

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

CPT Code: 29827

Arthroscopy,
shoulder, surgical;
with rotator cuff
repair

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AAOS Advice: For open
or mini-open rotator cuff
repair, use code 23412.
When arthroscopic
distal clavicle resection
is performed at the same
setting, use code 29824
and append modifier 51.

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. preparation and insertion of synthetic bone substitutes, osteoconductive and osteoinductive agents (eg, hydroxyapatite, calcium phosphates, coral, methylmethacrylate, demineralized bone matrix, bone morphogenetic proteins), except where specifically excluded
12. diagnostic arthroscopy of shoulder (eg, 29805)
13. synovial resection for visualization
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 debridement (eg, 29822, 29823)
4. arthroscopic acromioplasty (eg, 29826)
5. arthroscopic resection of distal clavicle (eg, 29824)
6. arthroscopic repair of SLAP lesion (eg, 29807)
7. arthroscopic tenodesis of biceps (eg, 29828)
8. arthroscopic capsulorrhaphy of shoulder (eg, 29806)
9. arthroscopic lysis and resection of adhesions (eg, 29825)
10. 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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