

**Hampshire, Southampton & Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group, Portsmouth
Clinical Commissioning Group and Frimley (NEH&F) Clinical Commissioning Group
Priorities Committee**

Policy title Number/version	Policy 26: Treatment of Hydrocele Version 2 (2021)
Policy position	Criteria Based Access
Update	This policy will be updated as per 3-year cycle or in light of a substantial body of new evidence or new national guidance (e.g. NICE) having been published.

Treatment of hydrocele

The committee recommends that:

- Interventions should be delayed until at least 2 years of age
- Surgical treatment of hydrocele should only be offered if there is significant discomfort which prevents voiding, sexual function, mobility, or dressing.

Ultrasound investigations may be of value in the initial assessment of a hydrocele when there is diagnostic uncertainty, but should not be repeated.

Testicular torsion is a surgical emergency and therefore excluded from this policy.

Clinical coding:

Primary OPCS:

N11: Operations on hydrocele sac

T19.3: Ligation of patent processus vaginalis

Primary ICD-10:

N43.0: Encysted hydrocele

N43.2: Other hydrocele

N43.3: Hydrocele, unspecified

N43.4: Spermatocele

P835 - Congenital Hydrocele

Exceptional circumstances may be considered where there is evidence of significant health impairment and there is also evidence of the intervention improving health status.

Version	Date	Reason for change
Version 1	2017	N/A
Version 2	2021	3 yearly update