

Criteria for Commissioning Grommets for Adults

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- Funding for grommets for adults will be considered for any of the following indications:
 - a middle ear effusion causing measured conductive hearing loss of at least 25 Db, persisting for at least three months and causing disability
 - persistent Eustachian tube dysfunction resulting in pain
 - as treatment for Meniere's disease
 - severe retraction of the tympanic membrane with risk of developing cholesteatoma or erosion of the ossicular chain

If the patient does not fully meet these criteria the clinician may still submit an application if exceptionality can be demonstrated.

National supporting evidence

NHS England Interim Commissioning Policy Grommets November 2013
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/N-SC015.pdf>