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Specialist in cardiac and thoracic vascular surgery, member of the Swiss Medical Association FMH

After graduating from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, Thomas Syburra completed his specialty training in cardiac surgery in Zurich, Geneva and London, at the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. In London, he widely developed his expertise in the field of complex aortic surgery. Deeply grateful to his London surgical instructors, he keeps close ties with the NHS and the UK in general.

Thomas Syburra has also since completed the class 1 advanced training in aviation medicine, and he is proudly exercising the privileges of his UK issued EASA pilot's license. Thomas Syburra is one of the very few holders of the triple qualification as a cardiac surgeon, a class 1 aviation medicine examiner and a

pilot.

His research fields comprise the physics of heart valve prostheses. In his role as a Swiss Air Force officer, his active involvement in the NATO Science & Technology Organization Human Factors and Medicine Panel for aviation cardiology Research Task Group led to many scientific publications about flying as a pilot after cardiac surgery. Additionally, he is the current Chairman of the EACTS Task Force on aviation medicine and cardiac surgery.

Thomas Syburra is since 2023 senior consultant cardiac surgeon at Hôpital de La Tour in Geneva, Switzerland, and greatly supports the international development of this private Hospital.

Dr Syburra was trained in cardiac surgery and complex aortic surgery at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London and he is indeed familiar with the NHS system. He is also very acquainted with dealing with international patients and repatriation arrangements.

Hôpital de La Tour Geneva - Switzerland Hôpital de La Tour is a benchmark institution in Geneva, Switzerland, thanks to its unique highly specialized medical care and and centers of excellence. Patients benefit from multidisciplinary care, as well as personalized support. Hôpital de La Tour is recognised for the excellence of its cardiac surgery programme and its integrated cardiovascular surgery service, playing a leading role in the Swiss healthcare system for over 40 years.

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Conveniently located and just a 10-minute drive from both Geneva International Airport and Geneva central train station, Hôpital de La Tour is easy to reach by air, train and road. English is spoken at Hôpital de La Tour by all the staff, and translation services are available to assist with any additional language needs.



S2 TREATMENT PROVIDER DECLARATION FORM

Information For Providers:

The Planned Treatment 'S2' Scheme (named after the S2 administrative form) is a funding route available pursuant to reciprocal healthcare agreements between the EU, EFTA and the UK. It applies to all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland. The S2 arrangements allow people residing in the UK or EEA country, irrespective of their nationality, to obtain planned healthcare treatment in another EEA country (or Switzerland if nationality requirements are met) at the expense of the state competent for their healthcare. It also provides a right of entry for a person to accompany the patient to provide care and/or support – travel and accommodation costs are not included in S2 funding.

The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, The EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement, the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement, the Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement and the UK and EEA-EFTA Social Security Coordination Convention all contain S2 rights.

As part of the application for Planned Treatment Abroad (S2) the applicant must provide supporting evidence from the proposed treatment provider which demonstrates:

- Support of the diagnosis and medical need for treatment
- Confirmation of how soon the treatment is needed and why based on clinical assessment.
- Confirmation that a UK issued S2 can be accepted and processed through the Healthcare Authority in the provider's country
- The planned treatment dates & estimated costs this should include any necessary pre/post operative requirements.

This information must be provided on official letterheaded correspondence, from a business email address, if supplied digitally. All medical documentation will need to be translated, so it can be understood, to progress an application. Translation is the responsibility of the applicant.

The 'S2' certificate is a European-wide form that allows individuals to access state funded planned treatment abroad on the same basis as an insured person of that country. The patient will present the S2 certificate prior to receipt of their treatment. The treatment provider should present this to the Health Authority so that a refund can be processed via the UK.

Payment:

The treatment provider should not ask the patient for payment, other than for the co-payment charge, as the treatment costs will be covered by the S2 certificate. If the provider asks for payment, this is an indication that S2 funding is not appropriate, and this will invalidate the S2 arrangement for the patient.

Co-payment charge

The treatment provider should provide treatment under the same conditions of care and payment that would apply to residents of the treating country. The only charge that the provider should make to the patient is for the co-payment charge.

Important – the UK is no longer part of the EU Cross-Border Healthcare arrangements (the EU Directive). This means that patients are unable to claim back paid costs of planned state-funded or private healthcare treatment in an EEA country. Prior approval must be given and an S2 certificate issued before planned state funded healthcare is received.





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Please read the guidance notes carefully. Completion of the declaration confirms that you have read and understood the eligibility requirements of the Planned Treatment (S2) Scheme.

Patient name:	
DoB:	
Patient Address:	
Diagnosis / treatment:	
I, as a representative of the treatment provider, confirm:	
The provider can accept an S2 form as the treatment is being provided in the state healthcare sector under the same conditions as insured citizens.	
\Box A medical letter supporting the diagnosis and the need for treatment prior to the treatment taking place has been issued to the applicant. This letter has been signed by the treating clinician.	
Details of the planned treatment dates and estimated costs have been provided within a supporting letter. This is from the provider and not the clinician.	
The requested treatment is state-funded healthcare and is offered on the same basis as an insured citizen of their country.	
The costs for treatment provided will be charged through the Health Authority in their country under the S2 scheme (except co-payment charges which the patient may be asked to pay directly where that is normal practice.	
The patient will not be charged any fees other than those which would be payable by insured citizens of the treating country receiving the same state-funded treatment. If applicable, co-payments have been explained to the patient and are clearly identified on the patient invoice.	
Name and address of treating Provider:	
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Name of treating clinician:	
Provider representative signing declaration:	
Name: Mr Thomas Syburra FRCS	
Job Title: Senior Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Head of the Division of cardiovascular surgery	
Signature:	
Date of signature:	