



## **HIP ARTHROSCOPY**

### **Pre-Operative Insurance Information**

**FAI & Labral Repair:** Surgical correction of femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and repair of the labrum in the hip are well-established techniques and their use in properly selected patients is supported by medical research. However, some insurance companies maintain that these procedures are experimental/investigational/unproven and deny coverage for them. Other insurance companies do consider these covered procedures, but have specific criteria that must be met before benefits will apply. In some cases, it is impossible to know if the patient meets the criteria until the procedure is underway and the extent of damage inside the joint is determined. For these reasons, predetermination of benefits is, at best, an estimate of how the insurance company will respond when the procedures are billed.

**Precertification, Preauthorization & Billing:** When surgery is scheduled, we will contact your insurance company to obtain precertification and/or preauthorization for the anticipated procedures. After surgery, we will bill your insurance company and provide supporting documentation of medical necessity for the procedures performed.

**Financial Responsibility:** It is important to understand that the financial responsibility for these charges rests with you. These costs may include surgeon fees, surgery center, anesthesia and radiology charges. Understanding the benefits of your particular insurance plan is very important and we encourage you to discuss this process with the patient representative at your insurance company. You may be asked which procedures will be performed. Because the extent of joint damage is not completely evident before surgery, the best we can do is tell you what procedures we expect based on your imaging and exam findings.

**CPT codes and Procedures:** The following is a list of possible procedures. Using this information, your insurance representative should be able to give you complete details about how your plan benefits apply.

- 29861** Arthroscopy, hip -with removal of loose or foreign body
- 29862** Arthroscopy, hip -with debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), abrasion arthroplasty (microfracture), and/or resection of labrum
- 29863** Arthroscopy, hip -with synovectomy
- 29914** Arthroscopic Femoroplasty-the femoral head (ball) is reshaped to recreate its spherical form, removing a cam lesion (bone spur)
- 29915** Arthroscopic Acetabuloplasty-the acetabulum (socket) is reshaped to eliminate any extra bone (pincer lesion)
- 29916** Labral Repair- The labrum is repaired using suture anchors to reattach the torn cartilage to the rim of the hip socket
- 29999** Unlisted Procedures- Arthroscopic Iliopsoas Tendon Release, Gluteus Repair, Trochanteric Bursectomy, Piriformis Release, Quadratus Femoris Release, Fixation of bone Fragment (utilizing screws)