

Commissioning Statement:

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| Condition or Treatment: | Referral for Nerve Conduction Studies from Primary Care |
| Commissioning position: | These investigations are not commissioned for access from Primary Care. If in doubt, advice and guidance from neurology may be sought. |
| Referral Guidance: | Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRW/SR GP Practices: https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/ • HaRD GP practices: Referral Form |
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Additional Information/References:

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NHS Scotland National Patient Pathways 2005: Orthopaedics; Hand conditions.

New Zealand Ministry of Health National Referral Guidelines 2001: Orthopaedics