

# POAC FUNDING POLICY

## POAC funded observation time

### POAC Policy:

POAC funds observation time when active observation is required for a patient, as part of a management plan that has been instituted in order to prevent same day unplanned hospital referral.

The initial management, up to 30 minutes, is considered routine care and is not funded by POAC; this includes initial pain management with IM/IV analgesia. Any care and observation time after this is eligible for POAC funding when supported by relevant clinical documentation.

#### Note:

- Documented evidence of regular monitoring must accompany notes when a POAC claim for observation time is submitted. A request for additional information will be made if monitoring notes are not included in the clinical notes submitted to POAC
- Initial pain management in line with [Gallstone HealthPathway](#) and [Renal Colic HealthPathway](#) is routine care and not funded by POAC. POAC funding commences when additional analgesia is required