

Calcium Sulfate BioBeads

2024 Coding and Reimbursement Guidelines

To help answer common coding and reimbursement questions about arthroscopic, endoscopic, or surgical procedures completed with the products described in this guide, the following information is shared for educational and strategic planning purposes only. Information described in this guide is intended solely for use as a resource tool to assist physician office and ambulatory surgical center billing staff regarding potential reimbursement challenges. It is the sole responsibility of the treating health care professional to diagnose and treat the patient, and to confirm coverage, coding, and claim submission guidance with the patient's health insurance plan to ensure claims are accurate, complete, and supported documentation in the patient's medical record. Any determination regarding if and how to seek reimbursement should be made only by the appropriate members of the staff, in consultation with the physician, and in consideration of the procedure performed or therapy provided to a specific patient. Arthrex does not recommend or endorse the use of any particular diagnosis or procedure code(s) and makes no determination if or how reimbursement may be available. Of important note, reimbursement codes and payment, as well as health policy and legislation are subject to continual change.

FDA Regulatory Clearance

Arthrex Calcium Sulfate BioBeads are a bone graft substitute intended for use as a bone void filler for voids and gaps that are not intrinsic to the stability of the bony structure. These osseous defects may be surgically created or created from a traumatic injury to the bone. The bone void filler is intended to be gently packed into bony voids or gaps of the skeletal system (ie, extremities and pelvis). It is a bone graft substitute that resorbs and is replaced with bone during the healing process the bone void filler is biodegradable and biocompatible and may be used in an infected site (K171161).

Value Analysis Significance

Calcium Sulfate BioBeads are one of many products offered within the Arthrex comprehensive bone repair portfolio. Available in multiple sizes and forms to fill various bone voids and gaps, this product offers surgeons a resorbable and biocompatible bone void filler. Arthrex Calcium Sulfate BioBeads are also one of the only resorbable synthetics on the market indicated for use within an infected bone site.

Coding Considerations

Codes provide a uniform language for describing services performed by health care providers. The actual selection of codes depends upon the primary surgical procedure, supported by details in the patient's medical record about medical necessity. It is the sole responsibility of the health care provider to correctly prepare claims submitted to insurance carriers.

Physician's Professional Fee

In addition to the appropriate hand, wrist, foot, ankle, hip, shoulder, or knee procedure(s) performed by the surgeon, the facility may also report the following or similar HCPCS codes for Arthrex Calcium Sulfate BioBeads:

HCPCS Code	Code Description	Notes
C1713	Anchor/screw for opposing bone-to-bone or soft tissue-to-bone (implantable); implantable pins and/or screws that are used to oppose soft tissue-to-bone, tendon-to-bone, or bone-to-bone. Screws oppose tissue via drilling as follows: soft tissue-to-bone, tendon-to-bone, or bone-to-bone fixation. Pins are inserted or drilled into bone, principally with the intent to facilitate stabilization or oppose bone-to-bone. This may include orthopedic plate with accompanying washers and nuts. This category also applies to synthetic bone substitutes that may be used to fill bony void or gaps (ie, bone substitute implanted into a bony defect created from trauma or surgery.)	For Medicare, anchors/screws/joint devices are not separately reimbursed in any setting of care (eg, hospital, ASC). These costs are absorbed by the facility via the appropriate reimbursement mechanism (eg, MS-DRG, APC).
L8699	Prosthetic implant, no otherwise specified This code reports prosthetic implants that are not otherwise described in more specific HCPCS Level II codes.	For non-Medicare (eg, commercial) patients, depending on contractual terms and general stipulations of the payer, direct invoicing by the facility may be allowed. Contact the patient's insurance company or refer to the facility's payer contract for more information.
A4649	Surgical supplies; miscellaneous This code reports miscellaneous surgical supplies and should only be reported if a more specific HCPCS Level II or CPT code is not available.	

List of Pass-Through Payment Device Category Codes (Updated September 2022) https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/passthrough_payment



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For more information about the primary procedure, please speak with your admitting surgeon. You may also call the Arthrex Coding Helpline at 1-844-604-6359 or email arthrexRSP@arthrex.com.

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