

ECTROPION SURGERY

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

Ectropion

Ectropion is not usually serious. It may cause epiphora (watery eye) soreness but can normally be managed in primary care.

Ectropion surgery 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 severe enough to impair vision daily
AND
 - Symptoms are interfering markedly with quality of life
AND
 - The watering occurs in both outdoor and indoor settings
OR
 - 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 and secondary care assurance of funding

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 that inappropriate out-patient appointments are avoided and patient expectations are properly managed.