

ORTHOPAEDICS	
Procedure/Condition	Criteria <span style="color: black;">■</span> Black – criteria required to be met prior to referral. <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Blue – criteria to be met prior to procedure
<b>Hip and Knee Replacement (Restricted)</b>	<b>Patients should be referred in the first instance to the Musculoskeletal Clinical Assessment and Triage Service (MSK-CATS), where further clinical input is required.</b>
Knee replacement (Primary)(Restricted)	<p>The core treatment for symptoms of osteoarthritis is as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to appropriate information (including self –care programmes)</li> <li>• Activity and exercise</li> <li>• Referral to a lifestyle service for interventions to achieve weight loss if the person is overweight or obese</li> <li>• Pharmacological treatment for symptoms of pain and swelling</li> <li>• GP has discussed surgical options with the patient and shared information</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary</b> ⇨	<p><b>Hip and Knee Replacement</b>  The CCGs will only fund hip and knee replacement under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The patient has engaged with the above core treatment options, when relevant</li> </ul> <p>Decision based on discussions with patient and clinician rather than scoring tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The patient experiences joint symptoms (pain, stiffness and reduced function) that have a substantial impact on their quality of life and are refractory to non-surgical treatment</li> <li>• When discussing the possibility of joint surgery, check that the person has accessed the core treatments and give information about : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The benefits and risks of surgery and the potential consequences of not having surgery</li> <li>▪ Recovery and rehabilitation after surgery</li> <li>▪ How having a prosthesis might affect them</li> <li>▪ How care pathways are organised in their local area</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NB: These discussions should be informed and guided by use of shared decision making tools.</p> <p>Referring clinicians should follow the MSK clinical pathway for this condition when considering a referral to secondary care. Compliance with the pathway is required to support referrals.</p> <p><b>This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq.</b></p>
<b>Base / Evidence</b>	NICE technology appraisal Guidance 304 (Total hip replacement and resurfacing arthroplasty for end stage arthritis of the hip (review of technology appraisal guidance 2 and 44) February 2014 NICE guidance CG177 and TA 304
<b>OPCS code(s):</b>	<b>Hip Replacement - W371, W378, W379, W381, W388, W389, W391, W398, W399, W521, W531, W541, W931, W938, W939, W941, W948, W949, W951, W958, W959</b> <b>Knee Replacement - O181, W401, W408, W409, W411, W418, W419, W421, W428, W429, W521, W531, W541, W959</b>

<b>Version No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Changes</b>
2	Nov 2014	Knee replacement (primary) – changes include removing the Oxford score. Hip replacement – changes include updating the name of NICE technology appraisal that sets requirements for prostheses and removing the Oxford score.
3	Dec 2016	Knee replacement (primary) Updated following consultation and CPAG feedback in November 2016. Includes outline of NICE guidance for conservative management of OA, use of shared decision making tools and reference to following relevant MSK pathway. Updated following consultation and CPAG feedback in November 2016. Includes outline of NICE guidance for conservative management of OA, use of shared decision making tools and following relevant MSK pathway.
3.1	July 2017	Fifth bullet point added in core section for primary “ GP has discussed surgical options with the patient and shared information. Word knee be add to Hip and knee revision and split separate table.
3.2	August 2019	Addition of 'This policy is subject to a prior approval' as requested by contracting.
3.3	November 2019	Removal of 'This policy is subject to a prior approval' and addition of 'This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq' as requested by contracting.