



Labral Injuries & Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI)

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Care Path Clinical Discussion

Labral injuries generally occur due to significant trauma to the hip. It can also be caused by a single traumatic event or by repetitive motions, repetitive trauma, or overuse of the hip joint by an athlete.¹ Labral tears are commonly associated with Femoroacetabular impingement (FAI), trauma, dysplasia, or capsular laxity.² The labrum is a fibrocartilage rim that surrounds and seals the hip joint or the acetabulum. Underlying structural abnormalities such as femoroacetabular impingement may increase an individual's risk of a tear.

FAI is the most common cause of a labral tear.² It is an anatomical condition that develops during childhood in which extra bone grows along the acetabulum or femoral head. This incongruity leads to abnormal friction as the femoral head slides in the acetabulum during movement.² The irregular shape causes friction as the bones rub against each other. This friction eventually results in decreased hip function and pain during activity.

Pincer, cam, and combined are three types of FAI. Cam impingement occurs when the anatomy of the femoral head is abnormal. The inability of the femoral head to rotate smoothly inside the acetabulum results in a bump forming on the surface of the femoral head. This exostosis leads to a shear force along the adjacent cartilage. Although the labrum is not initially damaged, the articular cartilage and labrum begin to delaminate (cartilage begins to separate from the adjacent subchondral bone).² Pincer occurs when there is abnormal anatomy of the acetabulum. It is typically due to acetabular rim overgrowth, acetabular retroversion, or a deep acetabular socket (coxa profunda). The extra bone that extends over the acetabulum can damage the labrum and adjacent cartilage.³ Combined impingement means that both pincer and cam are present.

Patients with a labral injury or FAI will frequently present with hip pain that worsens with physical activity or difficulty with prolonged sitting.

Nonsurgical management is the initial recommendation. Surgical management may be appropriate if nonsurgical management fails.

The information contained herein gives a general overview of the pathway of this specific diagnosis, beginning with initial presentation, recommended assessments, and treatment options as supported by the medical literature and existing guidelines. It should be noted that the care of patients with spinal health problems is complex. The information below is meant to support clinical decision making in adult patients. It is not necessarily applicable to every case, as the entire clinical picture (including comorbidities, spinal health history, etc.) should be considered.

Key Information

- Patients may present at a primary care office or an urgent or emergent care center following an injury. The initial presentation may be with an orthopedic physician or as a referral to a specialist.
- 22%-55% of patients that present with symptoms of hip or groin pain have an acetabular labral tear.¹
 - Women are more likely to have a labral tear.
 - Common labral tear causes include FAI, trauma, capsular laxity, hip dysplasia, and degeneration.
 - Cam-type FAI is common in young, athletic men.
- Nonsurgical management, such as physical therapy or injections, are recommended as the first line of treatment.
- Diagnostic intra-articular hip injections can prove to be beneficial for patients suspected for a labral tear.
- Consider hip arthroscopy when advanced imaging confirms a labral tear with FAI, BMI is less than 35, the patient is under 45 years old, joint space is greater than 2-4mm, or in the absence of dysplasia.⁴

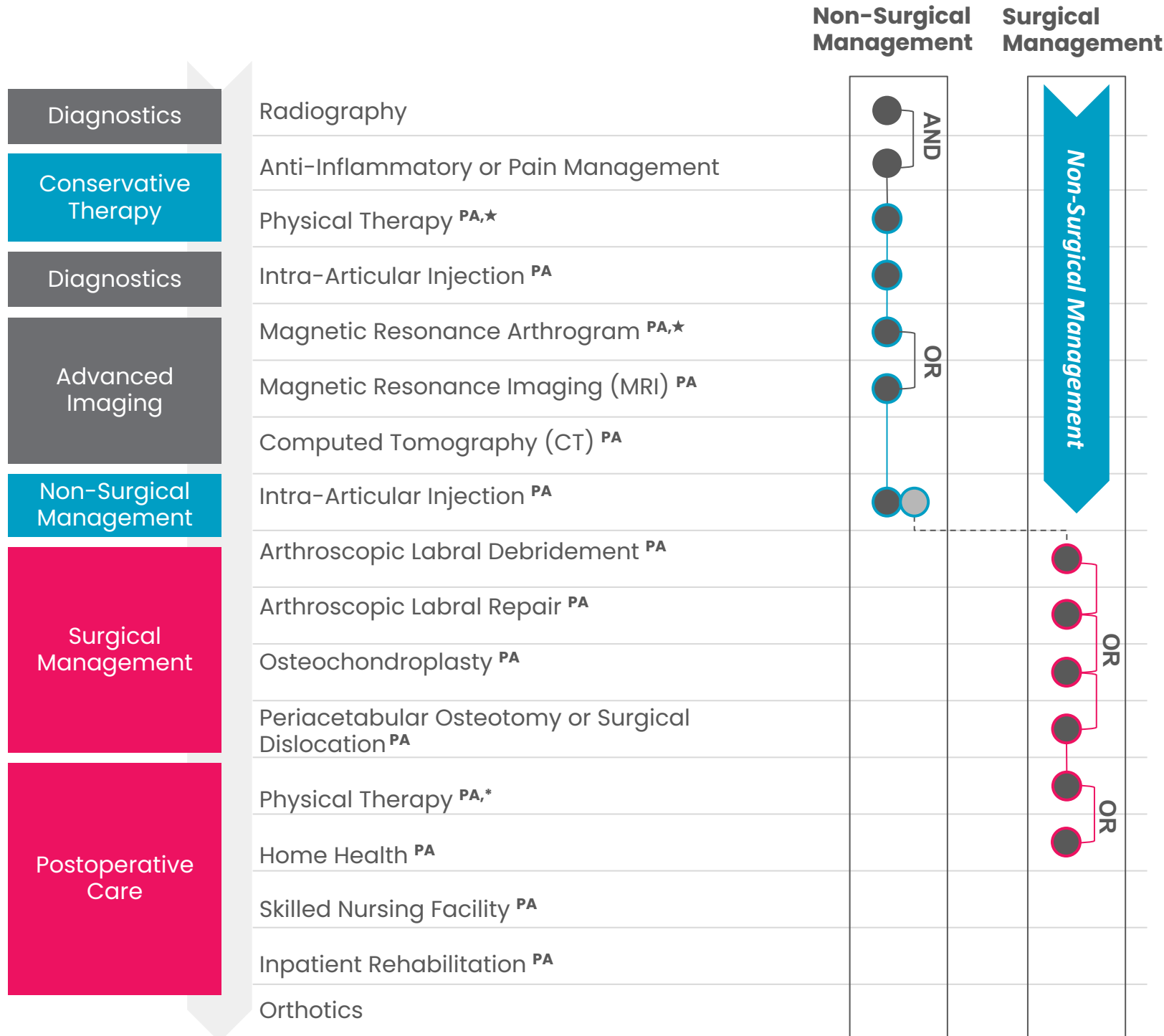
Definitions

- **FABER (Flexion, Abduction, and External Rotation) test:** A test to assess a suspected labral tear. The examination begins with a supine patient. The examiner places the patient in a figure-4 position with their hip flexed and abducted with the lateral ankle resting on the contralateral thigh proximal to the knee. The examiner then applies gentle downward force against the knee of the abducted leg. A positive result occurs when the patient reports groin pain on the affected side.⁵
- **FADIR (Flexion, Adduction, and Internal Rotation) test:** The test begins with a supine patient. The examiner raises the patient's leg with their hip flexed to 90° and knee flexed to 90°. The examiner then adducts and internally rotates the hip. A positive result occurs when the patient reports groin pain.

Labral Injuries and Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI)

What is a "Cohere Care Path"?

These Care Paths organize the services typically considered most clinically optimal and likely to be automatically approved. These service recommendations also include the suggested sequencing and quantity or frequency determined clinically appropriate and medically necessary for the management of most patient care scenarios in this Care Path's diagnostic cohort.



