

# Cigna Medical Coverage Policies – Musculoskeletal Thoracic and Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) Guidelines

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## **CMM-614: Thoracic / Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis)**

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## **CMM-614.1: General Guidelines**

### **Application of Guideline**

- The determination of medical necessity for the performance of thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion (with or without osteotomy) is always made on a case-by-case basis.
- For additional timing and documentation requirements, see **CMM-600.1: Prior Authorization Requirements**.

### **Urgent/Emergent Indications/Conditions**

- The presence of urgent/emergent indications/conditions warrants definitive surgical treatment. **Imaging findings noted in the applicable procedure section(s) are required.**
  - ◆ The following criteria are **NOT** required for confirmed urgent/emergent conditions:
    - Provider-directed non-surgical management
    - Proof of smoking cessation
    - Absence of unmanaged significant mental and/or behavioral health disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, chronic pain syndrome, secondary gain, opioid and alcohol use disorders)
    - Timeframe for repeat procedure
- Urgent/emergent conditions for thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion and/or osteotomy include **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Traumatic spinal fractures or dislocations with or without neural compression when instability is present or decompression of the spinal canal is anticipated to result in iatrogenic instability
  - ◆ Infection (e.g., discitis, epidural abscess, osteomyelitis) when instability is present or debridement and/or decompression is anticipated to result in iatrogenic instability
  - ◆ Primary or metastatic neoplastic disease causing pathologic fracture, cord compression, when instability is present or resection and/or decompression is anticipated to result in iatrogenic instability
  - ◆ A condition otherwise meeting criteria listed in the applicable procedure section(s) with documentation of severe debilitating pain and/or dysfunction to the point of being incapacitated

## **CMM-614.2: Osteotomy**

### **Posterior Column Osteotomy (PCO)**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar posterior column osteotomy (PCO) (i.e., Smith-Peterson osteotomy [SPO] or Ponte osteotomy) is considered **medically necessary** (in addition to fusion) when **ALL** of the following criteria have been met:

- Correction of non-fixed deformity requiring 5° to 10° of correction (SPO) per spinal segment for **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Thoracic or thoracolumbar sagittal plane deformities (i.e., <10° or >40°) when the deformity is non-fixed
  - ◆ Larger coronal deformities where there is limited flexibility (i.e., >40° on dynamic imaging)
- Posterior column osteotomy is limited to a maximum of four (4) posterior column osteotomies performed in the apex of the deformity per correction surgery.
  - ◆ **Criteria exception:** There is no limit to posterior column osteotomies for correction of Scheuermann's Kyphosis as this deformity is long, gradual, rounded, and is amenable to more than four (4) posterior column osteotomies.
- **ALL** of the criteria for thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion have been met per the applicable procedure-specific section (pediatric deformity; fusion with decompression; fusion without decompression; adjacent segment disease; or, repeat fusion)

### **Three-Column Osteotomy**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar three-column osteotomy (i.e., pedicle subtraction osteotomy [PSO] or vertebral column resection [VCR]) is considered **medically necessary** (in addition to fusion) when **ALL** of the following criteria have been met:

- Performed for **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Correction of fixed sagittal plane deformity requiring more than 30° of correction (PSO)
  - ◆ Large fixed coronal deformities greater than 60° that are amenable to asymmetric osteotomy
- **ALL** of the criteria for thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion have been met per the applicable procedure-specific section (pediatric spinal deformity; fusion with decompression; fusion without decompression; adjacent segment disease; or, repeat fusion)

## **CMM-614.3: Pediatric Spinal Deformity**

### **Pediatric Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion (arthrodesis) is considered **medically necessary** when performed for **ANY** of the following conditions when **BOTH** of the following criteria have been met:

- Confirmatory imaging studies (advanced or plain X-rays) are required
- The presence of **ANY** of the following pediatric spinal deformities warrants definitive surgical treatment:
  - ◆ Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis with over 50° curve
  - ◆ Congenital scoliosis
  - ◆ Neuromuscular scoliosis
  - ◆ Infantile/juvenile scoliosis

### **Pediatric Osteotomy**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar osteotomy is considered **medically necessary** (in addition to a fusion) when **ALL** of the following criteria have been met per **CMM-614.2: Osteotomy**.

