshold | <p>Refer to orthopaedic or podiatric surgery for consultation if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-care advice and analgesia have been tried and symptoms are not improving • Person suffers with pain - this must be the primary indication for surgery • Recurrent infection • Recurrent ulcers <p>NB: All patients to be referred to local podiatry services prior to referral to secondary care.</p> |
| Referral Guidance | <p>Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Referral Form</p> </div> |
| Effective from | April 2013 |
| Summary of evidence / rationale | <p>These referral guidelines are based on practical advice and guidelines from the <i>Musculoskeletal – foot and ankle pathway</i> developed by the Centre for Change and Innovation for NHS Scotland.</p> <p>Surgery is not indicated for cosmetic concerns because of the recovery time and potential for complications associated with bunion surgery .</p> |
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References:

1. Bunions Clinical Knowledge Summaries Bunion September 2012
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