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Policy:	Endoscopic Thoracic Sympathectomy for Facial Blushing	GM Ref:	GM062		
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Policy inclusion criteria

Endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy is a procedure with a relatively high risk of complications. As facial blushing is a non-life threatening condition the risk is considered to outweigh the benefits in these cases and is therefore not routinely commissioned.

Funding mechanism: An individual funding request can be made if there is a good case for clinical exceptionality. Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

Policy exclusions

Treatment/procedures undertaken as part of an externally funded trial or as a part of locally agreed contracts / or pathways of care are excluded from this policy, i.e. locally agreed pathways take precedent over this policy (the EUR Team should be informed of any local pathway for this exclusion to take effect).