

Programme Title: Clinical Policies

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire

Title of policy and version:	Orthopaedics - Hyaluronic Acid Injections – All Joints Version: v1.0
Commissioning position:	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
Scope:	Covers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intra-articular or peri-articular hyaluronic acid (and derivatives) injections into any joint
Cohort:	Patients where hyaluronic acid injection is being requested.
Other relevant Clinical Policy	TBC

Treatments routinely funded:	None under this policy.
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Treatments not funded:	The ICB will not normally fund intra-articular or peri-articular hyaluronic acid (or its derivatives) injections into any joint.
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Rationale:	Hyaluronic acid injections are considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on interventions that treat disease or restore function; national guidance does not recommend hyaluronic acid injections and they are therefore not normally funded.
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IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:	Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.
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Coding list:			
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Policy document record:	Orthopaedics - Hyaluronic Acid Injections – All Joints Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 st April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for Central East ICB, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK)
Planned review date:	TBC

Document Environmental Impact statement:

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.