



Not normally funded

Cosmetic Surgery: Tummy Tuck (abdominoplasty)



What is a tummy tuck?

Tummy tucks (abdominoplasty or apronectomy) are surgical procedures performed to remove excess fat and skin from the mid and lower tummy (abdomen).

Many patients develop loose abdominal skin after pregnancy or substantial weight loss, whether it be due to surgical or dietary weight loss.

Not normally funded treatment or procedure:

Tummy tucks (abdominoplasty or apronectomy) are not normally funded by the NHS. This is because the removal of surplus skin or fat on the body is considered to be a cosmetic procedure.

The clinician in charge of the care of the patient's specific condition, usually a hospital doctor, can assist the application, if there is exceptional clinical need for the treatment to be funded. The patient's clinician must evidence clinical exceptionality and must be supported by the patient's local NHS commissioning organisation.

Advice and further guidance:



For more information search for 'tummy tuck' at www.nhs.uk

Treatment policy for patients covered by NHS Solihull, Birmingham CrossCity and Birmingham South Central Clinical Commissioning Groups.

