

Total Hip Replacement Surgery

Medical Policy

Utilization Management

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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.

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: