

Surgical removal of kidney stones

Please refer to NICE NG118 (recommendation 1.5) for full details on the assessment and management of renal and ureteric stones:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng118/chapter/Recommendations>.

Evidence Based Interventions Phase II policy confirms this investigation will only be funded when the following criteria are met:

Adult renal stones

Size		Yes	No
< 5mm	If asymptomatic, was watchful waiting considered?		
5-10mm	Was watchful waiting considered?		
	Was shockwave lithotripsy(SWL) first line treatment?		
10-20mm	Was SWL first line treatment		
	Was ureteroscopy (URS) second line treatment if SWL contraindicated/ineffective?		
> 20mm	(including staghorn) was percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL) performed?		

Adult ureteric stones

Size		Yes	No
<5mm	If asymptomatic was watchful waiting (with medical therapy e.g. Alpha blocker for use with distal stones) considered?		
5-10mm	Was SWL first-line treatment?		
10-20mm	Was SWL considered?		
10-20mm	Was URS first line treatment? Y/N		