

ALL IFR REQUESTS

Any supporting statement which might indicate that the request should be considered as exceptional (i.e. when compared with other patients who have the same condition at the same stage of progression, for whom the requested treatment is not funded) - what makes the individual sufficiently different from the 'usual' in policy terms) - some unusual or unique clinical factor about the patient that suggests that they are:

- Significantly different to the general population of patients with the condition in question and
- likely to gain significantly more benefit from the intervention than might be expected from the average patient with the condition. However:
- The fact that a treatment is likely to be efficacious for a patient is not, in itself, a basis for an exception.
- If a patient's clinical condition matches the 'accepted indications' for a treatment that is not funded, their circumstances are not, by definition, exceptional.
- Social value judgements (the 'worth' of patients) are not relevant to the consideration of exceptional status but there may rarely be exceptional circumstances where benefits may go beyond the patient (e.g. as a carer) in respect of social or health related benefits for others.

Chalazion / Styte / Lesions

- Most recent visual acuity
- Field of vision report
- Has there been inflammation and/or discharge?
- Has there been any infections requiring medical interventions (antibiotics)?
 - Are the infections recurrent?
- Please advise all conservative treatments tried
- How is this lesion significantly impacting on the activities of daily living?
- What functional impairment is being experienced by the patient?
- Relevant clinical details
- Good quality colour photographic evidence.

All photographs must be headless shots unless it is the face area which the funding request applies to. Photographs should be sent by email or post as those sent by fax are of inadequate quality. The Panel is willing to receive photographs provided by the patient.

All hard copy photographs will be destroyed confidentially once the Panel has made their decision. If the patient requires the photographs to be returned to them then a self-addressed envelope is required.

Skin tag

- Good quality colour photographic evidence (details as above)

Ptosis

- Is the visual field significantly affected (include copy)
- Good quality colour photographic evidence (details as above)
- How is this lesion significantly impacting on the activities of daily living?
- What functional impairment is being experienced by the patient?

Ectropion

- Evidence of symptoms