

### FAQs for Post Bariatric Surgery Bloods

Q: Which patients can be accepted as part of this specification?
A: Patients that have undergone bariatric surgery AND have completed their full 2 years follow up, whether that is via the NHS or privately and does encompass patients who have had surgery abroad.
Q: How do we find eligible patients?
A: Practices may choose to follow their own bespoke process to identify patients, but guidance will be issued prior to the introduction of the specification. Eligible patients should be recorded using a SNOMED code provided by the ICB.
Q: Can patients that paid privately for their surgery and received treatment outside of the NHS be accepted as part of this specification?
<p>A: Yes. If a patient received treatment via a privately funded programme, they are eligible to join the pathway outlined in this specification after they have received the 2 years NICE recommended follow up.</p> <p>Practices are not expected to undertake follow up in the first 2 years following surgery. Patients should be advised of this and that they need to source private follow up, as previously agreed with the ICB and LMC.</p>
Q: If a patient received surgical treatment abroad, can they be accepted as part of this specification?
A: Yes, If a patient received treatment abroad, they are eligible to join the pathway outlined in this specification after the first 2 years of follow up. See question above.
Q: What happens to patient within the 2-year period? Private and abroad patients are told by their provider that we will do the follow-up
<p>A: This LES covers patients who are NHS or private patients who have had their bariatric surgery more than 2 years ago. Within the first 2 years, those having surgery privately or abroad need to seek support &amp; advice via a private provider.</p> <p>Practices are not expected to undertake follow up in the first 2 years following surgery. Patients should be advised of this and that they need to source private follow up, as previously agreed with the ICB and LMC.</p>
Q: Will we need to do annual recall, will this be funded?
A: We will be creating searches to support practices to identify patients and adding SNOMED codes to the patient record to create a register. Funding for the annual recall process will form part of the LES costings.
Q: Would we be able to exception report a patient who doesn't respond to invites or doesn't consent to the monitoring?
A: Yes, however there is no formal exception reporting required as part of the specification. Practices are encouraged to document the recall of patients as part of good practice. Payment for this specification is based on activity and so no exception reporting is required.
Q: Are patients with a gastric balloon included in the Bariatric LES?

A: No, patients with gastric balloons or gastric sleeves are excluded.

Q: Can you please confirm if you said the Enhanced Services Admin code should be claimed if we are doing them in GP surgery?

A: There is no Enhanced services admin code needed for Bariatric follow up.

Q: Does it have to be a clinician doing the bariatric review or can it be HCA?

A: If the HCA has been trained in delivering all aspects of care as outlined in the spec this would be acceptable.