

Preview questionnaire: Arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with meniscectomy or meniscus repair

For Blue Care Network HMOSM (commercial) and BCN AdvantageSM members

Effective May 13, 2018

Arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with meniscectomy or meniscus repair

Blue Care Network provides coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit prior authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. Compliance with this prior authorization requirement will be monitored retrospectively.

Applicable codes for arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with meniscectomy or meniscus repair: *27332, *27333, *29880, *29881, *29882, *29883

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system for arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with meniscectomy or meniscus repair.

You must answer each question by choosing either Yes, No, Not Applicable or another appropriate option.

Arthroscopy Knee (Surgical), with Meniscectomy or Meniscus Repair

Q Does the patient have a **STABLE** meniscal tear with **AT LEAST TWO** of the following: joint effusion/swelling OR joint line tenderness OR pain with flexion and rotation OR knee giving way during activities involving knee rotation?

A Possible answers: Yes No

Q Does the patient have an **UNSTABLE** meniscal tear with **EITHER** true knee locking (the knee becomes "stuck" and cannot fully extend immediately after an injury) OR McMurray test that is positive? Note: True knee locking is not pseudolocking after an injury due to increased joint fluid, pain and muscle spasm.

A Possible answers: Yes No

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<p>Q Does the patient have an isolated meniscal tear identified by imaging OR advanced imaging is not feasible due to the knee being in the locked position?</p> <p>A <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Possible answers:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Yes, confirmed tear</p> <p>Yes, advanced imaging not feasible/knee in the locked position</p> <p>No</p> <p>No imaging performed</p> </div>
<p>Q Does the patient have a STABLE meniscal tear with continued symptoms or findings after treatment within the last year with NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) for at least 3 weeks (unless contraindicated or not tolerated)?</p> <p>A <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Possible answers: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Q Does the patient have a STABLE meniscal tear with continued symptoms or findings after treatment within the last year with Physician directed home exercise program or physical therapy for at least 4 weeks?</p> <p>A <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Possible answers: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Q Does the patient have a STABLE meniscal tear with continued symptoms or findings after treatment within the last year with activity modification for at least 4 weeks?</p> <p>A <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Possible answers: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>