

# Total Hip Replacement Surgery

## Medical Policy

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#### **I. DEFINITION:**

**Total hip replacement arthroplasty** is a surgical procedure to replace a worn out or damaged hip with an artificial joint prosthesis. This surgery is most commonly considered following a hip fracture or for someone who has severe pain due to arthritis.

**Tonnis grading** system is commonly used to describe the presence of osteoarthritis in the hips with grading as follows:

- Grade 0: no signs of osteoarthritis
- Grade 1: sclerosis of the joint with minimal joint space narrowing and osteophyte formation
- Grade 2: small cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum with moderate joint space narrowing
- Grade 3: advanced arthritis with large cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum, joint space obliteration, and severe deformity of the femoral head.

#### **II. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS:**

Prior authorization is required through eviCore for all ages. To start prior authorization contact eviCore at 888-444-6185 or log on to [www.evicore.com](http://www.evicore.com).

Medicare does not have a National Coverage Determination (NCD) for hip replacement surgery. Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) exist.

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**III. COMMENTS:**

[Total Hip Replacement Surgical Procedures Coding and Packaging Guidelines](#) (For MyAdvocate Medicare Advantage internal use only)

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**REFERENCES:**