

Please note, this checklist is not mandatory and does not replace the underlying medical records.

### History

The hospital record for the patient includes the following history:

- History of patient's illness from onset until the present
- Prior courses of treatment and the result of prior treatment
- Current symptoms and functional limitations due to disease
- Joint examination with objective findings consistent with historical details

### Evaluation

The hospital record for the patient includes the following information from the medical record:

- Preoperative physician and therapist evaluations and treatment records
- Preoperative imaging studies showing end-state joint disease
- Operative finding supporting end-stage joint disease
- Documentation of patient's functional limitations or need for adaptive behavior or use of assistive devices

### Indications

The hospital record for the patient includes documentation of the following specific indications:

- Failure of previous osteotomy, OR
- Distal femur fracture, OR
- Malignancy of distal femur, proximal tibia, knee joint, soft tissues, OR
- Failure of previous uni-compartmental knee replacement, OR
- Avascular necrosis of knee, OR
- Advanced joint disease demonstrated by X-ray or MRI

### Treatments

One or more of the below **conservative treatments have been tried and failed for 3 months or more** except in special circumstances where delay of definitive care is not appropriate:

- Anti-inflammatory medication: Duration of treatment
- Analgesic
- Home exercise: Duration of treatment
- Physical therapy: Duration of treatment
- Use of cane or walker: Duration of treatment
- Weight loss: Duration of treatment
- Brace: Duration of treatment
- Cortisone shot(s): Duration of treatment
- Visco-supplementation: Duration of treatment

### Contraindications

The hospital record indicates that the patient **does NOT** have any of the following contraindications to THA:

- Active infection of the knee joint, OR
- Active systemic bacteremia, OR
- Active skin infection or open wound at surgical site, OR
- Neuropathic arthritis, OR
- Severe, rapidly progressive neurological disease, OR
- Severe medical condition that make risks of surgery outweigh the potential benefit



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