

Pathway:	Exogen Therapy
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p>Exogen may be funded under the following circumstances: Fractures of long bone fractures with non-union (failure to heal 9 months after fracture), where surgery is otherwise the option, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fracture gap is ≤ 1 cm, AND • non-union is not related/secondary to malignancy, AND • non-union confirmed by 2 radiographs minimum 90 days apart • and physician statement of no clinical evidence of fracture healing <p>For the purposes of this evaluation, long bone fractures are defined as fractures of the humerus, ulna, radius, femur, tibia and fibula.</p> <p>If the fracture is unstable or inter-fragment gap >1 cm then surgery is the expected option.</p> <p>Exogen will NOT be funded for: Delayed healing (no radiological evidence of healing between 3 and 9 months)</p> <p>Additional information needed on referral:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of fracture • Dates of radiography confirming non-union and no further progression towards radiographic healing • <p>For the purposes of exceptionality, the cohort is defined as: Non-union fracture of long bone, where surgery is otherwise an option, and where fracture is stable, aligned and inter fragment gap is <1cm. Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Individual cases will be reviewed as per the CCG policy</p> <p>Investigations prior to referral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Information to include in referral letter:	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of how the patient meets the above criteria OR demonstrates clinical exceptionality • Impact on activities of daily living • Treatments and interventions tried including the results • Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed) • Relevant past medical/surgical history • Current regular medication • BMI <p>All patients who are smokers should be referred to smoking cessation services at the initial assessment appointment.</p>	

References & Additional information:	
For the full SRCCG commissioning policy please click here	
References:	
CCG GP sign off:	SRCCG Business Committee (December 2015)
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