

Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation—Pre-authorization Checklist

The following checklist reflects the minimum requirements that the plan will need at the time of pre-authorization. Failure to include all of this information in the pre-authorization request or failure to make sure that all 'no' answers are fully addressed in the pre-authorization request will significantly increase the likelihood that the pre-authorization request will be denied or significantly delayed.

Injury caused by acute or repetitive trauma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Age 15 to 55 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Focal full thickness (Grade III or IV) unipolar lesion on a weight bearing surface of femoral condyles or trochlea	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Defect size 1 cm ² to 10 cm ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Lesions must be symptomatic with lesion related pain, swelling, and/or locking or catching) limiting activities of daily living	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Normal knee biomechanics or alignment and stability achieved concurrently with ACI implantation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patient is willing to comply with prescribed post-operative rehabilitation program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Confirm the absence of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First line therapy • Patellar or multiple defects • Previous total meniscectomy • Allergy to gentamicin or sensitivities for materials of bovine origin • Meniscal allograft concurrently with ACI • Kissing Lesions • Repeat ACI for the same lesion • Infection at proposed operative site • Cartilage defect associated with osteoarthritis or inflammatory diseases where an osteoarthritic or inflammatory process significantly and adversely affects the quality of the peri-lesional cartilage 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

All 'no' answers must be fully addressed at time of pre-authorization.

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