Key

^{PA} = Service may require prior authorization

★ = Denotes preferred service

AND = Services completed concurrently

OR = Services generally mutually exclusive

● = Non-surgical management prior authorization group of services

○ = Surgical management prior authorization group of services

○ = Subsequent service

- - - = Management path moves to a different management path

Care Path Diagnostic Criteria

Disease Classification

Labral Injuries & Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI)

ICD-10 Codes Associated with Classification

ICD-10 Code	Code Description/Definition
M24.10	Other articular cartilage disorders, unspecified site
M24.7	Protrusio acetabuli
M24.15	Other articular cartilage disorders, hip
M24.151	Other articular cartilage disorders, right hip
M24.152	Other articular cartilage disorders, left hip
M24.159	Other articular cartilage disorders, unspecified hip
M25.551	Pain in right hip
M25.552	Pain in left hip
M25.559	Pain in unspecified hip
M25.851	Other specified joint disorders, right hip
M25.852	Other specified joint disorders, left hip
M25.859	Other specified joint disorders, unspecified hip
M79.651	Pain in right thigh
M79.652	Pain in left thigh
M79.659	Pain in unspecified thigh
M94.251	Chondromalacia, right hip
M94.252	Chondromalacia, left hip
M94.259	Chondromalacia, unspecified hip

Presentation and Etiology

Causes and Risk Factors

Athletes, especially those who participate in high-risk sports, are more susceptible to developing a labral injury.

Clinical Presentation¹

- Pain in hip, groin, buttocks, or thigh
- Clicking, locking, catching, or giving way
- Hip instability
- Discomfort or pain that worsens with activities such as prolonged sitting, prolonged standing, walking, climbing stairs, or running
- Stiffness
- Limping

Typical Physical Exam Findings

- Flexed knee gait while walking
- Positive impingement test
- [FADIR](#) test produces hip pain
- [FABER](#) test produces hip pain
- Limited hip flexion and hip abduction
- Limited internal rotation with the hip at 90° of flexion

Typical Diagnostic Findings

Hip evaluation should start with radiographic imaging. Radiographic findings for FAI cam impingement typically include an increased femoral neck diameter that approaches the size of the femoral head diameter, an alpha angle greater than 60°, and a head-neck offset ratio less than 0.14.⁶

Typical radiographic findings for FAI pincer impingement include an increase acetabular depth, coxa profunda (lateral center-edge angle greater than 35°), acetabular protrusion, decreased acetabular inclination, Tönnis angle less than 0°, acetabular retroversion, cross-over sign indicating localized anterosuperior over coverage, and an ischial spine projection into the pelvis.⁶

In most cases, magnetic resonance (MR) arthrogram is preferable over magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to best identify defects in the labrum and cartilage.²

Care Path Services & Medical Necessity Criteria

Conservative Therapy

Service: Physical Therapy

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** There is insufficient evidence available to support recommendations regarding the timing, duration, and frequency of physical therapy
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** The patient should be progressing towards goals in the physical therapy plan without fully obtaining all goals.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** The first line of treatment should be land-based. If land-based is not working, patients can try aquatic exercises. Physical therapy, including land-based or aquatic exercise and strengthening, is recommended for all patients with symptomatic labral injury or FAI. Preoperative physical therapy is recommended.⁶
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Physical therapy** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE⁷**:

- ◆ The patient has **1 or more** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation list](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings list](#)

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
97010	Application of hot or cold packs
97012	Application of mechanical traction
97014	Application of electrical stimulation
97016	Application of vasopneumatic devices
97018	Application of paraffin bath
97022	Application of whirlpool
97024	Application of diathermy
97026	Application of infrared modality
97028	Application of ultraviolet modality
97032	Application of manual electrical stimulation
97033	Application of iontophoresis
97034	Application of contrast baths
97035	Application of ultrasound modality
97036	Application of Hubbard tank
97039	Modality service
97110*	Therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility
97112	Neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and proprioception for sitting and standing activities
97113	Aquatic therapy with therapeutic exercises
97116	Gait training including stair climbing

