

Knee surgery entitlement

Consideration factors



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Consideration factors for traumatic internal derangement of the knee

ACC funding of elective surgery is considered on a case-by-case basis and is based on the ARTP and information ACC collects on the case from a variety of sources.

General consideration factors

The consideration factors in assessment of a request for knee surgery are:

1. An ACC covered injury to the knee (which is a pre-requisite)
2. Previous problems in the injured knee and their relevance
3. An incident with the acute onset of pain and dysfunction
4. Clinical examination signs
5. Investigations. Important considerations relating to meniscal pathology include findings of moderate to advanced osteoarthritis on weight-bearing X-rays and/or MRI scan.

Additional consideration factors

Additional consideration factors for ACC funding of a high tibial osteotomy, total knee joint replacement (TKJR) or knee arthroplasty request include:

1. Prior meniscectomy for a traumatic meniscal tear, without degenerative articular cartilage at the time of the index procedure
2. Prior cruciate or multi-ligament injury
3. Traumatic full thickness isolated chondral lesion
4. Intra-articular knee fracture
5. Mal-union of previous lower limb fracture.