

Procedure that requires prior approval

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, West Essex and Milton Keynes Priorities Forum statement - adapted for Bedfordshire CCG

Number	82
Subject	The use of biological mesh in abdominal wall and hernia repair
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GUIDANCE

[This guidance is based on Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning policy]

Biological meshes* have been used in a variety of reconstructive surgical procedures. The Priorities Forum has considered the evidence of clinical and cost-effectiveness for use of Biological Mesh in complex and contaminated abdominal wall repair.

Use of biological mesh in abdominal wall hernia repair or closure of laparostomy will not routinely be separately funded in addition to the usual tariff price for the procedure due to insufficient evidence of clinical or cost effectiveness.

All funding requests will only be considered on a case by case basis through the CCG individual funding requests department.

Human Rights and Equalities Legislation has been considered in the formation of this policy

*Examples of Biological Mesh

Biological Mesh	Source	Manufacturer	Price Range	Max Size
Permacol	Porcine Dermis	Covidien UK	£150 - £11,000	200x500x1.5
Strattice	Porcine Dermis	LifeCell/ KCI Medical UK	£1700 - £15,000	200x250
Protexa	Porcine Dermis	Kebomed UK	£380 - £3500	300x200x0.9
Bio-design	Non-Dermis	Cook	£140 - £4799	200x200
Bio-Logic		Bard	£1,100 - £4,800	400x250
AlloMax	Human Dermis	Bard, Davol		
Alloderm	Human Dermis	Lifecell		
Flex HD	Human Dermis	Ethicon		
Collamend	Porcine Dermis	Bard		
XenMatriX	Porcine Dermis	Bard, Davol		
Surgisis	Porcine intestine	Cook		
Surgimend	Bovine Dermis	TEI Biosciences		
Veritas	Bovine Pericardium	Baxter UK		