## **CMM-614.4: Initial Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) with Decompression**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion (arthrodesis) with decompression is considered **medically necessary** when performed for **ANY** of the following conditions when **ALL** of the associated criteria have been met:

### **Actual Instability**

- The individual is a candidate for thoracic decompression per **CMM-613: Thoracic Decompression-Discectomy**.
- Imaging shows **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Degenerative spondylolisthesis with **EITHER** of the following:
    - Dynamic segmental instability on flexion-extension plain X-rays **OR** comparison of a supine and upright image, with a difference in translational alignment between vertebrae greater than 3 mm between views
    - Meyerding Grade II or higher spondylolisthesis
  - ◆ Imaging documenting post-operative instability created by the disruption of the posterior elements due to facet joint excision that exceeds 50% bilaterally or 75% or more of a single facet
  - ◆ Pars fracture
  - ◆ Previous thoracic or thoracolumbar spinal decompression that resulted in iatrogenic spondylolisthesis
  - ◆ **Criteria exception:** When instability is created and/or identified intra-operatively, the above imaging criteria are **NOT** required.
    - See **Anticipated Iatrogenic Instability**

- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

### **Anticipated Iatrogenic Instability**

- The individual is a candidate for thoracic decompression or corpectomy per **CMM-613: Thoracic Decompression-Discectomy**.
- Anticipated iatrogenic instability with **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Created by disruption of the posterior elements due to facet joint excision that exceeds 50% bilaterally or 75% or more of a single facet during spinal decompression
  - ◆ Created by excessive disc removal that could result in anterior instability
  - ◆ Created by removal of the pars interarticularis that requires fusion to stabilize
  - ◆ Created by decompression for Meyerding Grade I or higher spondylolisthesis with foraminal stenosis
  - ◆ Created by complete or partial thoracic/thoracolumbar corpectomy (i.e., removal of at least one-third of the vertebral body)
    - For thoracic or thoracolumbar corpectomy, see **CMM-613.1: General Guidelines**.
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

### **Adult Symptomatic Degenerative Spinal Deformity**

- The individual is a candidate for thoracic decompression per **CMM-613: Thoracic Decompression-Discectomy**.
- Imaging findings include **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Coronal plane deformity which includes **ANY** of the following:
    - Cobb angle greater than  $30^\circ$
    - Asymmetric disk collapse causing foraminal narrowing
    - Coronal imbalance causing head and trunk shift off the midline
  - ◆ Sagittal imbalance which includes **ANY** of the following:
    - Sagittal vertebral axis measurement greater than 8 cm
    - Pelvic incidence-lumbar lordosis greater than  $15^\circ$
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

**Adult Residual Idiopathic Scoliotic Deformity**

- The individual is a candidate for thoracic decompression or corpectomy per **CMM-613: Thoracic Decompression-Discectomy**.
- Imaging findings include **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Cobb angle of greater than 50°
  - ◆ Asymmetric disk collapse causing foraminal narrowing
  - ◆ Coronal imbalance causing head and trunk shift off the midline
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of ≤10 ng/mL

**Adult Symptomatic Residual Scheuermann's Kyphosis**

- The individual is a candidate for thoracic decompression or corpectomy per **CMM-613: Thoracic Decompression-Discectomy**.
- Imaging findings include **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Sagittal Vertebral Axis measurement greater than 8 cm
  - ◆ Pelvic incidence-lumbar lordosis greater than 15°
  - ◆ Sagittal Cobb angle greater than 75°
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of ≤10 ng/mL



## **CMM-614.5: Initial Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) without Decompression**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion without decompression is considered **medically necessary** when performed for **ANY** of the following conditions when **ALL** of the associated criteria have been met:

### **Adult Symptomatic Degenerative Spinal Deformity**

- Imaging shows **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Coronal plane deformity which includes **ANY** of the following:
    - Cobb angle of greater than 30°
    - Asymmetric disk collapse causing foraminal narrowing
    - Coronal imbalance causing head and trunk shift off the midline
  - ◆ Sagittal imbalance which includes **ANY** of the following:
    - Sagittal vertebral axis measurement greater than 8 cm
    - Pelvic incidence-lumbar lordosis greater than 15°
- Less than clinically meaningful improvement with **EITHER** of the following for at least 3 consecutive months (unless contraindicated):
  - ◆ Prescription strength analgesics, steroids, gabapentinoids, and/or NSAIDs
  - ◆ Provider-directed exercise program prescribed by a physical therapist, chiropractic provider, osteopathic or allopathic physician
- Absence of unmanaged significant mental and/or behavioral health disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, chronic pain syndrome, secondary gain, opioid and alcohol use disorders)
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of ≤10 ng/mL

### **Adult Residual Idiopathic Scoliotic Deformity**

- Imaging shows **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Cobb angle greater than 50°
  - ◆ Asymmetric disk collapse causing foraminal narrowing
  - ◆ Coronal imbalance causing head and trunk shift off the midline
- For those cases with a less than 50° curve or global coronal imbalance, less than clinically meaningful improvement with **EITHER** of the following for at least 3 consecutive months (unless contraindicated):
  - ◆ Prescription strength analgesics, steroids, gabapentinoids, and/or NSAIDs
  - ◆ Provider-directed exercise program prescribed by a physical therapist, chiropractic provider, osteopathic or allopathic physician
- Absence of unmanaged significant mental and/or behavioral health disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, chronic pain syndrome, secondary gain, opioid and alcohol use disorders)



- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

### **Adult Symptomatic Residual Scheuermann's Kyphosis**

- Imaging shows **ANY** of the following:
  - ◆ Sagittal Vertebral Axis measurement greater than 8 cm
  - ◆ Pelvic incidence-lumbar lordosis greater than  $15^\circ$
  - ◆ Sagittal Cobb angle greater than  $75^\circ$
- Less than clinically meaningful improvement with **EITHER** of the following for at least 3 consecutive months (unless contraindicated):
  - ◆ Prescription strength analgesics, steroids, gabapentinoids, and/or NSAIDs
  - ◆ Provider-directed exercise program prescribed by a physical therapist, chiropractic provider, osteopathic or allopathic physician
- Absence of unmanaged significant mental and/or behavioral health disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, chronic pain syndrome, secondary gain, opioid and alcohol use disorders)
- Documentation of nicotine-free status with **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

### **CMM-614.6: Adjacent Segment Disease/Proximal Junctional Failure**

Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion for adjacent segment disease is considered **medically necessary** when **ALL** of the following criteria have been met:

- The individual meets criteria for thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion per the applicable procedure-specific section below:
  - ◆ **CMM-614.4: Initial Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) with Decompression**
  - ◆ **CMM-614.5: Initial Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) without Decompression**
- The prior thoracic fusion procedure at an adjacent level was performed at least 6 months prior
- Plain X-rays show **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Evidence of anterolisthesis on plain X-rays resulting in **ANY** of the following:
    - Dynamic segmental instability on flexion-extension plain X-rays **OR** comparison of a supine and upright image, with a difference in translational alignment between vertebra greater than 3 mm between views
    - Meyerding Grade II or higher spondylolisthesis
  - ◆ Evidence of kyphosis on plain X-rays

- Any spinal level showing 15° change of the sagittal Cobb angle (proximal junctional angle) with progressive pain or neurologic symptoms caused by either bony or posterior ligamentous complex failure

### **CMM-614.7: Repeat Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion (Arthrodesis) at the Same Level**

Repeat thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion (with or without thoracic or thoracolumbar decompression) at the same level is considered **medically necessary** for **EITHER** of the following conditions when **ALL** of the associated criteria have been met:

#### **Malposition or Failure of Implant/Instrumentation or Structural Bone Graft**

- Post-operative imaging shows evidence of malposition or failure of the implant/instrumentation or structural bone graft (e.g., migration, pedicle screw breakage, pedicle screw loosening, dislodged hooks, rod breakage, rod bending, rod loosening, loss of curve correction, decompensation, etc.)

#### **Symptomatic Pseudoarthrosis**

- Greater than 6 months since the last thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion surgery
- Subjective symptoms include significant level of pain on a daily basis defined as clinically significant functional impairment (e.g., inability to perform household chores, prolonged standing, etc.)
- Post-operative physical examination findings are concordant with the individual's symptoms
- Less than clinically meaningful improvement with 6 weeks of non-surgical treatment with **BOTH** of the following (unless contraindicated):
  - ◆ Prescription strength analgesics, steroids, gabapentinoids, and/or NSAIDs
  - ◆ Provider-directed exercise program prescribed by a physical therapist, chiropractic provider, osteopathic or allopathic physician
- Post-operative imaging (performed at no less than 6 months after the prior thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion) shows pseudoarthrosis at the requested level(s)
- Post-operative MRI/CT findings are concordant with the individual's symptoms
- Absence of unmanaged significant mental and/or behavioral health disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, chronic pain syndrome, secondary gain, opioid and alcohol use disorders)
- Documentation of nicotine-free status including **EITHER** of the following:
  - ◆ Individual is a never-smoker
  - ◆ Individual has refrained from smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and/or nicotine replacement therapy for at least 6 weeks prior to planned surgery as evidenced by blood cotinine lab results of  $\leq 10$  ng/mL

