

## Eligibility criteria for liposuction for secondary lymphoedema following an oncological intervention

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of liposuction for secondary lymphoedema following an oncological intervention under a member's policy when criteria **1**, **2**, **3**, and **4** are met for that member.

1. The member must have secondary lymphoedema because of a primary non-skin related oncological treatment.
2. The member has failed conservative therapy including 3 months or more of compression therapy.
3. The member's case must have multidisciplinary team input confirming agreement to liposuction.
4. At least **one** of the following is present:
  - hospitalisation directly related to complications of lymphoedema
  - recurrent ulcerations requiring antibiotic treatments
  - documented significant impairment of activities of daily living.

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.