

## Eligibility criteria for gastrointestinal ultrasound

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of gastrointestinal ultrasound under a member's policy when all of the following criteria **1, 2 or 3** are met for that member.

1. The member must have previously been diagnosed with one at least one of the following conditions:
  - Crohn's disease, or
  - Ulcerative colitis.

**AND**

2. Gastrointestinal ultrasound will be used to:
  - assess treatment response and guide further treatment parameters, or
  - assess transmural or mucosal healing, or
  - evaluate degree of disease flare or aggravation.

**AND**

3. Gastrointestinal ultrasound must be performed by a medical specialist with further training and full sign off under a registered program (eg GENIUS or IBUS).

Please also ensure you are familiar with all **policy exclusions**, including:

- Acute care
- Congenital conditions
- Cosmetic treatment/procedures
- Health screening
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health
- Unapproved healthcare services.

Refer to the relevant policy document for specific conditions and exceptions that apply to these exclusions.