97124	Massage including effleurage and petrissage; Massage including effleurage and tapotement; Massage including effleurage, petrissage and tapotement; Massage including petrissage and tapotement
97139	Therapeutic procedure
97140	Manual therapy techniques
97150	Group therapeutic procedures
97164	Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient 20 minutes; Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient and family 20 minutes; Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient's family 20 minutes
97530	Direct therapeutic activities with use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance, each 15 minutes
97535	Home management training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes; Self-care management training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97537	Community reintegration training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes; Work reintegration training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97542	Wheelchair management, each 15 minutes
97545	Work conditioning, initial 2 hours; Work hardening, initial 2 hours
97546	Work conditioning, each additional hour; Work hardening, each additional hour
97750	Physical performance measurement with written report, each 15 minutes; Physical performance test with written report, each 15 minutes
97755	Assistive technology assessment with written report, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes

97760	Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremities and trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremity and trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremity, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of upper and lower extremities and trunk, each 15 minutes
97761	Initial prosthetic training of lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of lower extremity, each 15 minutes Initial prosthetic training of upper and lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of upper extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of upper extremity, each 15 minutes
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97799	Unlisted physical medicine/rehabilitation service or procedure
420	Physical Therapy
421	Physical Therapy: Visit Charge
422	Physical Therapy: Hourly Charge
423	Physical Therapy: Group Rate
424	Physical Therapy: Evaluation/Re-evaluation
429	Physical Therapy: Other Physical Therapy
97163	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 45 minutes
97161	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 20 minutes
97162	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 30 minutes
97168	Re-evaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care, typically 30 minutes
97165	Evaluation of occupational therapy, typically 30 minutes
97166	Evaluation of occupational therapy, typically 45 minutes
97167	Evaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care, typically 60 minutes
G0151	Hhcp-serv of pt,ea 15 min

*Default codes for suggested services

Diagnostics

Service: Diagnostic Intra-articular Injection

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Pain relief from an intra-articular hip injection supports a diagnosis of FAI.⁸
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Intra-articular injection** may be considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**⁸:

- ◆ The patient has **1 or more** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation list](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings list](#)

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
20610	Arthrocentesis and injection of hip joint; Aspiration and injection of bursa of hip; Injection of bursa of hip; Injection of hip joint
20611	Arthrocentesis and injection of hip joint using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting; Aspiration and injection of bursa of hip using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting; Injection of bursa of hip using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting;

	Injection of hip joint using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting
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Advanced Imaging

Service: Magnetic Resonance Arthrogram

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Magnetic resonance arthrograms are the most sensitive advanced imaging modality for diagnosing hip labral injuries.⁹
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

- **Magnetic resonance arthrograms** are considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**⁹⁻¹⁰:
- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
 - ◆ The patient's imaging shows **ANY** of the following:
 - The MRI is inconclusive.
 - The radiograph is non-diagnostic.
 - The radiograph indicates FAI.
 - A labral tear is suspected.
 - ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months

Non-Indications

- **Magnetic resonance arthrograms** are not considered appropriate if **ANY** of the following is **TRUE**¹¹:
- ◆ Non-compatible implanted devices
 - ◆ Metallic intraocular foreign bodies
 - ◆ Claustrophobia

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
73722	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of hip joint with contrast material

Service: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) can help diagnose hip cartilage injuries, labral injuries, and other soft tissue abnormalities if radiographs are non-diagnostic or indicate FAI.⁹
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

- **MRI** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**⁹⁻¹⁰:
- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
 - ◆ The patient's radiograph shows **ANY** of the following:
 - The radiograph is non-diagnostic.
 - The radiograph indicates FAI.
 - ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months.

Non-Indications

- **MRI** is not considered appropriate if **ANY** of the following is **TRUE**¹¹:
- ◆ Non-compatible implanted devices
 - ◆ Metallic intraocular foreign bodies
 - ◆ Claustrophobia

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
72195	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of pelvis without contrast material
73718	Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of thigh between hip

	and knee without contrast material
73721	MRI of lower extremity
73719	MRI scan of leg with contrast
73720	MRI scan of leg before and after contrast
73722	MRI scan of leg joint with contrast
73723	MRI scan of leg joint before and after contrast
72196	MRI scan of pelvis with contrast
72197	MRI scan of pelvis before and after contrast

Service: Computed Tomography (CT)

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Computed tomography (CT) can help delineate bony anatomy. It is not helpful for evaluating cartilage or labral pathology.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **CT** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:

- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
- ◆ MRI is nonindicated.
- ◆ Enhanced imaging of the bony anatomy of the hip is required for preoperative planning.
- ◆ The radiograph is non-diagnostic.
- ◆ The radiograph indicates FAI.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
73700	CT of lower extremity
73701	CT scan leg with contrast injection
73702	CT scan of leg before and after contrast injection
72192	CT scan pelvis
72193	CT scan pelvis with contrast
72194	CT scan of pelvis before and after contrast

Non-Surgical Management

Service: Intra-articular Injection

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Pain relief from an intra-articular hip injection supports a diagnosis of FAI.⁸
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Intra-articular injections** may be medically appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:

- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation list](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings list](#)

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
20610	Arthrocentesis and injection of hip joint; Aspiration and injection of bursa of hip; Injection of bursa of hip; Injection of hip joint
20611	Arthrocentesis and injection of hip joint using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting; Aspiration and injection of bursa of hip using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting; Injection of bursa of hip using ultrasound guidance with permanent recording and reporting;

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Surgical Management

Service: Arthroscopic Labral Debridement

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Labral repair techniques have demonstrated superior results than debridement.¹² There is a limited role for debridement with a potential for a high conversion rate to hip arthroplasty. This procedure may be appropriate in select cases.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Debridement** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:

- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
- ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months.
- ◆ The patient has **ANY** of the following advanced imaging findings¹³:
 - No significant underlying structural abnormalities
 - No advanced degenerative osteoarthritis
 - Labral degeneration

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
29861	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of foreign body; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of loose body

29862	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with debridement of articular cartilage; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with debridement of articular cartilage, abrasion arthroplasty, and resection of labrum; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with debridement of articular cartilage, and abrasion arthroplasty; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with shaving of articular cartilage, abrasion arthroplasty, and resection of labrum
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Service: Arthroscopic Labral Repair

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Labral repair techniques have superior results than debridement.¹² Labral repair may benefit patients with recurrent hip instability, particularly after trauma. The torn labrum can be reattached to the acetabulum using suture anchors or other techniques.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

- **Labral repair** is considered appropriate if **ANY** of the following is **TRUE**:
- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
 - ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months.
 - ◆ The patient has **ALL** of the following advanced imaging findings¹³:
 - **ANY** of the following:
 - No significant underlying structural abnormalities.
 - No advanced degenerative osteoarthritis.
 - The labral tear is repairable.

Non-Indications

- **Labral repair** is not considered appropriate if **ANY** of the following is **TRUE**:
- ◆ Advanced imaging shows a severely damaged labrum that would be impossible to repair
 - ◆ Advanced imaging shows advanced osteoarthritis

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
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29861	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of foreign body; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of loose body
29916	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with labral repair

Service: Arthroscopic or Open Osteochondroplasty

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Osteochondroplasty of the hip removes the bone and overlying cartilage from the acetabulum and the femoral neck that all contribute to FAI. This procedure can be performed arthroscopically or as an open procedure.¹⁴
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Osteochondroplasty** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**¹⁴:

- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
- ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months.
- ◆ The advanced imaging indicates FAI.
- ◆ There is no evidence of advanced degenerative osteoarthritis.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

None.

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
29861	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of foreign body; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with removal of loose body
29914	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with femoroplasty; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with femoroplasty for cam lesion

29915	Surgical arthroscopy of hip with acetabuloplasty; Surgical arthroscopy of hip with acetabuloplasty for pincer lesion
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Service: Periacetabular Osteotomy/Surgical Dislocation

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** Periacetabular osteotomy treats developmental hip deformities. The goal is to improve the pathomechanics of the hip joint and delay the development of degenerative arthritis. This procedure may be indicated for a retroverted acetabulum. A trochanteric osteotomy may be performed with surgical hip dislocation.¹⁴
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

- **Periacetabular osteotomy** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:
- ◆ The patient has **ANY** positive findings from:
 - [Clinical presentation](#)
 - [Typical physical exam findings](#)
 - ◆ The patient fails to show significant improvement in symptoms or disability level despite receiving nonsurgical management for 3 months
 - ◆ The patient has **ANY** of the following¹⁴:
 - Bony morphology that prevents arthroscopic treatment
 - Surgical dislocation of the hip is indicated to treat intra-articular and bony pathology.
 - ◆ No evidence of advanced degenerative osteoarthritis.
 - ◆ Advanced imaging indicates FAI.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

None.

