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APPLICABLE TO TOTAL HIP AND TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT ADVANCED CERTIFICATIONS

Effective January 1, 2019

Standard DSDF.3

The program is implemented through the use of clinical practice guidelines selected to meet the patient's needs.

Elements of Performance for DSDF.3

2. The assessment(s) and reassessment(s) are completed according to the patient's needs and clinical practice guidelines.

Requirements Specific to Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement

a. The patient is assessed for onset and duration of symptoms, location and severity of pain, and limitations in activity.
b. An assessment of risk and health status, as defined by the program, is completed in accordance with clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practice in a time frame that meets the patient's needs. This assessment includes body mass index (BMI), allergies, hemoglobin levels, blood pressure levels, coronary artery disease, pulmonary disease, glucose levels, tobacco use, alcohol use, minimum cognitive assay, and mental health status. The assessment of risk and health status is documented in the patient's medical record.
c. A functional assessment of the patient, as defined by the program, is completed in accordance with clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practices in a time frame that meets the patient's needs. The functional assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.
d. The reassessment includes the functional assessment and risk and health status assessments as defined by the program and is completed within a time frame that meets the patient's needs.

Key: 📂 indicates that documentation is required. □ indicates an identified risk area
Requirements Specific to Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement

a. In ambulatory surgery centers: The program has selection criteria to identify those patients who may safely discharge to home within 23 hours postoperatively.  
Note: Examples of criteria include age, body mass index, current health condition, medical history, caregiver support, and home environment.

b. The patient is assessed for onset and duration of symptoms, location and severity of pain, and limitations in activity.

c. An assessment of risk and health status, as defined by the program, is completed in accordance with clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practice in a time frame that meets the patient’s needs. This assessment includes body mass index (BMI), allergies, hemoglobin levels, blood pressure levels, coronary artery disease, pulmonary disease, glucose levels, tobacco use, alcohol use, minimum cognitive assay, and mental health status. The assessment of risk and health status is documented in the patient’s medical record.

d. A functional assessment of the patient, as defined by the program, is completed in accordance with clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practices in a time frame that meets the patient’s needs. The functional assessment is documented in the patient’s medical record.

e. The reassessment includes the functional assessment and risk and health status assessments as defined by the program and is completed within a time frame that meets the patient’s needs.

Standard DSPM.4

The program collects and analyzes data to determine variance from the clinical practice guidelines.

Elements of Performance for DSPM.4

2. The program evaluates variances that affect program performance and outcomes.

Requirement Specific to Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement

a. The performance improvement program includes evaluation of care processes and transitions of care.

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a. The performance improvement program includes evaluation of care processes and transitions of care.

b. The program analyzes its total hip and total knee arthroplasty data in a national registry and uses it for quality improvement purposes.