

Eligibility criteria for a paediatric colonoscopy

The eligibility criteria listed below are specific criteria relating to a colonoscopy for patients aged 15 years or under.

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of a paediatric colonoscopy under a member's policy when at least **one** of the following criteria is met for that member.

1. At least **one** of the following signs or symptoms of a bowel condition is present:
 - bleeding from the rectum or blood in the stool
 - change in bowel habits/chronic diarrhoea
 - unexplained clinically significant anaemia
 - pain or cramping in the abdomen or rectum
 - suspected inflammatory bowel disease
 - suspected allergic colitis, or
 - suspected colitis due to other causes (eg.chronic granulomatous disease).

2. At least **one** of the following conditions has previously been diagnosed:
 - Crohn's disease
 - ulcerative colitis
 - stricture previously requiring dilatation
 - polyps found on a previous colonoscopy or scan (or polyp passed in stool)
 - inflammatory bowel disease, or
 - familial adenomatous polyposis in a family member.

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.