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
27146	Osteotomy of acetabular bone; Osteotomy of iliac bone; Osteotomy of innominate bone
27299	Unlisted procedure on hip joint; Unlisted procedure on pelvis

Surgical Risk Factors

Patient Medical Risk Stratification

Patient Risk Score	Patient Characteristic	Min Range	Max Range	Guidance
1- Very Low Risk	No known medical problems			
2- Low Risk	Hypertension		180/110 mm Hg	
2- Low Risk	Asthma	peak flow >80% of predicted or personal best value		
2- Low Risk	Prior history of alcohol abuse			Screen for liver disease and malnutrition
2- Low Risk	Prior history of tobacco use			
3- Intermediate Risk	Asthma	peak flow <80% of predicted or personal best value		
3- Intermediate Risk	Active alcohol abuse			
3- Intermediate Risk	Age	65	75	
3- Intermediate Risk	History of treated, stable coronary artery disease (CAD)			
3- Intermediate Risk	Stable atrial fibrillation			
3- Intermediate Risk	Diabetes mellitus	HbA1C >7%		
3- Intermediate Risk	Morbid obesity	BMI 30	BMI 40	
3- Intermediate Risk	Anemia	hemoglobin <11 (females), <12 (males)		Workup to identify etiology
3- Intermediate Risk	HIV	CD4 <200 cells/mm3		Get clearance from HIV specialist

3- Intermediate Risk	Rheumatologic disease			Preoperative consultation with rheumatologist re: perioperative medication management
3- Intermediate Risk	Peripheral vascular disease or history of peripheral vascular bypass	ankle-brachial pressure index (ABPI) <0.9		Preoperative consultation with vascular surgeon
3- Intermediate Risk	History of venous thromboembolism (VTE)			
3- Intermediate Risk	Well-controlled obstructive sleep apnea			
3- Intermediate Risk	Malnutrition	transferrin <200 mg/dL albumin <3.5 g/dL prealbumin <22.5 mg/dL total lymphocyte count <1200-1500 cell/mm ³ BMI <18		Preoperative consultation with nutritionist
3- Intermediate Risk	Active tobacco Use			Enroll patient in smoking cessation program
4- High Risk	Diabetes mellitus with complications	HbA1c >8%		
4- High Risk	Age	76	85	
4- High Risk	Oxygen dependent pulmonary disease			
4- High Risk	Sickle cell anemia			
4- High Risk	Obesity	BMI 40		
4- High Risk	Cirrhosis, history of hepatic decompensation or variceal bleeding			

4- High Risk	Impaired cognition; dementia			
4- High Risk	Compensated CHF			
4- High Risk	Cerebrovascular disease			
4- High Risk	Uncontrolled or suspected obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)			
4- High Risk	Renal insufficiency	serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL or creatinine clearance <100 mL/min		
4- High Risk	Opioid dependence			
4- High Risk	End Stage Liver Disease			
4- High Risk	Uncontrolled Seizure Disorder			
4- High Risk	History of Malignant Hyperthermia			
5- Very High Risk	Cardiovascular: unstable angina, recent myocardial infarction (60 days), uncontrolled atrial fibrillation or other high-grade abnormal rhythm, severe valvular disease, decompensated heart failure			
5- Very High Risk	Primary pulmonary hypertension			Preoperative consultation with pulmonologist warranted
5- Very High Risk	Cirrhosis or severe liver disease, history of hepatic decompensation or variceal bleeding			
5- Very High Risk	Severe frailty, dependence for ADLs, or history of 3 or more falls in last 6 mos			
5- Very High Risk	Obesity		BMI >50	
5- Very High Risk	Age		>85	

