

CHALAZION EXCISION

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR SECONDARY CARE REFERRAL

This procedure is not normally funded in secondary care.

Referral should be made to a General Practitioner with Special interest (GPwSI) where a service is available.

GPwSI's may subsequently refer onto secondary care, without Prior Approval should it be considered appropriate.

Chalazia (meibomian cysts) are benign lesions that will normally resolve within 6 months with conservative management of regular (four times daily) application of heat packs.

The CCG will only consider funding excision of chalazia when all of the following criteria are met:

The chalazia:

- Has been present for more than 6 months verified in clinical notes.
- Has been managed conservatively with heat, lid cleaning and massage for 4 weeks.
- Where it is present on the upper eyelid, and interferes significantly with vision.
- Where it is a source of regular infection that has required medical attention twice or more within a six month time frame.

In common with all types of lesions, the CCG will fund removal where malignancy is suspected.

Photographs

The CCG will accept patients own photographs and will **NOT** reimburse the costs of medical photography.

Smoking cessation is recommended for all patients considering the possibility of surgery. For help to quit smoking please contact your local Stop Smoking Service or contact your GP Surgery.