

CHALAZION EXCISION

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

This procedure is not normally funded in secondary care.

Referral should be made to a General Practitioner with Extended Role (GPwER) where a service is available.

GPwERs may subsequently refer onto secondary care, without Prior Approval should it be considered appropriate to do so.

Chalazia (meibomian cysts) are benign lesions that will normally resolve within 6 months with conservative management of regular (four times daily) application of heat packs.

BSW ICB will only consider funding excision of chalazia when all the following criteria are met:

The chalazia:

- Has been present for more than 6 months verified in clinical notes.

AND

- Has been managed conservatively with heat, lid cleaning and massage for 4 weeks.

AND

- Where it is present on the upper eyelid and interferes significantly with vision.

AND

- Where it is a source of regular infection that has required medical attention twice or more within a six-month period.

In common with all types of lesions, BSW ICB will fund removal where malignancy is suspected.

Photographs

BSW ICB will accept patients own photographs and will NOT reimburse the costs of medical photography.

Smoking cessation is recommended for all patients considering the possibility of surgery. For help to quit smoking please contact your local Stop Smoking Service or contact your GP Surgery