

Eligibility criteria for percutaneous medial branch thermal radiofrequency neurotomy

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of percutaneous medial branch thermal radiofrequency neurotomy under a member's policy when criteria **1 and 2** below are met for that member.

- 1.** Severe pain that limits one or more activities of daily living (feeding, toileting, dressing, washing, mobility and transferring), and has been present for at least 6 months.
- 2.** The test spinal block of the medial nerve has shown relief of the index pain on at least two separate tests using different anaesthetic agents.