

Circumcision	Category: <i>(IFR / Prior Approval / Monitored Approval)</i>	Prior Approval
	Local or National EBI (Evidence Based Interventions) Policy:	Local
Background:		
<p>Circumcision is a surgical procedure that involves partial or complete removal of the foreskin of the penis. It is an effective procedure and confers benefit for a range of medical indications.</p>		
Policy:		
<p>Circumcision for both Adults and Children is not funded for social, cultural or religious reasons. Circumcision will only be funded for specific medical reasons in accordance with the criteria specified below.</p> <p>Medical reasons for funding circumcision include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinoma of the penis <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathological phimosis: the commonest cause is lichen sclerosus – balanitis xerotica obliterans (BXO) is an old fashioned descriptive term <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurrent episodes of balanoposthitis <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leukoplakia (suspicion of cancer) <p>Relative indications for circumcision or other foreskin surgery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of urinary tract infection in patients with an abnormal urinary tract <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurrent paraphimosis <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traumatic (e.g. zipper injury) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight foreskin causing pain on arousal/ interfering with physical function <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congenital abnormalities 		