

POAC CLINICAL POLICY

Ultrasound to exclude Testicular Torsion

Please Note: This is not intended as a clinical guideline for management of suspected Testicular Torsion in Primary Care

Rationale:

Requests have been received for POAC to fund scrotal ultrasound investigation for the purpose of excluding testicular torsion. Diagnosis should usually be made based on clinical presentation; diagnosis and treatment should not be delayed.

POAC Policy:

- **POAC WILL NOT fund an ultrasound for the purpose of excluding testicular torsion.**

- **POAC WILL fund an ultrasound for the purpose of diagnosing testicular torsion over the age of 16 where discussed and endorsed by Urology Registrar or Consultant, provided that:**
 - The diagnosis is unclear (a likely diagnosis of torsion requires immediate admission)
 - The ultrasound can be obtained within 2 hours of request