

Pathway	
	Surgical treatment or other restorative interventions for Dupuytren's contracture.
Commissioned	
	Treatment will be funded for digits which meet ANY of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flexion contracture affecting the thumb of any degree. 2. Flexion contracture affecting a finger with $\geq 60^\circ$ at the MCP joint or $\geq 30^\circ$ at the PIP joint. 3. Evidence of <i>significant functional impairment</i> or <i>Dupuytren's diatheses</i> plus flexion contracture affecting a finger with $\geq 30^\circ$ at the MCP joint or any degree at the PIP joint.
Not Funded	
	Treatment for simple nodules or pits in the palm.
Notes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Significant functional impairment means severe restriction in most of the following activities of daily living: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Personal care (dressing, grooming, washing and toileting) b) Functional mobility (required to perform routine activities in the home or at work) c) Meeting nutritional needs (preparing and eating food) ▪ Dupuytren's diathesis is a more aggressive form of the disease associated with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Onset before 50yrs b) First degree family history c) Bilateral disease d) Garrod's knuckle pads
Rationale	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence-Based Interventions: Response to the public consultation and next steps. Published by NHS England in partnership with NHS Clinical Commissioners, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence November 2018. ▪ The purpose of surgery is not to cure but to intervene before the development of debilitating joint contractures; assessment should therefore determine the rate of disease progression and degree of disability. ▪ Hueston's table top test is positive when a patient is unable to place all the fingers flat with the palm down. ▪ Patients with mild stable disease can be managed conservatively and followed up in primary care.
Cohort	
	Adults.
Equality	
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.
Status	
	RED as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.

OPCS codes	
Palmar fasciectomy	T52.1
Revision of palmar fasciectomy	T52.2
Digital fasciectomy	T52.5
Revision of digital fasciectomy	T52.6
Division of palmar fascia	T54.1
With location code:	
Hand NEC	Z89.4
Thumb NEC	Z89.5
Finger NEC	Z89.6
Multiple digits of hand NEC	Z89.7
Version History	
No material changes from previous version.	
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Review	
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