

Clinical Eligibility Policy: Ultrasound to exclude Testicular Torsion

Please Note:

This is NOT intended as a Clinical Guideline for management of suspected Testicular Torsion

Rationale

Requests have been received for POAC to fund scrotal ultrasound investigation for the purpose of excluding testicular torsion.

The POAC Clinical Governance Committee has discussed whether this is clinically appropriate.

Advice has been obtained from Dept of Surgery, Middlemore Hospital

POAC POLICY

POAC will NOT fund an ultrasound for the purpose of excluding testicular torsion

POAC will fund an ultrasound for the purpose of diagnosing testicular torsion over the age of 16 provided that:

- **The diagnosis is unclear – a likely diagnosis of torsion requires immediate admission**
- **The ultrasound can be obtained within 2 hours of request.**