5- Very High Risk	History of VTE with CI to anticoagulation, failure of anticoagulation, cessation of anticoagulation therapy secondary to bleeding			Preoperative consultation with hematologist or internist
5- Very High Risk	Renal failure requiring dialysis			
5- Very High Risk	Immunosuppression			
5- Very High Risk	Chronic Pain			

Post-Acute Care

Service: Physical Therapy

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** There is insufficient evidence to support recommendations regarding the timing, duration, and frequency of postoperative physical therapy treatment.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** The patient should be progressing towards goals in the physical therapy plan without fully obtaining all goals.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** The first line of treatment should be land-based. If land-based is not working, patients can try aquatic exercises. Physical therapy, including land-based or aquatic exercise and strengthening, is recommended for all patients with symptomatic labral injuries or FAI.¹³
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Physical therapy** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**¹³:

- ◆ The patient underwent surgical treatment for FAI or hip labrum.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Outpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
97010	Application of hot or cold packs
97012	Application of mechanical traction
97014	Application of electrical stimulation
97016	Application of vasopneumatic devices

97018	Application of paraffin bath
97022	Application of whirlpool
97024	Application of diathermy
97026	Application of infrared modality
97028	Application of ultraviolet modality
97032	Application of manual electrical stimulation
97033	Application of iontophoresis
97034	Application of contrast baths
97035	Application of ultrasound modality
97036	Application of Hubbard tank
97039	Modality service
97110*	Therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility
97112	Neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and proprioception for sitting and standing activities
97113	Aquatic therapy with therapeutic exercises
97116	Gait training including stair climbing
97124	Massage including effleurage and petrissage; Massage including effleurage and tapotement; Massage including effleurage, petrissage and tapotement; Massage including petrissage and tapotement
97139	Therapeutic procedure
97140	Manual therapy techniques
97150	Group therapeutic procedures
97164	Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient 20 minutes; Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient and family 20

	minutes; Physical therapy re-evaluation of established plan of care, high complexity, typical time with patient's family 20 minutes
97530	Direct therapeutic activities with use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance, each 15 minutes
97535	Home management training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes; Self-care management training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97537	Community reintegration training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes; Work reintegration training, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97542	Wheelchair management, each 15 minutes
97545	Work conditioning, initial 2 hours; Work hardening, initial 2 hours
97546	Work conditioning, each additional hour; Work hardening, each additional hour
97750	Physical performance measurement with written report, each 15 minutes; Physical performance test with written report, each 15 minutes
97755	Assistive technology assessment with written report, direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97760	Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremities and trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremity and trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of lower extremity, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of trunk, each 15 minutes; Initial orthotic management and training with assessment and fitting of upper and lower extremities and trunk, each 15 minutes

97761	<p>Initial prosthetic training of lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of lower extremity, each 15 minutes Initial prosthetic training of upper and lower extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of upper extremities, each 15 minutes; Initial prosthetic training of upper extremity, each 15 minutes</p>
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97799	Unlisted physical medicine/rehabilitation service or procedure
420	Physical Therapy
421	Physical Therapy: Visit Charge
422	Physical Therapy: Hourly Charge
423	Physical Therapy: Group Rate
424	Physical Therapy: Evaluation/Re-evaluation
429	Physical Therapy: Other Physical Therapy
97163	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 45 minutes
97161	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 20 minutes
97162	Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 30 minutes
97168	Re-evaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care, typically 30 minutes
97165	Evaluation of occupational therapy, typically 30 minutes
97166	Evaluation of occupational therapy, typically 45 minutes
97167	Evaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care, typically 60 minutes
G0151	Hhcp-serv of pt,ea 15 min

*Default codes for suggested services

Service: Home Health Care

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** May be recommended for postoperative care if outpatient treatment is not appropriate.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

- **Home health care** may be appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:
- ◆ The patient lives with those that are unable to care for the patient postoperatively.
 - ◆ The patient underwent surgical treatment for FAI or hip labrum.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Home

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
99509	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care
99600	Unlisted home visit procedure; Unlisted home visit service
99334	Level 1 rest home visit for evaluation and management of established patient with minor and/or self-limited problem, including problem-focused interval history and physical examination, and straightforward medical decision-making, typical time with patient, family, and/or caregiver 15 minutes
G0129	Partial hosp prog service
G0283	Elec stim other than wound

