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## 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.

Adult patient younger than 55 or growth plates have closed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Defect size greater than 2 cm <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patient failed to respond to conservative treatment such as physical therapy, braces, and/or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patient has a single full-thickness defect in the articular cartilage of the femoral condyle (medial, lateral, or trochlea) caused by acute or repetitive trauma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patient has inadequate response to prior arthroscopic or other surgical repair(e.g., debridement, microfracture, drilling/abrasion arthroplasty, osteochondral allograft/autograft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Confirm absence of meniscus tears, joint instability, or malalignment, unless these conditions are assessed and treated prior to or concurrent with autologous chondrocyte implantation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Confirm absence of all the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cartilage defects in locations other than the femoral condyle of the knee</li><li>• partial-thickness defects</li><li>• multiple defects</li><li>• defects of the patella</li><li>• history of cancer of the bones, cartilage, fat or muscle of the treated limb</li><li>• osteoarthritis</li><li>• inflammatory diseases of the joint</li><li>• osteochondritis dissecans</li><li>• total meniscectomy</li></ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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