

Patient Name:
Address:
Date of Birth:
NHS Number:
Consultant/Service to whom referral will be made:
Institution:

**Please send this form with the referral letter or to the consultant who you sent the referral to**

### T41 Clinical Threshold for Performing Painful and Deformed Great Toe Surgery (Bunions)

Instructions for use:

**To Referring Clinicians (e.g. GP's):** Please refer to the above policy and complete the following form prior to referral. The form **MUST** be accompanied by evidence that criteria are met before the procedure can be approved.

**To Consultants:** Please complete the box below and file for future compliance audit.

West Suffolk CCG will only fund procedures for performing painful and deformed great toe surgery when ALL the following criteria are met:

	Tick
Conservative measures have been trialed for 3 months and failed. These conservative measures are: avoiding high heels, wearing wide fitting leather shoes, exercises to alleviate the bunion effects, applying ice and elevating painful swollen bunions, simple analgesia, non-surgical treatments such as bunion pads, splints, insoles or shield	<input type="checkbox"/>
An acute onset of worsening conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deteriorating symptoms e.g. increasing pain or deformity OR</li> <li>▪ Functional impairment* OR</li> <li>▪ Inability to wear suitable shoes OR</li> <li>▪ Pain under the ball of the foot</li> </ul> <p>*Functional impairment must be significant and prevent the patient fulfilling work, educational, domestic or carer activities</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Patients with significant co-morbidities have undergone treatment to optimise these	<input type="checkbox"/>
The patient is willing to undergo surgery AND understands that they will be out of sedentary work for 2-6 weeks and physical work for 2 – 3 months and they will be unable to drive for 6-8 weeks (2 weeks if left side and driving automatic car)	<input type="checkbox"/>
This procedure is NOT for prophylactic or cosmetic reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If the above criteria are not met, does the patient meet either of the following exception criteria:--**

Patients with persistent pain and disability not responding to evidence based non-surgical treatments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complicated great toe deformity e.g. with impending or non-healing ulcer, or peripheral limb ischaemia (these should be managed as appropriate for each case)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Information Governance Statement**

All Prior Approval Requests must be reviewed by the clinical commissioning group (CCG) as the statutory body responsible for funding decisions. This application form and other supporting information supplied may be shared with the CCG. If so, personal information will be retained only for the purposes of this Prior Approval Request and, in some cases, may be used for invoicing and payment reconciliation. The patient's medical records may be used for the purpose of clinical audit which will be completed by a clinician. Anonymised information may also be shared as part of the CCG reporting process.

Does the patient consent to the sharing of their personal information?

Y/N
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Refusal of consent will not preclude application of this referral. However, the referring body must ensure that all personal identifiable data is redacted from this application.

<p><b><u>Consultant use only</u></b></p> <p>Please complete the following and file for future compliance audit.</p> <p>Referral criteria is met and the patient will benefit from the proposed treatment:    yes / no</p> <p>Signature.....</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Consultant name: ..... <small>Please print</small></p> <p>Hospital: .....</p>
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<p><b><u>GP use only</u></b></p> <p>Practice stamp/address</p>    <p>Referring clinician: .....</p> <p>Date: .....</p>
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<p><b><u>Commissioner's use only</u></b></p> <p>Criteria met as per policy:    yes / no</p> <p>Compliance with notes:        yes / no</p> <p>Audit date: .....</p> <p>Audited by: ..... <small>Please print</small></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(GP/Cons)</p>
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