

NHS ENGLAND SPECIALISED SERVICES
CLINICAL PANEL REPORT

Date: July 2021

Intervention: Fresh osteochondral allograft

Indication: osteochondral defects of the knee in adults and post pubescent children

URN: 2007

Gateway: 2, Round 2

Programme: Trauma

CRG: Spinal Surgery

Information provided to the Panel

Policy Proposition

Clinical Panel Report May 2021

Evidence review completed by Solutions for Public Health
Equality and Health Inequalities Assessment (EHIA) Report

Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG) Summary Report

Patient Impact Form

Blueteq Form

Key elements discussed

This policy proposition recommends the routine commissioning of fresh osteochondral allograft as a treatment option to adults and post-pubescent children who have osteochondral lesions greater than 2cm² in size.

This is a returning policy proposition which was previously considered by Clinical Panel in May 2021. Panel were refreshed with the background and evidence base of this proposition. They were then asked to consider if the amendments requested had been made appropriately. Each of the amendments were considered in turn.

The Panel considered that not all actions had been completed or as fully as required and these needed to be addressed.

The definition of the population eligible for this treatment needs to be defined clearly as currently inconsistently described throughout the proposition.

The age cut off age of the proposition (50 years) was raised and the reason for this very specific wording. Panel requested this be amended.

EHIA – no additional comments received.

Patient Impact Form – no additional comments received.

Recommendation

Clinical Panel recommends that this proposition progresses as routine commissioning subject to further revisions being undertaken and sign off by the Programme of Care Clinical Chair and the Clinical Panel Chair.

Why the panel made these recommendations

The Panel considered the evidence supported the commissioning position and the revisions required were relatively minor.

Documentation amendments required

Policy Proposition:

- Review policy title and define the eligible population more clearly throughout the proposition. The proposition currently stated as adults and post-pubescent but then includes patients 13 years and older, and conflicts in various places.
- Remove all information about costs.
- The PROMs tool to be used within 'Audit Requirements' needs to be specifically stated to enable consistent and reliable data collection.
- Implementation criteria to be tightened this seems to have been confused with inclusion criteria.
- Table one should be moved to the inclusion criteria section
- Age cut off needs to be reviewed and reworded to not be so specific unless there is written clinical evidence to state this so specifically.

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- Point 3 has been revised to be more specific however it now needs to be mentioned within the proposition.
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Declarations of Interest of Panel Members: None

Panel Chair: James Palmer, Medical Director Specialised Services

Post Panel Note

- The policy title and eligible population was updated to state adults and post-pubescent throughout (removing the age specific age reference).
- Information about treatment costs removed.
- The PROMs tool to be used within 'Audit Requirements' needs to be specifically stated to enable consistent and reliable data collection.
- Implementation criteria revised.
- Age cut off needs to be reviewed and reworded to not be so specific unless there is written clinical evidence to state this so specifically – amended.