



Guidance document for processing PM-JAY packages

Septic Arthritis

Procedures covered: 1

Specialty: General Medicine, Pediatric Medical Management

Package name	Procedure name	HBP 1.0 code	HBP 2.0 code	Package price (INR)
Septic Arthritis	Septic Arthritis	New Package	MG023A	General Ward- 1,800 HDU – 2,700 ICU without ventilator– 3,600 ICU with Ventilator–4,500

ALOS (in days): 3-5 days

Minimum qualification of the treating doctor:

Desirable: MBBS; **Essential:** MD / DNB equivalent (in General medicine, Pediatric Medicine)

Special empanelment criteria/linkage to empanelment module: None

Disclaimer:

For monitoring and administering the claim management process of **Septic Arthritis** for NHA shall be following these guidelines. This document has been prepared for guidance of PROCESSING TEAM and TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM of AB PM-JAY for the claims of procedures mentioned above. The hospitals can also refer to this document so that they have the insight on how the claims will be processed. However, this document doesn't provide any guidance on clinical and therapeutic management of patient. In that respect the hospitals and physicians may refer to any other relevant material as per the extant professional norms.

PART I: GUIDELINES FOR CLINICIANS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

1.1 Objective:

The purpose of this section is to act as a guidance & a clinical decision support tool for the clinicians in deciding the line of treatment, plan clinical management of patient and decide referral of cases to the appropriate level of care (as required) for treatment of patients under PMJAY and selection of corresponding Health Benefit Package.

It will also serve as a tool for hospitals to determine and submit the mandatory documents required for claiming reimbursement of health benefit package under PMJAY.

1.2 Clinical key pointers:

Proceed with **Septic Arthritis** only if diagnosis made is backed by clinical manifestation:

Septic arthritis is synonymous with an infection in a joint. Septic arthritis is usually caused by bacteria but can also be caused by other microorganisms. Septic arthritis due to bacterial



infection is often a destructive form of acute arthritis. Septic arthritis is a serious type of joint infection. It should be treated as soon as possible.

Common symptoms:

The most common joints affected by septic arthritis are the knee, hip, shoulder, elbow, wrist, and finger. Most often, only one joint is affected. Symptoms can occur a bit differently in each person, but common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Joint pain
- Joint swelling

1.3 Mandatory documents- For healthcare providers

Following documents should be uploaded by the concerned hospital staff at the time of pre-authorization and claims submission:

Mandatory document	Septic Arthritis
i. At the time of Pre-authorization	
a. Clinical notes including evaluation findings and planned line of treatment	Yes
b. CBC,X-ray report	Yes
c. Synovial fluid analysis	Yes
ii. At the time of claim submission	
a. Detailed indoor case papers with treatment details	Yes
b. Detailed discharge Summary	Yes

PART II: GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING TEAM

2.1 Objective: To provide guidance to the pre-authorization and claims processing team in ascertaining the medical necessity of procedure carried out vis a vis the patient’s medical condition as evidenced by supporting documents/investigation reports etc, in deciding the admissibility and quantum of claim and compliance with mandatory documents by the hospital.

2.2 Following mandatory documents to be diligently reviewed by the pre-auth / claims processing personnel:

Mandatory documents	Septic Arthritis
At the time of pre-authorization processing- For pre-authorization processing doctor (PPD):	
a. Were the Clinical notes including evaluation findings and planned line of treatment submitted?	Yes



b. Were the CBC,X-ray report submitted?	Yes
c. Was the synovial fluid analysis report submitted?	Yes
At the time of claim processing- For claims processing doctor (CPD):	
a. Was the detailed ICPs with detailed treatment submitted?	Yes
b. Was the detailed Discharge Summary submitted?	Yes

PART III: GUIDELINES FOR TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS)

3.1 **Objective:** To enable setting up of cross check mechanisms/rule engines within the IT platform (TMS) to ensure compliance with STGs and to prevent fraud / abuse of the Health Benefit Package.

3.2 **Below mentioned are the scenarios where a provision would be built in TMS for pop-ups:**

1. Did the synovial joint fluids show WBC count findings that exceeds 50,000/ μ L? Yes

Till the time the functionality is being developed, the processing doctors shall check the above manually.

References:

1. DIANE LEWIS HOROWITZ, MD, Approach to Septic Arthritis, 2011, <https://www.aafp.org/afp/2011/0915/p653.html>
2. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/septic-arthritis/>