Arthroscopy, knee (surgical), synovectomy, major

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), synovectomy, major: *29876

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See below for the questions you'll encounter for arthroscopy, knee (surgical), synovectomy, major, in the e-referral system.

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

### Arthroscopy Knee (Surgical), Synovectomy, Major

**Q** Does the patient have knee pain AND limited range of motion AND joint effusion or swelling?

**A**

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No

**Q** Does the patient have minimal or NO degenerative changes in the bone and cartilage identified by x-ray?

**A**

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ No imaging performed

**Q** Does the patient have continued symptoms of findings after disease specific treatment for at least 12 weeks within the last year?

**A**

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No