



## **CRITERIA FOR ARTHROSCOPIC SURGERY (FOR PODIATRIST)**

**Basic Education:** MD, DO, or DPM

**Minimum Formal Training:** Physician must participate in an industry-sponsored or institutional training course from an accredited provider for Category I credits.

1. The applicant must request privileges for arthroscopic surgery of specific anatomic areas.
2. The applicant must be credentialed to perform the same procedure in an open manner.
3. The applicant must have demonstrated proficiency in the use of arthroscopic equipment by one of the following three criteria:
  - A. Completion of residency and/or fellowship training in an institution accredited by an appropriate nationally recognized board which included training in arthroscopic surgery in the applicant's area of expertise. A letter documenting said arthroscopic training by the training director must accompany the applicant's request for privileges in arthroscopic surgery.

**OR**

- B. Completion of an accredited post-graduate course in arthroscopic surgery. This course must qualify for Category I Continuing Medical Education Credits (CME). The course should include basic familiarity with arthroscopic equipment, discussions at the clinical specialty field, and hands-on experience with arthroscopes on animal models. The course must consist of a minimum of twenty (20) hours didactic and practical exposure. Certification of attendance will be required.

Completion of at least ten (10) cases under the direct supervision of a preceptor who has privileges for arthroscopic surgery in the same specialty and/or subspecialty is required. A letter from said preceptor attesting to the practitioner's satisfactory attainment of the skills and knowledge required to perform arthroscopic surgery in the practitioner's specialty must accompany the practitioner's request for privileges in arthroscopic surgery.

**OR**

- C. Possess privileges at another institution for identical arthroscopic procedures requested, with documentation of a minimum of ten (10) such procedures including operative notes and patient outcomes.
5. Those arthroscopic procedures which are deemed an extension of the surgeon's current arthroscopic privileges as judged by the Chief of the Section and Chair of the Department will require only an "on file" letter by the Chair of the Department of Surgery.

Approved by:

BOT: 05/17/05; 11/13/07; \*7/21/16; \*9/19/19; 2/16/23

*\*Italicized date above indicates review only (no changes)*