

Local Coverage Article: Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees (A54063)

Links in PDF documents are not guaranteed to work. To follow a web link, please use the MCD Website.

Contractor Information

Contractor Name	Contract Type	Contract Number	Jurisdiction	State(s)
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02101 - MAC A	J - F	Alaska
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02102 - MAC B	J - F	Alaska
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02201 - MAC A	J - F	Idaho
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02202 - MAC B	J - F	Idaho
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02301 - MAC A	J - F	Oregon
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02302 - MAC B	J - F	Oregon
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02401 - MAC A	J - F	Washington
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	02402 - MAC B	J - F	Washington
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03101 - MAC A	J - F	Arizona
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03102 - MAC B	J - F	Arizona
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03201 - MAC A	J - F	Montana
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03202 - MAC B	J - F	Montana
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03301 - MAC A	J - F	North Dakota
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03302 - MAC B	J - F	North Dakota
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03401 - MAC A	J - F	South Dakota
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03402 - MAC B	J - F	South Dakota
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03501 - MAC A	J - F	Utah
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03502 - MAC B	J - F	Utah
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03601 - MAC A	J - F	Wyoming
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC	A and B MAC	03602 - MAC B	J - F	Wyoming

[Back to Top](#)

Article Information

General Information

Article ID
A54063

Original ICD-9 Article ID
[A53751](#)

Original Article Effective Date
10/01/2015

Revision Effective Date
04/09/2018

Revision Ending Date
N/A

Retirement Date
N/A

Article Title

Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees

AMA CPT / ADA CDT / AHA NUBC Copyright Statement

CPT only copyright 2002-2018 American Medical Association. All Rights Reserved. CPT is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association. Applicable FARS/DFARS Apply to Government Use. Fee schedules, relative value units, conversion factors and/or related components are not assigned by the AMA, are not part of CPT, and the AMA is not recommending their use. The AMA does not directly or indirectly practice medicine or dispense medical services. The AMA assumes no liability for data contained or not contained herein.

The Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (Code) is published in Current Dental Terminology (CDT). Copyright © American Dental Association. All rights reserved. CDT and CDT-2016 are trademarks of the American Dental Association.

UB-04 Manual. OFFICIAL UB-04 DATA SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL, 2014, is copyrighted by American Hospital Association ("AHA"), Chicago, Illinois. No portion of OFFICIAL UB-04 MANUAL may be reproduced, sorted in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without prior express, written consent of AHA." Health Forum reserves the right to change the copyright notice from time to time upon written notice to Company.

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](#)

[Back to Top](#)

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
------	----------------

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the article, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

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
-------	---

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

Code Description

M00.262 Other streptococcal arthritis, left knee
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

[Back to Top](#)

Revision History Information

Revision History Date	Revision History Number	Revision History Explanation
04/09/2018	R2	Jurisdiction F Part B (JFB) Article number A54063 revised to combine the Jurisdiction F Part A (JEA) Article A54062 contract number so that both JFA and JFB will have the same final Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Article number A54063 effective 04/09/18. No change in coverage was made.
10/01/2015	R1	The article is 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.

[Back to Top](#) **Related Local Coverage Document(s)** N/A

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

Public Version(s) Updated on 03/27/2018 with effective dates 04/09/2018 - N/A [Updated on 04/01/2015 with effective dates 10/01/2015 - N/A](#) [Updated on 03/19/2015 with effective dates 10/01/2015 - N/A](#) [Back to Top](#)

Keywords

- 29871
- osteoarthritis
- arthroscopy
- lavage
- debridement

Read the [Article Disclaimer](#) [Back to Top](#)