Coverage Summary

Fabric Wrapping of Abdominal Aneurysms

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I. COVERAGE

Coverage Statement: Fabric wrap for abdominal aneurysms is not a covered benefit. Medicare statement: This procedure has not been shown to prevent eventual rupture.

Guidelines/Notes:

1. In extremely rare instances, external wall reinforcement may be indicated when the current accepted treatment (excision of the aneurysm and reconstruction with synthetic materials) is not a viable alternative, but external wall reinforcement is not fabric wrapping. See the NCD for Fabric Wrapping of Abdominal Aneurysms (20.23) (Accessed July 8, 2019)

II. DEFINITIONS

III. REFERENCES

See above
IV. REVISION HISTORY

07/23/2019  Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines
- Removed reference link to the policy titled Fabric Wrapping of Abdominal Aneurysms (NCD 20.23) (retired)