

Procedure that requires prior approval

Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning Policy Statement

Policy No. TVPC 70 **Ectropion and Entropion - indications for surgery**

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Ectropion is the outward rotation of the eyelid margin (usually lower eyelid). Entropion is the inward rotation of the tarsus (connective tissue at lid margin) and lid margin. Treatment for ectropion and entropion depends on its severity and the underlying cause. Mild cases may not need any treatment. Minor symptoms may be relieved by conservative treatment, such as eye drops, to protect the eye.

Thames Valley priorities Committee has considered the evidence and the national guidance for the treatment of ectropion and entropion and recommends the following:

Referral for surgical opinion for ectropion is indicated for any of the following:

- ocular surface exposure (increased risk of microbial dermatitis)
- chronic epiphora (excessive watering of the eye) or ocular irritation
- recurrent bacterial conjunctivitis

Referral for surgical opinion for entropion is indicated if any of the following is persistent:

- ocular irritation
- recurrent bacterial conjunctivitis
- reflex tear hypersecretion
- superficial keratopathy
- risk of ulceration and microbial keratitis (inflammation of the cornea)

Surgery for ectropion and entropion for cosmetic reasons alone is **not normally funded**.

This policy is in line with the Royal College of Optometrists (2017) Clinical Management Guidelines for ectropion and entropion.

NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/>

¹ No changes were made to this policy.

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