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Policy:	<a href="#">Hyperhidrosis</a>			GM Ref:	GM016
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#### Policy inclusion criteria

Invasive interventions are commissioned (Botulinum Toxin, Iontophoresis and Thoracic Sympathectomy) if there is evidence that the patient has significant and intractable excessive sweating in an area where these treatments are effective and all conservative treatments have been exhausted.

**NOTE:** Thoracic sympathectomy carries risks and should be used in extreme cases only where all other options available have failed and where the degree of hyperhidrosis is intolerable to the patient. The patient must be fully informed of the risks prior to referral.

**Funding mechanism:** Monitored approval: Referrals may be made in line with the criteria without seeking funding. **NOTE:** May be the subject of contract challenges and/or audit of cases against commissioned criteria.

If the patient does not meet the criteria: 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).