

Basal Cell Carcinoma – Policy Statement

Policy Statement - Basal Cell Carcinoma- Adults

Where there is suspicion of SCC/MM refer onto 2ww pathway. All patients aged 24 years and below, with a suspected skin cancer, including BCC, should be referred to the skin cancer MDT regardless of suspected lesion diagnosis, size or anatomical location.

The surgical removal of basal cell carcinomas is funded on the following basis, and is informed by the NICE Guidance on Cancer Services May 2010, The Management of Low-Risk Basal Cell Carcinomas in the Community:

| Type | Criteria | | | Policy |
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| | Primary location | Size | Secondary location | |
| Superficial BCC | Any | Any | Any | Surgical excision is only funded where medical management is found to be insufficient. Prior Approval is required for any proposed surgical removal. |
| Low Risk BCC | Below clavicle | Below 20mm | Any | To be treated by GP under Minor Surgery DES, or GPwSI under Criteria Based Access. If GPwSI unable to treat, for clinical reasons, to be referred on to secondary care as an outpatient procedure without the need for additional approval. |
| Low Risk BCC | Below clavicle | Greater than 20mm | Any | To be treated by secondary care as an outpatient procedure under Criteria Based Access. |
| Low Risk BCC | Above clavicle | Up to 10mm | Not on ears, eyes, nose, lips | To be treated by GPwSI under Criteria Based Access. If GPwSI unable to treat, for clinical reasons, to be referred on to secondary care, expected to be carried out as outpatient procedure . |
| Low Risk BCC | Above clavicle | Up to 10 mm | On ears, eyes, nose, lips | To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be carried out as either a day case or outpatient procedure as appropriate. |
| Low Risk BCC | Above clavicle | Greater than 10 mm | Not on ears, eyes, nose, lips | To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be conducted as an outpatient procedure . |
| Low Risk BCC | Above clavicle | Greater than 10 mm | On ears, eyes, nose, lips | To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be carried out as either a day case or outpatient procedure as appropriate. |

Prior Approval will be required for any BCC to be treated as Day Case:

- where the BCC is above the clavicle and not in a high risk area (ears, eyes, nose, lips)
- where the BCC is below the clavicle

All Criteria Based Access is subject to regular audit for compliance.

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.

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