

Eligibility criteria for endoscopic modified Lothrop

Southern Cross will reimburse the cost of endoscopic modified Lothrop under a member's policy when referral is made by an otolaryngologist or ENT surgeon and the following criteria is met for that member.

- There is persistent frontal sinusitis which has not responded to intensive medical therapy and at least **one** of the following:
 - surgical intervention with functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS) has failed, or
 - treatment of the frontal sinus with balloon sinuplasty has failed.

In addition, following acceptance of a special application in advance to Southern Cross from the otolaryngologist or ENT surgeon, Southern Cross will reimburse the cost of endoscopic modified Lothrop for:

- resection of sino-nasal neoplasms
- increased access to the frontal sinus in the presence of difficult anatomy as demonstrated on a cone beam CT scan/or sinus series CT
- the resection of a frontal mucocele or Kuhn Cell Type 4.

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.