

## Primary hip and knee replacement in patients with a BMI above 35 – all CCGs

For this procedure it has been judged that the intervention is of sufficient value in terms of benefit and outcome when the patient meets the criteria, as outlined below. **Prior approval is required.**

Prior approval is requested via the referring clinician from the Commissioning Support Unit at [southcsu.ifrs@nhs.net](mailto:southcsu.ifrs@nhs.net). All proforma and resources can be found at the CSU's website at [www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/](http://www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/) (then click 'Hampshire').

The specialties listed below are a guide only and patients may be treated under different treatment function codes	Procedure	Guidance notes	The exclusion does not apply in the following circumstances and patients may be treated without prior approval
Orthopaedics/ MSK	Primary hip and knee replacement in patients with a BMI above 35	<p>These procedures are not routinely funded for patients with a BMI above 35.</p> <p>Prior approval may be considered under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In patients whose pain is so severe and/or mobility compromised that they are at risk of losing their independence and that joint replacement would relieve this risk</li> <li>• In patients whose destruction of the joint is of a severity that delaying surgery would increase the technical difficulty of the procedure</li> </ul> <p><b>Referral should also have been made to the commissioned 'tier 2 or tier 3' obesity management programme prior to offering surgery.</b></p>	Trauma (for acute admissions identified as emergency procedures recorded under admission method 21-28)