

Eligibility criteria for open septoplasty (septorhinoplasty)

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of open septoplasty under a member's policy when the member meets the following criteria.

Functional nasal obstruction is present **and at least one** of the following indications are present, with reasons provided in the clinical notes:

- dynamic lateral nasal wall collapse
- external/internal nasal valve collapse
- deviation of the nasal bones and cartilages that cannot be adequately corrected with an intranasal approach
- deviated nasal septum alone, where correction of the septal deviation cannot be achieved with an intranasal approach without loss of nasal tip support.