

Eligibility criteria for radiofrequency ablation of thyroid nodules

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of radiofrequency ablation of thyroid nodules under a member's policy when **all** of the following criteria below are met for that member.

1. The member has a confirmed diagnosis of symptomatic (non-cosmetic) thyroid nodule/s and meets the recognised evidence-based criteria as indicated for ablation therapy.
2. Is performed by a vocationally registered specialist with large volume experience in thyroid nodule management and contributing to a multi-disciplinary team approach to care.

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.