

<b>Pathway:</b>	Minor toe procedures – Claw Toe, Hammer Toe, Ingrowing Toenail
<b>Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:</b>	
<p><i>Secondary care surgical procedures are not routinely commissioned for these conditions; Requests for funding are required prior to referral to the Individual Funding Request Panel (IFR) on the grounds of clinical exceptionality; the minimum requirements are:</i></p> <p><i>Referral may be consider (via the IFR panel) if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• primary care management has been unsuccessful in resolving the issue</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the patient suffers from severe pain on walking (not relieved by chronic standard analgesia)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• severe deformity (with or without lesser toe deformity) that causes significant functional impairment <b>OR</b> prevents them from finding adequate footwear</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recurrent or chronic ulceration or infection</li> </ul> <p>Patients to be referred to local Podiatry services prior to referral to secondary care</p> <p><b>Treatment in all other circumstances is not normally funded and should not be referred unless there is prior approval by the IFR panel</b></p> <p><b>Investigations prior to referral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Information to include in referral letter:</b>	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of symptoms and duration including reason for clinical exceptionality</li> <li>• Details of treatments and measures tried including outcomes</li> <li>• Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed)</li> <li>• Relevant past medical/surgical history</li> <li>• Current regular medication</li> <li>• BMI</li> <li>• Smoking status</li> <li>• Alcohol consumption</li> </ul>	
<b>References &amp; Additional information:</b>	
<p><b>References</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. E-medicine: Claw toe <a href="http://www.emedicine.com/orthoped/topic51.htm">http://www.emedicine.com/orthoped/topic51.htm</a></li> <li>2. GP notebook.com <a href="http://www.gpnotebook.co.uk/simplepage.cfm?ID=382730244">http://www.gpnotebook.co.uk/simplepage.cfm?ID=382730244</a></li> <li>3. Royal College of Surgeons Commissioning Guide: Painful deformed great toe in adults (November 2013) <a href="http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/healthcare-bodies/docs/Painfuldeformedgreattoeinadults.pdf">http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/healthcare-bodies/docs/Painfuldeformedgreattoeinadults.pdf</a></li> </ol> <p>For the full SRCCG commissioning policy please <a href="#">click here</a></p>	
<b>CCG GP sign off:</b>	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)

<b>Next Review date:</b>	2017
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