

## Eligibility criteria for surgical ligament or tendon repair with LARS or Neoligaments synthetic ligament prosthesis

The eligibility criteria listed below are applicable to the surgical repair of the following ligaments or tendons:

- rotator cuff
- quadriceps
- Achilles tendon
- triceps
- hip abductor.

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of surgical ligament or tendon repair with synthetic ligament or tendon prosthesis under a member's policy when **all** of the following criteria are met for that member.

1. All other surgical and medical treatments have failed for an **extracapsular** repair.
2. Non synthetic alternatives have failed or are impractical, eg autogenous grafts are of poor quality.

The cost of surgical ligament or tendon repair with LARS or Neoligaments synthetic ligament prosthesis will **not** be reimbursed in the following circumstance:

- for intracapsular ligament repair surgery.

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.