**CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME**

 **PRIOR APPROVAL FORM**

**Please ensure all sections are completed and any requested supporting information is provided to ensure a prompt decision. Unless the patient fully meets the criteria, funding will not be approved unless there are exceptional reasons.**

**PART A – MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL REQUESTS**

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| **GP/CONSULTANT DETAILS** |
| Name: |  | GP Practice Code: |  |
| Address: |  | Trust: |  |
| Preferred Contact (Email) - Only NHS.NET addresses are acceptable: |  @nhs.net |
| **PATIENT’S DETAILS** |
| NHS No: |  | MRN (if applicable): |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |

**Requesting clinician – please confirm the following.**

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| Patient Consent: The Patient hereby gives consent for disclosure of information relevant to their case from professionals involved and to the ICB. | Yes  | No  |
| I have informed the patient that this intervention will only be funded where the criteria are met. | Yes  | No  |
| I confirm that I have reviewed the patient against the commissioning criteria and that the information provided within this application is accurate. | Yes  | No  |

**PART B – MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL REQUESTS**

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| **ACCESS CRITERIA**  |
| **Please provide further information as relevant** |
| The symptoms significantly interfere with daily activities and sleep symptoms and have not settled to a manageable level with either one local corticosteroid injection and/or nocturnal splinting for a minimum of 8 weeks. **(Details of the impact on daily activities to be included in the prior approval application - see note)** | Yes  | No  |
| **OR**There is either (i) a permanent (ever-present) reduction in sensation in the median nerve distribution; or (ii) muscle wasting or weakness or thenar abduction (moving the thumb away from the hand). | Yes  | No  |

***Note: Significant functional impairment of daily activities is defined by the ICB as:***

* + ***Symptoms prevent the patient fulfilling vital work or educational responsibilities.***
	+ ***Symptoms prevent the patient carrying out vital domestic or carer activities.***

**Please provide evidence below to support the information provided. Without evidence your application may be rejected. If you prefer you can attach supporting information, such as a clinic letter, rather than completing the box below.**

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| Supporting information: |

How to complete:

* Add GP/Consultant details.
* Add Patient details.
* Tick to answer yes or no to criteria listed under the procedure being requested.
* Provide supporting information to evidence assessment in the free text area or attach supporting information such as clinic letter.
* Email form to glicb.ifr@nhs.net
* Response will be sent from Gloucestershire ICB to the preferred contact for reply within a maximum of 10 working days.
* Please complete the form in typeface.

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