

**Oxfordshire Priorities Committee Commissioning Policy Statement**

<b>Policy No. 204b</b>	<b>Surgical removal of anal skin tags</b>
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***NHS funding for surgery to remove anal skin tags is a LOW PRIORITY unless there is a suspicion/risk of malignancy.***

Anal skin tags are extra skin that hangs from the peri-anal area. Anal skin tags can be a nuisance, itchy and uncomfortable. They may coexist with other anal conditions such as haemorrhoids or anal fissure but skin tags do not normally need to be removed.

Where anal skin tags are present with other conditions, those conditions may be treated if there is a clinical need and an NHS service is commissioned.

**OPCS4 Codes:**

H482 Excision of skin tag of anus  
H488 Other specified  
H489 Unspecified

**NOTES:**

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE
- **Please check you are using the most recent version of this policy**
- This Policy was recommended to all Thames Valley CCGs. Consult individual CCG websites for date of adoption
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>
- Oxfordshire CCG clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/priority-setting/lavender-statements>