

## Eligibility criteria for corneal crosslinking

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of corneal crosslinking under a member's policy when criteria **1 and 2** below are met for that member.

1. Corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA) is 6/18 or better prior to the treatment.
2. Where progressive keratoconus is demonstrated by at least **one** of the following:
  - a measured increase in maximum central Amsler-Krumeich reading (K value) of at least 1.00 D over a maximum 2 year period
  - a change in either myopia and/or astigmatism of 1 diopters (D) or more over a period of 1 year, or
  - a mean central corneal thickness decrease of 5% or more over a period of 1 year.

Corneal crosslinking will **not** be reimbursed in the following circumstances:

- for patients where the disease is stable
- where the corneal thickness is measured at less than 400 microns
- for patients with a Amsler-Krumeich reading (K value) over 58.00 D
- for patients over the age of 35 years
- for patients with visually significant corneal opacity
- for patients with history of uveitis or herpes simplex keratitis
- for patients with a documented history of delayed wound healing
- for treatment of post-LASIK keratectasia.