

Patient Name:
Address:
Date of Birth:
NHS Number
Consultant/Service to whom referral will be made:

Please send this form with the referral letter.

Surgical Repair of Hernias

Instructions for use:

Please refer to policy for full details, complete the checklist and file for future compliance audit. (This policy only applies to patients aged over 16 years)

PATIENTS WITH DIVARICATION OF THE RECTI SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED FOR SURGICAL OPINION

The CCG will only fund **inguinal** hernia surgery when the following criteria are met:

<i>In ordinary circumstances*, referral/treatment should not be considered unless the patient meets one or more of the following criteria.</i>	Delete as appropriate	
Symptomatic hernias i.e. those which limit work or activities of daily living OR	Yes	No
Hernias that are difficult or impossible to reduce OR	Yes	No
Inguino-scrotal hernias OR	Yes	No
An increase in the size of the hernia month on month (please use your clinical discretion when referring/surgical repair of these patients)	Yes	No

**If clinician considers need for referral/treatment on clinical grounds outside of these criteria, please refer to the Individual funding request policy for further information.*

Please note that for asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic inguinal hernias, the CCG advocates a watchful waiting approach (informed consent regarding the potential risks of developing hernia complications e.g. incarceration, strangulation, or bowel obstruction). Patients should also be advised regarding weight loss as appropriate.

The CCG will only fund **umbilical, para umbilical and midline ventral** hernia surgery when the following criteria are met:

<i>In ordinary circumstances*, referral/treatment should not be considered unless the patient meets one or more of the following criteria.</i>	Delete as appropriate	
Pain or discomfort interfering with activities of daily living OR	Yes	No
An increase in the size of the hernia month on month OR	Yes	No
To avoid strangulation and incarceration of bowel where hernia is ≥ 2 cm	Yes	No

The CCG will only fund **Incisional** hernia surgery when the following criteria are met:

Pain or discomfort interfering with activities of daily living	Yes	No
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The CCG will only fund **femoral** hernia surgery when the following criteria is met:

All suspected femoral hernias must be referred to secondary care due to the increased risk of incarceration/ strangulation	Yes	No
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