

Eligibility criteria for gastroscopy with radio frequency ablation for the treatment of dysplasia in Barrett's oesophagus using the HALO system (eg endoscopic ablation)

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of gastroscopy with radio frequency ablation (using endoscopic ablation such as the HALO system) under a member's policy when **at least one** of the following criteria is met for that member:

1. Endoscopy showing development of intra-mucosal carcinoma (no deeper than Sm1-1a), post the removal of such carcinoma by Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR).
2. High Grade Dysplasia (HGD) confirmed by two pathologists on two separate endoscopies with biopsy.
3. Low Grade Dysplasia (LGD) confirmed by two pathologists on two separate endoscopies with biopsy, only with the presence of two or more poor prognostic risk factors of:
 - a. Long segment (≥ 3 cms)
 - b. Male gender
 - c. Smoking
 - d. Obesity (BMI ≥ 30)
 - e. Family history of carcinoma of the oesophagus.

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.