PRIOR APPROVAL REQUEST

**Varicose Vein Interventions**

Hertfordshire and west Essex Evidence Based Intervention policies can be viewed at

<https://www.hweclinicalguidance.nhs.uk/clinical-policies>

**Please complete and return this form along with clinic letter/supporting evidence to**: priorapproval.hweicb@nhs.net Tel: 01707 685354

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| **Patient consent** | This application has been discussed with the patient and the patient consents to relevant information being shared with the ICB. | Please tick |

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| **Date form completed** |  |
| **Urgency** | Routine (5 working days turnaround time)  Urgent (2 working days turnaround time)  **Note: An urgent request is one in which a delay may put the patient’s life at risk.**  **Turnaround times commence the working day after receipt of the funding application** |
| **Patient details** | Name: Date of birth: - - / - - / - - - -  Address:  Telephone number: NHS No:   Hospital number:  GP Name: Practice: |
| **Applying Clinician’s details** | Consultant Name: Hospital/Organisation:  Contact details:  (Including email) |
| **Declaration** | I declare that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true and I am aware that this procedure may be subject to clinical audit. |

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| **Laterality** | Left □ Right □  Please note, a separate application is required for each side. |
| **Confirmation of varicose veins** | Confirmed varicose veins **AND** truncal reflux on duplex ultrasound □  The report is attached □  Clinic letter is attached □ |
| **Criteria for varicose vein surgery** | **One or more must apply**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Bleeding varicose veins | □ | | Symptomatic primary or recurrent varicose veins that are causing pain, aching, discomfort, swelling, heaviness or itching | □ | | Lower-limb skin changes, such as pigmentation or eczema, thought to be caused by chronic venous insufficiency | □ | | Superficial vein thrombosis (thrombophlebitis) (characterised by the appearance of hard, painful veins) and suspected venous incompetence | □ | | A venous leg ulcer (a break in the skin below the knee that has not healed within 2 weeks) | □ | | A healed venous leg ulcer | □ | |

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| **For patients where the criteria are not met and it can be demonstrated that there is an exceptional healthcare need, an Exceptional Case Request Form can be submitted to the IFR team.** |

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| **Shared decision making** | Patients should be supported with their decisions. Resources that can support implementation of shared decision making can be found on the NHS England website:  <https://www.england.nhs.uk/shared-decision-making/guidance-and-resources/> |

**HWE ICB Fitness for Elective Surgery policy criteria**

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| **Smoking status** | Never smoked  Current smoker  Ex-smoker – date last smoked: - - / - - / - -  For patients who currently smoke or have stopped smoking less than 8 weeks ago, please tick to show that you have made your patient aware that they will need to have stopped smoking or switched to e-cigarettes for at least 8 weeks prior to surgery |
| **Measurements** | Height: ……….cm Weight: …………kg BMI ……….. kg/m²    **BMI >40 –** Patientsare expected to reduce their weight by 15% or BMI <40 (whichever is greater).  **BMI 30-40 -** Patients are expected to lose 10% of their weight or reduce BMI to <30.  If the patient has already achieved their target weight loss in the last 9 months, please give details of previous recorded measurements and the date recorded by clinician or, attach referral coversheet from GP or community provider.  Previous Weight: ………..kg Previous BMI ………… kg/m²  Date measured - - / - - / - - - - % weight reduction = ………….  For surgery other than hip, knee or spinal, where the patient’s BMI is 30 to 40 and metabolic syndrome has been actively excluded in the last 18 months, please attach copy of evidence from GP or Community referral form.  At 9 months, if the patient has not met their target weight and/or stopped smoking, they should be reassessed for their need for- and fitness for- surgery.  See the Fitness for Elective Surgery policy at  <https://www.hweclinicalguidance.nhs.uk/clinical-policies/fitness-for-surgery/> |