

## American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

**CPT Code: 29823**

Arthroscopy,  
shoulder, surgical;  
debridement,  
extensive

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AAOS Advice: For open  
procedure, see specific  
open shoulder procedure  
performed.

Services **included** in the global service package:

1. local infiltration of medication(s), anesthetic, or contrast agent before, during, or at the conclusion of the operation
2. suture or staple removal by operating surgeon or designee
3. surgical approach, with necessary identification, isolation, and protection of anatomic structures, including hemostasis and minor skin scar revision
4. obtaining wound specimen(s) for culture
5. wound irrigation
6. intraoperative photo(s) and/or video recording, excluding ionizing radiation
7. intraoperative supervision and positioning of imaging and/or monitoring equipment by operating surgeon or assistant(s)
8. insertion, placement, and removal of surgical drain(s), re-infusion device(s), irrigation tube(s), or catheter(s)
9. closure of wound and repair of tissues divided for initial surgical exposure, partial or complete
10. application of initial dressing, orthosis, continuous passive motion, splint, or cast, including traction, except where specifically excluded from global package
11. synovial resection for visualization
12. arthroscopic debridement, limited (eg, 29822)
13. diagnostic arthroscopy of shoulder (eg, 29805)
14. manipulation under anesthesia (eg, 23700)

Services **not included** in the global service package:

1. supplies and medication (eg, code 99070, HCPCS Level II codes)
2. insertion, removal, or exchange of drug delivery implant(s) (eg, 20700-20705)
3. arthroscopic acromioplasty (eg, 29826)
4. arthroscopic removal of loose or foreign bodies greater than 5 mm or through separate incision (eg, 29819)
5. arthroscopic repair of rotator cuff (eg, 29827)
6. arthroscopic excision of distal clavicle (eg, 29824)
7. arthroscopic tenodesis of biceps (eg, 29828)
8. arthroscopic lysis of adhesions (eg, 29825)
9. conscious sedation, regional block(s), Bier block(s)

Medicare global fee period: 90 days

Complete Global Service Data for Orthopaedic Surgery, 2020 edition, *has been significantly revised. Instructions for using the new global service data can be found in the introductory materials on pages vii-xviii.*

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