

Eligibility criteria for laparoscopic prostatectomy

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of laparoscopic prostatectomy under a member's policy when criteria **1, 2, 3 and 4** below are met for that member.

1. There is a biopsy proven adenocarcinoma of the prostate.
2. The Gleason score is less than or equal to 7
3. PSA is less than 20
4. Body mass index (BMI) is less than 35.

For **high risk** patients the following must also be met:

- absence of metastatic spread visible on radiological examination.

High risk patients are defined as those with at least one of the following:

- PSA greater than 20, **and/or**
- a Gleason score of greater than 7, **and/or**
- Clinical Stage T3.