

## Excluded Procedures

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According to Department of Health policy, certain surgical procedures are excluded from being performed in Public Hospitals in Western Australia, except for certain clinically significant indications. Outpatient appointments for assessment for excluded procedures will only be offered if the referral letter indicates that the patient is likely to meet an approved indication.

The following are excluded procedures:

- Abdominal lipectomy
- Liposuction
- Bilateral breast reduction
- Bilateral breast augmentation
- Male social circumcision other than:
  - For culturally and religiously significant reasons
  - As a private outpatient procedure in neonates
- Gender reassignment surgery
- Lengthening of penis procedure
- Insertion of artificial erection devices
- Reversal of sterilisation
- Varicose vein procedures
- Hair transplant
- Facelift
- Reduction of upper or lower eyelid
- Correction of bat ear(s) (>16 years old)
- Total rhinoplasty
- Tattoo removal procedures

For details of the DoH policy, including acceptable indications for these procedures to be approved, please see <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/circulars/pdfs/11792.pdf>.

GP's wishing to refer a patient to be seen by a surgeon regarding any of the above procedures should send the referral to the Hospital in the usual manner. Please ensure there is adequate information in the referral to allow the CPAN to assess whether the patient is likely to meet an approved indication.

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