

Local Coverage Article: Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees (A54061)

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Contractor Information

Contractor Name	Contract Type	Contract Number	Jurisdiction	State(s)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01111 - MAC A	J - E	California - Entire State
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01112 - MAC B	J - E	California - Northern
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01182 - MAC B	J - E	California - Southern American Samoa
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01211 - MAC A	J - E	Guam Hawaii Northern Mariana Islands American Samoa
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01212 - MAC B	J - E	Guam Hawaii Northern Mariana Islands
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01311 - MAC A	J - E	Nevada
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	01312 - MAC B	J - E	Nevada
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Article Information

General Information

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Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

This article is being published to update the provider community on coverage for Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees.

National Coverage Determination (NCD) 150.9 issued in 2004 describes Medicare coverage for Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees. In this NCD, non-covered indications are:

- Arthroscopic lavage used alone for the osteoarthritic knee
- Arthroscopic debridement for osteoarthritic patients presenting with knee pain only; or,
- Arthroscopic debridement and lavage with or without debridement for patients presenting with severe osteoarthritis

CPT 29871 – Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; for infection, lavage and drainage is used to describe the service covered by NCD 150.9.

All other indications for coverage of arthroscopic lavage remain at Contractor discretion.

Resources:

[NCD 150.9 Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee CMS Change Request 3281](#)

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Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

Bill Type Code Bill Type Description

999x	Not Applicable
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N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

Group 1 Codes:

Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Description

29871	ARTHROSCOPY, KNEE, SURGICAL; FOR INFECTION, LAVAGE AND DRAINAGE
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ICD-10 Codes that are Covered

Group 1 Paragraph:

Diagnoses determined by Noridian to be covered for this procedure are:

Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes that are covered Information Table

Code	Description
A18.02	Tuberculous arthritis of other joints
A39.83	Meningococcal arthritis
A39.84	Postmeningococcal arthritis
A54.42	Gonococcal arthritis
M00.061	Staphylococcal arthritis, right knee
M00.062	Staphylococcal arthritis, left knee
M00.069	Staphylococcal arthritis, unspecified knee
M00.161	Pneumococcal arthritis, right knee
M00.162	Pneumococcal arthritis, left knee
M00.261	Other streptococcal arthritis, right knee
M00.262	Other streptococcal arthritis, left knee

Code	Description
M00.269	Other streptococcal arthritis, unspecified knee
M00.861	Arthritis due to other bacteria, right knee
M00.862	Arthritis due to other bacteria, left knee
M00.869	Arthritis due to other bacteria, unspecified knee
M01.X61	Direct infection of right knee in infectious and parasitic diseases classified elsewhere
M01.X62	Direct infection of left knee in infectious and parasitic diseases classified elsewhere
M01.X69	Direct infection of unspecified knee in infectious and parasitic diseases classified elsewhere

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A

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Revision History Information

Revision History Date	Revision History Number	Revision History Explanation
04/09/2018	R3	Jurisdiction E Part B (JEB) Article number A54061 revised to combine the Jurisdiction E Part A (JEA) Article A54060 contract number so that both JEA and JEB will have the same final Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Article number A54061 effective 04/09/18. No change in coverage was made. Revision one was entered in error and does not apply to this article.
10/01/2015	R2	The article is also revised to remove ICD-9-CM codes in the article text section and remove ICD10 codes M02.861, M02.862, and M02.869 added in error.
10/01/2015	R1	The article was revised to add the first paragraph that CPT codes 52441 and 52442 include the cost of the Urolift® implant and L8699 should not be billed in addition to the CPT codes.

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Related National Coverage Document(s) N/A

Statutory Requirements URL(s) N/A

Rules and Regulations URL(s) N/A

CMS Manual Explanations URL(s) N/A

Other URL(s) N/A

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