

Policy title	Faecal microbiota transplants for clostridium difficile v1.1
Policy position	Criteria Based Access
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Faecal microbiota transplants (FMT) are recommended as per national guidance:

- For recurrent or refractory Clostridium Difficile infection up to a maximum of two transplants.
- FMT for any other indication is **not normally funded**.

#### Supporting Information

- The majority of the weight of evidence for the use of FMT has been provided from activities and positive national endorsement from both Public Health England and NICE Interventional Procedure Guidance.
- Cost estimate of £600 per patient is based on the Department of Health guidance including the cost of screening, hospital admission, x-ray, nasogastric tube, laxatives and vancomycin.

This guidance is based on the Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Groups Priorities Committee Policy.

<sup>1</sup> NICE IPG IPG485 November 2019: The US Food and Drug Administration has advised that stool donors for faecal microbiota transplantation should be screened with questions that specifically address risk factors for colonization with Multi Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs), and individuals at higher risk of colonization with MDROs should be excluded as donors. In addition, donor stool should be specifically tested for MDROs and not used if positive.

#### NOTE:

- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance e.g. from NICE
- Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process

**Clinical coding:**

OPCS-4 code(s):

FMT using a colonoscope:

H21.8 Other specified other therapeutic endoscopic operations on colon

Y37.8 Other specified introduction of other substance into organ NOC FMT using a nasoduodenal tube:

G57.8 Other specified other operations on duodenum

Y37.8 Other specified introduction of other substance into organ NOC FMT using a nasogastric tube:

G47.5 Insertion of nasogastric tube

Y37.8 Other specified introduction of other substance into organ NOC

FMT via rectal enema:

H62.8 Other specified other operations on bowel

Y37.8 Other specified introduction of other substance into organ NOC

A04.7 Enterocolitis due to *Clostridium difficile*

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