

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Blue Care Network (EFFECTIVE 11/2007)

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.

Diagnosis of acute or traumatic injury to the knee joint	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Small to medium size hyaline cartilage lesions (1-10 cm ²)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patient between ages of 15-55	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Inadequate response to prior arthroscopy or other surgical procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Significant symptoms of pain, swelling, catching and limitation of daily or recreational activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
When total knee replacement is not a clinically acceptable alternative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Confirm absence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use as a first line treatment • Infection at operative sites • Osteoarthritis • Inflammatory joint disease • Allergy to gentamicin • Sensitivity to bovine material • Unstable knee • Abnormal distribution of weight within the joint • Previous malignancy in the bone, cartilage, fat, or muscle of the treated limb • Kissing lesions (where opposing articular cartilage surfaces meet abnormally, e.g., patella and femur or femur and tibia) • Previous total meniscectomy 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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