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REQUEST & RESPONSE

Question 1

Please could you send us your current policies for treatment (surgical and/or injection) of base of thumb arthritis including any funding criteria.

No funding criteria. Image guided injection as initial management (either US or XRay guidance) with a trial of splints/hand therapy

If these have failed surgical options are discussed again without funding criteria

Question 2

Please could you send us any older policies including funding criteria for treatment of base of thumb arthritis from 1998 to present day.

The Trust does not hold this data.

Question 3

If not included in the policy what criteria is used to categorise severity of base of thumb arthritis into mild moderate or severe.

Radiographic appearances (Eaton-Littler grades) and correlation with clinical presentation