



# Biologic Mesh

**BEFORE** providing patient identifiable data on this form, please confirm that the patient (or in the case of a minor or vulnerable adult with the parent/legal guardian/carer) has given appropriate **EXPLICIT CONSENT** for sensitive and personal information on this form to be passed to the Funding Team/CCG/CSU for processing.

Consent given: Yes

Please ensure a secure NHSmail email account (nhs.net) is used to submit this form.

<b>Patient First name</b>		<b>Patient Surname</b>		<b>Hospital</b>	
<b>NHS No.</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Consultant</b>	
<b>GP Name</b>		<b>GP Surgery</b>			
<b>GP F-code</b>		<b>CCG</b>		<b>UBRN</b>	
<b>Hospital No.</b>		<b>Referrer</b>			

## Additional information

Please submit completed forms to the following email addresses:

- For South Essex patients: [fundingrequests.south@nhs.net](mailto:fundingrequests.south@nhs.net)
- For Mid Essex patients: if you are the referring GP/Nurse please send to [central.referral@nhs.net](mailto:central.referral@nhs.net)  
If you are the referring consultant please send to [MECCG.IFR@nhs.net](mailto:MECCG.IFR@nhs.net)

A decision will be made and an outcome letter will be sent within **3 working days** where all relevant information is provided.

N.B: Please ensure forms are clear and legible. Illegible forms will be returned to sender.

Biologic and Synthetic Mesh are forms of surgical mesh- loosely woven sheet of either biologic or synthetic materials, used as either a permanent or temporary support for organs and other tissues during surgery.

Biological meshes are excluded from National Tariff.

**Synthetic mesh** is not excluded from National Tariff and the cost of synthetic mesh is within tariff and not funded separately.

**Synthetic Equivalents** This wording was included within 2014/15 PbR exclusions and is intended to allow for the possibility that there are synthetic materials in use which may represent a similar disproportionate cost as biological mesh – synthetic equivalents to biologic mesh are therefore also excluded from 2014/15.

**Patients can only be referred for funding if they meet the following ONE of the following sets of criteria. Please indicate which of the criteria the patient meets:**

Please  
Tick  
✓



**A eLAPE reconstructive surgery for low rectal cancer:**

when used as part of eLAPE (extra-Levator Abdomino Perineal Excision of the rectum) reconstructive surgical technique for low rectal cancer to achieve wound closure where **ALL** of the following circumstances are met:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has low rectal cancer with a diagnosis of C19X (rectosigmoid junction) or C20X (rectum)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients with anal cancer diagnosis (C210 or C211) are excluded as NHSE is the responsible commissioner.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified procedure code H331 – Abdominoperineal excision of rectum mapping to HRG FZ08A/B</li> </ul>	

**B Breast reconstruction:**

when used in patients with **ONE** of the following:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with cancer of the breast, ductal carcinoma in situ and those patients identified with the high risk BRCA gene</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for single stage skin sparing mastectomy/reconstruction to avoid the need for a 2 stage operation involving mastectomy and reconstruction.</li> </ul>	

The CCGs fund biological mesh for the above criteria and in accordance with the table below:

Size	Upper cost per single dressing (£)	Please indicate which size is required
Smaller than 10X10 cm	500	
10x10 cm	1200	
10x15 cm	1600	
15-20x20 cm	6000	
>20x20 cm	6400	

**M&SECCGs will not separately fund** as an exclusion from National Tariff

- Biological mesh when used for any indication not listed above.
- Synthetic mesh for any indication
- Synthetic equivalents (as defined above) to biological mesh.

M&SECCGs will not fund use of biologic mesh for complex abdominal wall hernia repair & closure of laparostomy. Given the uncertainties in the literature regarding evidence and circumstances for use, the use of biological mesh in complex abdominal wall hernia repair and closure of laparostomy is not separately funded as tariff exclusion at the current time.

<b>CCG USE:</b>	<b>Invoice ref:</b>	<b>Prior Authorisation requested by:</b>	
<b>Is the procedure approved or declined?</b>		<b>Name of Clinician</b>	
Please indicate:			



<b>Name</b>		<b>Contact number</b>	
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Date</b>			