Service: Inpatient Rehabilitation

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** Postoperative rehabilitation is recommended to begin as soon as possible for all patients. No guidelines are available for the specific duration, timing, or frequency of inpatient rehabilitation. Inpatient rehabilitation is rarely required following routine surgery.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** There are no firmly established criteria for discharge appropriateness. Discharge depends upon medical stability, pain control, home situation, and if PT/OT goals were met. Some patients may require non-home discharge after surgery depending upon their age, comorbidities, and functional needs.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Post-acute inpatient rehabilitation** is considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:

- ◆ The patient has **2 or more** of the following:
 - Neurologic deficit occurs postoperatively
 - Postoperative complications
 - Multiple medical comorbidities
 - The patient requires maximum assistance for mobility
 - The patient does not have others to care for them at home
- ◆ The patient underwent knee arthroplasty or osteotomy.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Inpatient

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
97799	Physical medicine service

Service: Skilled Nursing Facility

General Guidelines

- **Units, Frequency, & Duration:** None.
- **Criteria for Subsequent Requests:** None.
- **Recommended Clinical Approach:** May be indicated for postoperative care in cases where the surgery occurred at an inpatient hospital, and outpatient physical therapy or home health care are not indicated.
- **Exclusions:** None.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Indications

→ **Skilled nursing facilities** are considered appropriate if **ALL** of the following are **TRUE**:

- ◆ The patient has **2 or more** of the following:
 - Neurologic deficit occurs postoperatively
 - Postoperative complications
 - Multiple medical comorbidities
 - The patient requires maximum assistance for mobility
 - The patient does not have others to care for them at home
- ◆ The patient underwent knee arthroplasty or osteotomy.

Non-Indications

None.

Site of Service Criteria

Skilled nursing facility (SNF)

Procedure Codes (HCPCS/CPT)

HCPCS Code	Code Description/Definition
99304	Level 1 initial nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient with problem of low severity, including comprehensive history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of low complexity, typical time 25 minutes; Level 1 initial nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient with problem of low severity, including detailed history and physical examination, and straightforward medical

	decision-making, typical time 25 minutes
99305	Level 2 initial nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient with problem of moderate severity, including comprehensive history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of moderate complexity, typical time 35 minutes
99306	Level 3 initial nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient with problem of high severity, including comprehensive history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of high complexity typical time 45 minutes
99307	Level 1 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including problem-focused interval history and physical examination, and straightforward medical decision-making, typical time 10 minutes; Level 1 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including problem-focused interval history and physical examination, typical time 10 minutes; Level 1 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including problem-focused interval history and straightforward medical decision-making, typical time 10 minutes; Level 1 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including problem-focused physical examination and straightforward medical decision-making, typical time 10 minutes
99308	Level 2 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including expanded problem-focused interval history and medical decision-making of low complexity, typical time 15 minutes; Level 2 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including expanded problem-focused interval history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of low complexity, typical time 15 minutes; Level 2 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including expanded problem-focused interval history and physical examination, typical time 15 minutes; Level 2 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including expanded

	problem-focused physical examination and medical decision-making of low complexity, typical time 15 minutes
99309	Level 3 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including detailed interval history and medical decision-making of moderate complexity, typical time 25 minutes; Level 3 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including detailed interval history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of moderate complexity. typical time 25 minutes; Level 3 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including detailed interval history and physical examination, typical time 25 minutes; Level 3 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including detailed physical examination and medical decision-making of moderate complexity, typical time 25 minutes
99310	Level 4 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including comprehensive interval history and medical decision-making of high complexity, typical time 35 minutes; Level 4 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including comprehensive interval history and physical examination, and medical decision-making of high complexity, typical time 35 minutes; Level 4 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including comprehensive interval history and physical examination, typical time 35 minutes; Level 4 subsequent nursing facility care for evaluation and management of patient, including comprehensive physical examination and medical decision-making of high complexity, typical time 35 minutes
99315	Nursing facility discharge day management, 30 minutes or less
99316	Nursing facility day management, more than 30 minutes
G0128	Corf skilled nursing service

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