



CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR UM DECISIONS Thoracic Outlet Syndrome

Included codes:

CPT codes: 21700, 21705, 21615, 23406

ICD-10 code: G54.0

Surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome must be prior authorized. Capital Health Plan requires a second opinion with a vascular surgeon at a contracted tertiary facility confirming the diagnosis of thoracic outlet syndrome and the medical necessity of **any initial surgery**.

Any revision or secondary surgical intervention will be reviewed for medical necessity prior to surgical intervention being authorized.

Any image confirmed congenital anomaly (i.e. cervical rib) does not require a second opinion prior to surgical intervention.

Medical Necessity Approvals to be made by:

- Medical Director
- Physician Reviewer
- Utilization Management Nurse
- Nurse Reviewer
- Authorized CCD staff when UM criteria are met

These criteria apply to the following products when determined to be included in the member's benefit package:

- Commercial
- Medicare

CMS website (cms.gov): No NCDs or LCDs found for thoracic outlet syndrome or brachial plexus disorders.

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Capital Health Plan reserves the right to make changes to these criteria at any time to accommodate changes in medical necessity and industry standards.