

Eligibility criteria for laparoscopic renal cryotherapy

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of laparoscopic renal cryotherapy under a member's policy when criteria **1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6** below are all met for that member.

1. The member has been diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma (RCC).
2. The cancer(s) are localised to the kidney.
3. There are no regional lymph node metastases.
4. There are no distant metastases.
5. The tumour(s) being treated is 4cm or less in size.
6. At least **one** of the following applies:
 - the member has a single kidney
 - the member has chronic renal failure
 - the member has bilateral renal disease (ie von Hippel-Lindau disease), or
 - a partial nephrectomy (laparoscopic or open) is not considered safe or appropriate.