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Eyelid Lesions (Removal of common benign)
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Policy exclusions **(Alternative commissioning arrangements apply)**

All suspected malignant lesions are excluded from this policy – these should be managed via the 2 week wait with the exception of Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC should be referred through the usual pathway).

Policy Statement

Referrals for the treatment of common benign eyelid lesions is commissioned if there is any indication that these indicate underlying disease, sight threatening issues with the eye or there is doubt of the diagnosis and the lesion may not be benign in nature.

The removal of common benign eyelid lesions for aesthetic reasons only are **not** routinely commissioned.

Surgery is commissioned if one or more of the following apply:

- A chalazion that has been present for more than 6 months and not responded to conservative treatment) compliance with conservative treatment should be recorded in the patient record NOTE: this criterion applies to chalazia only.
- There is significant pain as a direct result of the lesion
- There is a confirmed history of recurrent infection / inflammation
- Significant redness of the eye in the absence of an obvious cause

When referring to secondary care for treatment please ensure you include enough detail for secondary care clinicians to triage against, otherwise referrals could be rejected.

Clinicians can submit an Individual Funding Request (IFR) outside of this guidance if they feel there is a good case for exceptionality. More information on determining clinical exceptionality can be found in in the links below:

Links to important Documents:	Link to **GM IFR Operational Policy** Link to **Guidance notes for clinicians on exceptionality** Link to **IFR Non-Drug Form** Link to **IFR Drug Form** Link to **IFR Reconsideration Form** Link to **Information sheet including coding and references**