

Eligibility criteria for vascular malformation sclerotherapy and embolisation - simple

'Simple' is defined as a vascular malformation where diagnosis has been confirmed by MRI and/or Doppler ultrasound and is characterised by one of the following:

- simple vascular anatomy
- low flow venous and lymphatic vascular anomalies
- non complex high flow vascular malformation.

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of vascular malformation sclerotherapy and embolisation – simple, under a member's policy when at least **one** of the following criteria below are met for that member.

1. The vascular malformation is symptomatic – causing pain, discomfort or functional limitation.
2. The vascular malformation and surrounding tissue is subject to recurrent infection, bleeding or ulceration.
3. Vital function eg hearing, seeing, or breathing is compromised by the vascular malformation.

The cost of vascular malformation sclerotherapy and embolisation – simple, will **not** be reimbursed in any of the following circumstances:

- for an asymptomatic vascular malformation
- for complex high flow vascular malformation
- for cosmetic treatment alone.

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.