

ECTROPION SURGERY

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

Ectropion

This condition is not dangerous, it may cause epiphora (watery eye)/soreness but can normally be managed in primary care:

This procedure is not funded on cosmetic grounds alone.

Prior Approval is required prior to referral for a secondary care opinion for watery eyes, surgery, and potential surgical treatment of eyelid ectropion, if the following criteria can be met:

- Vision is impeded

OR

- There is exposure of the cornea (e.g., in paralytic ectropion) and risk of keratopathy (urgent correction required).

OR

For symptoms relating to persistent and troublesome epiphora resulting in watery eyes.

- Despite undergoing conservative management, the patient is experiencing constant daytime clear watering causing tears to run down the face and severe enough to impair vision daily, causing smearing on glasses.
- Symptoms are interfering markedly with quality of life.
- The watering should occur both in outdoor and indoor settings
- Symptoms of persistent clear watering plus 3 episodes of infection or sticky discharge within 12 months.

Photographs

The ICB will accept patients own photographs and will NOT reimburse the cost of medical photography

Primary care must obtain funding before referring patients to secondary care providers and secondary care providers must satisfy themselves that the patient has funding secured prior to seeing the patient. This is to ensure inappropriate out-patient appointments are avoided and patient expectations are properly managed.