

**Policy Category:****CBA****Who usually applies for funding?****Not applicable**

## Hip resurfacing techniques

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| <b>Commissioning decision</b> | <b>The ICB will provide funding for hip resurfacing techniques for patients who meet the criteria defined within this policy.</b> |
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**Policy Statement:**

Only funded for metal on metal hip resurfacing arthroplasty, in accordance with NICE TAG 304 and MHRA Medical Device Alert /2012/036.

**Rationale:**

Funded in line with NICE TAG 304 and MHRA Medical Device Alert /2012/036

**Plain English Summary:**

Hip resurfacing involves removing the upper surface of the femur (thigh bone) as well as the surface of the cavity in the pelvis in which the femur sits.

Both of these surfaces are then covered with a metal surfacing (metal-on-metal). This helps correct a damaged joint into a correct position. An advantage of hip resurfacing is that less bone is removed than in a hip replacement.

Hip resurfacing requires that a person has relatively strong bones so it is usually only suitable for younger adults and it may not be suitable for:

- adults over the age of 65 years – bones tend to weaken as a person becomes older
- women who have gone through the menopause – one of the side effects of the menopause is that the bones can become weakened and brittle (osteoporosis)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) provide guidance on when this treatment is considered appropriate, and the CCG will fund treatment if it is in accordance with the guidance.

**Evidence base:**

NICE TAG 304  
 MHRA Medical Device Alert /2012/036.

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**Policy sign off**

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### Version Control

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