

Updates to AIM Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines

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Effective for dates of service on and after May 17, 2020, the following updates will apply to the AIM Musculoskeletal Program: Joint Surgery and Spine Surgery Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

Joint Surgery Updates by section:

- **Shoulder Arthroplasty**
 - o Added steroid injection for all joints exclusion based on panel recommendation
 - o Added exclusions for use of xenografts or biologic scaffold for augmentation or bridging reconstruction, use of platelet rich plasma or other biologics and concomitant subacromial decompression
 - o Removed indication for subacromial impingement with rotator cuff tear
- **Hip arthroplasty**
 - o Added exclusion for steroid injection for joint being replaced within the past 6 weeks
 - o Added labral tear indication
- **Knee Arthroscopy and Open Procedures**
 - o Added chondroplasty indication
 - o Narrowed use of lateral release to lateral compression as a cause for anterior knee pain or chondromalacia patella
 - o Added a conservative management and advanced osteoarthritis exclusion to patellar compression syndrome section
- **Code changes**
 - o Added CPT codes 27425, 27570

Spine Surgery Updates by section:

- **No criteria changes**
- **Code changes only**
 - o Added CPT codes 0200T, 0201T

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- Access AIM's **ProviderPortal**SM directly at providerportal.com. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at availity.com
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number at 1-877-430-2288, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. ET.

For questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

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