

IPG164 – Photorefractive (laser) surgery for the correction of refractive errors

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Procedure and device:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Laser assisted in situ keratomileusis	312965008
Laser assisted subepithelial keratomileusis	414582004
Photorefractive keratoplasty	397516006

OPCS-4 code(s):

Photorefractive keratectomy (PRK):

C44.4 Photorefractive keratectomy

Laser epithelial keratomileusis (LASEK):

C44.5 Laser subepithelial keratomileusis

Laser in situ keratomileusis (LASIK):

C44.2 Laser in situ keratomileusis

Diagnosis or health condition:

Disorder of refraction (39021009)

Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance

For each published interventional procedure and medical technologies guidance, we work with NHS Digital to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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