

## OPEN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

### PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

Wiltshire CCG will only fund Open MRI scanning of greater than 0.5T as an alternative to conventional MRI in the following circumstances:

- In patients who suffer from claustrophobia where an oral, prescription sedative has not been effective (GPs are expected to support the prescription of sedatives in this situation)

**OR**

- In patients who are obese and therefore cannot fit comfortably in a conventional MRI

Standing, upright, weight-bearing or positional MRI will not be commissioned.

Reference:	Policy Name	Date of WCAG	Review Date	Version
WCCG-CP049	Open MRI Policy	20/01/2018	Jan 2021	1