

Oregon Health Plan Prioritized List Changes Artificial Disc Replacement

The Health Evidence Review Commission approved the following changes to the Prioritized List of Health Services on August 8, 2012, based on the approved coverage guidance, “Artificial Disk Replacement.” The changes will take effect for the Oregon Health Plan on October 1, 2012.

GUIDELINE NOTE: ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENT

Lines 400,562

Artificial disc replacement (CPT 22856-22865) is included on these lines as an alternative to fusion only when all of the following criteria are met:

Lumbar artificial disc replacement

- 1) Patients must first complete a structured, intensive, multi-disciplinary program for management of pain, if covered by the agency;
- 2) Patients must be 60 years or under;
- 3) Patients must meet FDA approved indications for use and not have any contraindications. FDA approval is device specific but includes:
 - Failure of at least six months of conservative treatment
 - Skeletally mature patient
 - Replacement of a single disc for degenerative disc disease at one level confirmed by patient history and imaging

Cervical artificial disc replacement

- 1) Patients must meet FDA approved indications for use and not have any contraindications. FDA approval is device specific but includes:
 - Skeletally mature patient
 - Reconstruction of a single disc following single level discectomy for intractable symptomatic cervical disc disease (radiculopathy or myelopathy) confirmed by patient findings and imaging.