

## Basal Cell Carcinoma – Policy Statement

### Policy Statement - Basal Cell Carcinoma- Adults

Where there is suspicion of SCC/MM refer onto 2ww pathway. All patients aged 24 years and below, with a suspected skin cancer, including BCC, should be referred to the skin cancer MDT regardless of suspected lesion diagnosis, size or anatomical location.

The surgical removal of basal cell carcinomas is funded on the following basis, and is informed by the NICE Guidance on Cancer Services May 2010, The Management of Low-Risk Basal Cell Carcinomas in the Community:

Type	Criteria			Policy
	Primary location	Size	Secondary location	
<b>Superficial BCC</b>	Any	Any	Any	Surgical excision is only funded where medical management is found to be insufficient. <b>Prior Approval is required for any proposed surgical removal.</b>
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Below clavicle	Below 20mm	Any	To be treated by GP under Minor Surgery DES, or GPwSI under Criteria Based Access. If GPwSI unable to treat, for clinical reasons, to be referred on to secondary care as an <b>outpatient procedure</b> without the need for additional approval.
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Below clavicle	Greater than 20mm	Any	To be treated by secondary care as an <b>outpatient procedure</b> under Criteria Based Access.
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Above clavicle	Up to 10mm	Not on ears, eyes, nose, lips	To be treated by GPwSI under Criteria Based Access. If GPwSI unable to treat, for clinical reasons, to be referred on to secondary care, expected to be carried out as <b>outpatient procedure</b> .
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Above clavicle	Up to 10 mm	On ears, eyes, nose, lips	To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be carried out as either a <b>day case</b> or <b>outpatient procedure</b> as appropriate.
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Above clavicle	Greater than 10 mm	Not on ears, eyes, nose, lips	To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be conducted as an <b>outpatient procedure</b> .
<b>Low Risk BCC</b>	Above clavicle	Greater than 10 mm	On ears, eyes, nose, lips	To be referred to secondary care under Criteria Based Access, expected to be carried out as either a <b>day case</b> or <b>outpatient procedure</b> as appropriate.

**Prior Approval will be required for any BCC to be treated as Day Case:**

- where the BCC is above the clavicle and not in a high risk area (ears, eyes, nose, lips)
- where the BCC is below the clavicle

**All Criteria Based Access is subject to regular audit for compliance.**

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy.