

Subject:	<b>Deep Brain Stimulation in cases of obsessive compulsive disorder, depression and Gilles de la Tourette</b>
Summary:	<p>Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) involves the surgical placement of electrodes in specific parts of the brain. A subdermally implanted neurostimulator is able to emit small impulses via the electrodes, thereby temporarily influencing parts of the brain where the electrodes have been placed.</p> <p>DBS for the treatment of OCS, therapy-resistant depression and therapy-resistant Gilles de la Tourette syndrome does not comply with the established medical science and medical practice criterion and cannot be designated as an insured provision (medical care) by virtue of the <i>Zorgverzekeringswet</i> (Zvw, Health Insurance Act) and related legislation.</p>
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