

Tonsillectomy/ Adenotonsillectomy

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Commissioning policy: Warwickshire North CCG (WNCCG)

Evidence-Based Intervention Commissioning policy:

Tonsillectomy/Adenotonsillectomy

Treatment	Tonsillectomy/Adenotonsillectomy
Indication	Recurrent tonsillitis
Treatment:	<p>The following criteria¹ are indications for consideration and funding of tonsillectomy/adenotonsillectomy for both children and adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throats are due to acute tonsillitis AND the following documented evidence applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7 or more documented, clinically significant, adequately treated sore throats in the preceding year OR ○ 5 or more episodes in each of the preceding two years OR ○ 3 or more episodes in each the preceding three years <p>The CCG will also fund patients after specialist assessment for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute and chronic renal disease resulting from acute bacterial tonsillitis • As part of the treatment of severe guttate psoriasis • Metabolic disorders where periods of reduced oral intake could be dangerous to health • Periodic fever, Aphthous stomatitis, Pharyngitis, Cervical adenitis (PFAPA) • Severe immune deficiency that would make episodes of recurrent tonsillitis dangerous <p>Note that this guidance only relates to patients with recurrent tonsillitis. This policy should not apply to other conditions where tonsillectomy should continue to be funded and they include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A convincing history of obstructive sleep apnoea associated with tonsillar enlargement (which will be supported by a sleep study or other accepted method of diagnosis) • One episode of peri-tonsillar abscess (recurrent quinsy) • Patients with tonsillar enlargement causing acute upper airway obstruction requiring emergency surgery • Suspected cancer <p>¹ SIGN 117 (Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network) (April 2010) Management of Sore Throat and Indications of Tonsillectomy</p> <p>Prior approval from the Clinical Commissioning Group will be required before any treatment proceeds in secondary care.</p>
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