

Eligibility criteria for prostate cryotherapy

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of prostate cryotherapy under a member's policy when at least **one** of the following criteria are met for that member.

1. For recurrent prostate cancer following failed treatment by radiation therapy/brachytherapy.
2. For biopsy proven intracapsular adenocarcinoma of the prostate.
3. When there is prostate-specific antigen (PSA) of less than 10ng/ml.
4. When there is absence of metastatic disease on imaging.

The cost of prostate cryotherapy will **not** be reimbursed in the following circumstances:

- where the prostate cancer has previously been treated by surgery as the primary treatment
- in the presence of clinically confirmed distant metastasis
- following previous major rectal surgery
- in the presence of clinically significant lower urinary tract or rectal anomalies
- where there are existing urethral, rectal, or bladder fistulae.