

Subject:	Femoroacetabular surgery for the treatment of FAI does not comply with the established medical science and medical practice criterion
Summary:	<p>Pain in the hip joint may be the result of femoroacetabular impingement (FAI), a condition whereby the ball and socket of the hip joint are no longer in proper alignment with one another. Apart from the pain that this causes, it can also result in (premature) damage to the hip joint. Early surgical intervention can reduce the pain and prevent further deterioration, thereby delaying or circumventing the subsequent placement of a hip prosthesis.</p> <p>CVZ carried out a literature study in order to assess whether femoroacetabular surgery for the treatment of FAI is care that complies with established medical science and medical practice. The literature study revealed that no prospective comparative research has been carried out. This means there is insufficient evidence that this treatment is an effective intervention, with respect to both pain/function and the progression of arthritis, in comparison with the standard treatment.</p>
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