

BOB ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement

Policy Number/ Name	BOBFPC40 Penile Rehabilitation following Prostate Surgery
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The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee has considered the evidence for the interventions for penile rehabilitation following prostate surgery. Due to inadequate evidence of clinical effectiveness and lack of evidence of cost effectiveness NHS funding for the early regular use of phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE5) inhibitors, alprostadil, Invicorp® (Aviptadil with phentolamine) and vacuum erection devices for penile rehabilitation in patients with prostate cancer after radical prostatectomy are considered **interventions not normally funded**.

The goal of penile rehabilitation is to moderate the destructive processes that occur after prostatectomy in order to preserve erectile function, either through spontaneous or assisted means. Interventions including PDE5 inhibitors, alprostadil products, Invicorp® and vacuum erection devices are used for penile rehabilitation. NICE CG175 Prostate cancer: diagnosis and management, does not make recommendations on treatments specific to penile rehabilitation.

NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's ICB 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 was developed and recommended by Thames Valley Priorities Committee which was the predecessor of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee. Amendments have been approved by BOB APC.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g. from NICE.
- BOBFPC clinical policies can be viewed at [Clinical Commissioning Policies & IFRs | BOB ICB](#)

Version	Date	Reason for change
Version 1.1	June 2019	
Version 2.0	July 2023	Amendments approved by BOB APC (changes not reviewed by BOBFPC)

¹Citations to the scientific literature removed; no other changes made.