

<b>Policy statement:</b>	<b>Ingrown Toe Nail Surgery</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Group Prior Approval/Individual Prior Approval</b>

M&SECCGs commission surgery for ingrown toe nails on a restricted basis.

### **Group Prior Approval**

Nail surgery for ingrowing toenails will only be funded for patients with moderate to severe symptoms when primary care management has failed and when delivered by a commissioned community provider.

Moderate-Severe Symptoms include:

- Increased pain and inflammation of the toe
- Purulent drainage
- Bleeding
- Recurrent Infection
- Severe and disabling pain
- Substantial erythema and inflammation
- Severe infection
- Chronic inflammation and granulation
- Nail fold hypertrophy

### **Individual Prior Approval**

Surgery for ingrown toe nails is not routinely commissioned in a secondary care setting unless future orthopaedic surgery would be compromised- for example a recurrent infected ingrown toenail requiring treatment prior to joint replacement surgery. Individual prior approval must be sought.

Funding for patients not meeting the above criteria will only be granted in clinically exceptional circumstances.

Individual funding requests should only be made where the patient demonstrates clinical exceptionality.

Further information on applying for funding in exceptional clinical circumstances can be found on the CCGs' website.