

Eligibility criteria for wireless capsule endoscopy

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

1. Occult or overt gastrointestinal bleeding indicated by iron deficiency or a significant drop in haemoglobin/haemocrit, where the cause has not been diagnosed using prior gastroscopy or colonoscopy.
2. For investigation of suspected Crohn's disease where **all** criteria i., ii., iii. and iv. below are met:
 - i. persistent abdominal pain of greater than four weeks
 - ii. persistent diarrhoea
 - iii. negative stool cultures
 - iv. definitive diagnosis has not been established from prior gastroscopy or colonoscopy procedures.
3. For investigation of possible small bowel tumours.
4. For investigation of Peutz-Jeghers syndrome.
5. A repeat wireless capsule endoscopy for previously diagnosed small bowel disease requiring further investigation due to recurrence or persistence of signs or symptoms.