## **CMM-614.8: Non-Indications**

### **Not Medically Necessary**

- **Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion** performed without meeting the criteria in the **General Guidelines** (when applicable for urgent/emergent conditions) **and** the criteria in the applicable procedure-specific section(s) (pediatric spinal deformity; fusion with decompression; fusion without decompression; adjacent segment disease; or, repeat fusion) is considered **not medically necessary**
- **Thoracic or thoracolumbar osteotomy** performed without meeting the criteria in the **General Guidelines** (when applicable for urgent/emergent conditions) **and** the criteria in the applicable procedure-specific section (osteotomy; pediatric spinal deformity; fusion with decompression; fusion without decompression; adjacent segment disease; or, repeat fusion) is considered **not medically necessary**.
- **Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion** and/or **osteotomy** performed for **ANY** of the following **sole indications** is considered **not medically necessary**:
  - ◆ Multi-level degenerative disc disease without instability or significant adult deformity
  - ◆ Facet joint disorders without instability
  - ◆ Initial discectomy/laminectomy without instability
  - ◆ An adjunct to primary decompression of central and/or lateral recess stenosis in the absence of instability, spondylolisthesis, adult deformity, or an actual or anticipated bony resection that will result in iatrogenic instability

### **Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven (EIU)**

#### **Thoracic or Thoracolumbar Fusion**

- Thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion is considered **experimental, investigational, or unproven (EIU)** for **ALL** of the following devices/procedures (not an all-inclusive list):
  - ◆ Minimally invasive thoracic or thoracolumbar fusion using direct visualization via endoscopy (endoscopic fusion) or indirect visualization (e.g., percutaneous fusion)
  - ◆ Endoscopic thoracic decompression with interbody fusion
  - ◆ Isolated facet fusion, with or without instrumentation, including allograft bone graft substitutes used exclusively as stand-alone stabilization devices (e.g., TruFuse [any level], NuFix® [any level])
  - ◆ Total facet arthroplasty
  - ◆ Device/implant not FDA approved (in thoracic spine)

## Procedure (CPT®) Codes (CMM-614)

This guideline relates to the CPT® code set below. Codes are displayed for informational purposes only. Any given code's inclusion on this list does not necessarily indicate prior authorization is required.

CPT®	Code Description/Definition
<b>22206</b>	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 3 columns, 1 vertebral segment (e.g., Pedicle/vertebral body subtraction); thoracic
<b>+22208</b>	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 3 columns, 1 vertebral segment (e.g., Pedicle/vertebral body subtraction); each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22212</b>	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment; thoracic
<b>+22216</b>	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment; each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22222</b>	Osteotomy of spine, including discectomy, anterior approach, single vertebral segment; thoracic
<b>+22226</b>	Osteotomy of spine, including discectomy, anterior approach, single vertebral segment, each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22532</b>	Arthrodesis, lateral extracavitary technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); thoracic
<b>+22534</b>	Arthrodesis, lateral extracavitary technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); thoracic or lumbar, each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22556</b>	Arthrodesis, anterior interbody technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); thoracic
<b>+22585</b>	Arthrodesis, anterior interbody technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); each additional interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22610</b>	Arthrodesis, posterior or posterolateral technique, single level; thoracic (with lateral transverse technique, when performed)
<b>+22614</b>	Arthrodesis, posterior or posterolateral technique, single level; each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>22800</b>	Arthrodesis, posterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; up to 6 vertebral segments

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<b>22802</b>	Arthrodesis, posterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; 7 to 12 vertebral segments
<b>22804</b>	Arthrodesis, posterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; 13 or more vertebral segments
<b>22808</b>	Arthrodesis, anterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; 2 to 3 vertebral segments
<b>22810</b>	Arthrodesis, anterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; 4 to 7 vertebral segments
<b>22812</b>	Arthrodesis, anterior, for spinal deformity, with or without cast; 8 or more vertebral segments
<b>63003</b>	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (eg, spinal stenosis), 1 or 2 vertebral segments; thoracic
<b>63016</b>	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (eg, spinal stenosis), more than 2 vertebral segments; thoracic
<b>63046</b>	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [eg, spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; thoracic
<b>+63048</b>	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [eg, spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; each additional segment, cervical, thoracic, or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>63055</b>	Transpedicular approach with decompression of spinal cord, equina and /or nerve root(s) (e.g., herniated intervertebral disc), single segment; thoracic
<b>+ 63057</b>	Transpedicular approach with decompression of spinal cord, equina and/or nerve(s) (e.g., herniated intervertebral disc), single segment; each additional segment, thoracic or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
<b>63077</b>	Discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s), including osteophytectomy; thoracic, single interspace
<b>+63078</b>	Discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s), including osteophytectomy; thoracic, each additional interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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63266	Laminectomy for excision or evacuation of intraspinal lesion other than neoplasm, extradural; thoracic
0220T	Placement of a posterior intrafacet implant(s), unilateral or bilateral, including imaging and placement of bone graft(s) or synthetic device(s), single level; thoracic

This list may not be all-inclusive and is not intended to be used for coding/billing purposes. The final determination of reimbursement for services is the decision of the health plan and is based on the individual's policy or benefit entitlement structure as well as claims processing rules.



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