

Dupuytren's Contracture Surgical Threshold Policy

This policy covers

The referral for Dupuytren's Contracture, defined as a benign proliferative disease that occurs in the fascia of the palms and fingers which can lead to the formation of nodules, cords and contractures. A claw deformity of the fingers may develop, particularly the little and ring fingers.

The Policy does not apply in the circumstances below:

- Fast track referral where there is diagnostic uncertainty.

Referring and treating clinicians should ensure compliance with this policy.

Referral proforma MUST be attached to the patient notes as evidence of compliance.

If criteria not met, use the exceptional funding section of the [referral proforma](#) to apply for funding.

CCG funding criteria for referral for needle fasciotomy – where possible this should be carried out as an out-patient procedure.

Note 1: Treatment is not indicated where there is no contracture, and in patients with mild (<20 degree) contractures, or one which is not progressing and does not impair function.

Note 2: Collagenase clostridium histolyticum (Xiapex) is no longer available in the UK.

Note 3: The CCG will not fund radiation therapy for Dupuytren's Contracture.

An intervention (needle fasciotomy or fasciectomy) should only be considered for:

- Finger contracture causing loss of finger extension of 30 degrees or more at the metacarpophalangeal joint or 20 degrees at the proximal interphalangeal joint.

OR

- Thumb contracture that interferes with function.

Fasciectomy should only be used when the patient has not responded to or has a clinical indication making them not suitable for needle fasciotomy.

Smoking

Advise people who smoke to attempt to stop smoking and refer to stop-smoking services – [see stop smoking policy](#)

Evidence and references to support this policy are available in [Part 2](#) of this policy.

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