



Total Ankle Arthroplasty

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Purpose:

To provide total ankle arthroplasty guidelines for Population Health and Provider Alliances associates to reference when making benefit determinations

Compliance Status:

- This procedure is in compliance with current Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (*CMS*) regulatory requirements

Coverage Guidelines

- 50 years old or greater
- Body Mass Index (BMI) less than 30
- Low demand lifestyle
- Minimal ankle deformity
- Moderate to severe ankle pain
- Failure of six (6) months or more of conservative therapy
- **AND** - One (1) of the following:
 - Arthritis in adjacent joints
 - Contralateral ankle arthritis
 - Contralateral ankle arthodesis
 - Inflammatory Arthritis

Exclusion Criteria

- Avascular necrosis of talar dome
- Compromised bone stock
- Greater than 15 degrees malalignment not correctable by surgery
- Active infection
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Charcot neuroarthropathy



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