



Shoulder Resurfacing

DESCRIPTION

Shoulder resurfacing is a surgical procedure that involves replacing the diseased part of the shoulder joint without replacing the humeral head. Resurfacing of the humeral head can be accomplished with a prosthetic metal covering or cap that provides either complete or partial coverage, or can be performed alone (hemi-resurfacing) or in combination with glenoid resurfacing (total shoulder resurfacing).

POLICY

- Shoulder resurfacing, including total, hemi, or partial resurfacing, is considered **investigational**.
- Any device utilized for this procedure must have FDA approval specific to the indication, otherwise its use will be considered **investigational**.

Policies with similar titles: [Total Hip Resurfacing](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the absence of any well-designed randomized controlled trials or studies, no conclusions can be determined concerning the effects of this technology on health outcomes.

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