

SHIP8 Clinical Commissioning Groups Priorities Committee

Policy title Number/version	Policy 65: Low Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound (Exogen®) in Delayed and Non Union Fractures Version 2 (2020) This policy replaces version 1 (2012): Policy Recommendation 139: Bone Morphogenetic Protein and Low Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound in Delayed and Non Union Fractures
Policy position	NOT NORMALLY FUNDED
Date of Committee recommendation	30/07/2020
Date of CCG issue	
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)

The SHIP Committee has considered the evidence and national guidance for the use of low intensity pulsed ultrasound (LIPUS marketed in the UK as Exogen®) in long bone fractures.

Exogen® is a hand held device which delivers low-intensity pulsed ultrasound waves with the aim of stimulating bone healing. It is used for stable and well aligned long bone fractures with delayed healing or non-union.

Due to the lack of high quality evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness this intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED.

Clinical coding:

There are no OCPS codes associated with this intervention.

Whilst the Committee recognised the considered expert advice of NICE guidance in their recommendation, it also had a duty to prioritise spending of a finite resource locally and made a decision which it felt gave the most equitable and effective use of investment.

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