

# Testicular Prosthesis Insertion

**Not Routinely Commissioned  
Exceptional Funding Panel Approval Required**

Before consideration of referral for management in secondary care, please review advice on the Remedy website ([www.remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/](http://www.remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/)) or consider use of advice and guidance services where available.

If the patient in question is clinically exceptional compared to the cohort, then an Exceptional Funding Application may be appropriate. The only time when an EFR application should be submitted is when there is a strong argument for clinical exceptionality to be made. EFR applications will only be considered where evidence of clinical exceptionality is provided within the case history/primary care notes in conjunction with a fully populated EFR application form.

The insertion of one or more testicular prosthesis is not routinely commissioned.

For guidance please see <https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/>

**Note: For all primary cancer pathways this procedure is funded by NHS England.**

BNSSG ICB is responsible for making the best use of the NHS funds allocated to us to meet the health needs of our local population. The demand for services is greater than the resources available and therefore we have to prioritise the use of funds carefully. Our approach is to prioritise commissioning treatments, operations or drugs that are most effective in meeting the health needs of the population. All operations carry significant risks and where symptoms are mild or moderate it is likely that the risks outweigh the benefits. Not all conditions progress and when symptoms can be managed conservatively, that is the safest option.

## **Testicular Prosthesis Insertion – Plain Language Summary**

A testicular prosthesis is a replica testicle made out of silicone, which replaces your own testicle(s) if one or both have been removed. The removal of a testicle (orchidectomy) is most commonly performed due to testicular cancer; however some men may have one or both testicles removed for other reasons such as undescended testes, trauma, severe torsion (twisted testicle) or as a treatment option for advanced prostate cancer. (Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, 2014)

Testicular prostheses provided for patients undergoing genital reconstruction as part of the gender dysphoria pathway is commissioned by NHS England and is not subject to this policy (NHS England, 2013).

### **This policy has been developed with the aid of the following references:**

1. NHS England (2013) Interim Gender Dysphoria Protocol and Service Guideline [www.england.nhs.uk/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/)
2. The British Association of Urological Surgeons (2020) Insertion of a testicular prosthesis (Online) [www.baus.org.uk](http://www.baus.org.uk)
3. The Royal College of Surgeons of England (2007) Testicular prostheses development and modern usage [www.rcseng.ac.uk](http://www.rcseng.ac.uk)

### **Connected Policies**

N/A

### **Due regard**

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