

## Treatment of Bunions (hallux valgus)

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').

<b>The specialties listed below are a guide only and patients may be treated under different treatment function codes</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Guidance notes</b>	<b>The exclusion does not apply in the following circumstances and patients may be treated without prior approval</b>
<b>Orthopaedics/ MSK</b>	Treatment of bunions (hallux valgus)	These procedures are not routinely funded Prior approval will be considered under the following conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have been managed via MSK or podiatry services first before consideration of orthopaedic surgery <b>AND</b></li><li>• Has documented functional impairment <b>AND</b></li><li>• Inability to wear suitable footwear <b>AND</b></li><li>• Patient is fully aware of pros and cons of surgery having used patient decision aids</li></ul>	