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| Subject:        | <b>Endovascular treatment of complex aneurysms of the aorta</b>  |
| Summary:        | <p>If the local diameter of the aorta increases by a factor of more than one-and-a-half, one can speak of an aneurysm of the aorta. The diameter of an untreated aneurysm usually increases gradually and the chance of a rupture and the risk of acute mortality are increased.</p> <p>In this assessment report, the <i>College voor zorgverzekeringen</i> (CVZ) examines whether full endovascular treatment, using fenestrated and/or branched endoprostheses on thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysms and pararenal aortic aneurysms, complies with established medical science and can thus be regarded as an insured provision within the framework of the <i>Zorgverzekeringswet</i> (Zvw, Health Insurance Act).</p> <p>This assessment shows that there is insufficient evidence of high methodological quality to be able to conclude that the endovascular treatment of complex aneurysms of the aorta can be deemed proven effective.</p> <p>Endovascular treatment using fenestrated and/or branched prostheses does not comply with the established medical science and medical practice criterion and cannot be regarded as an insured provision (medical care) pursuant to the Zvw and relevant legislation.</p> |
| Type of ruling: | SpZ = Zvw standpoint   |
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| Type of care:   | <b><i>Medical specialist care</i></b>  |

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