Arthroscopic debridement of the knee: OHTAC recommendation
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OHTAC recommends against arthroscopic debridement for patients with uncomplicated (without meniscal tears) osteoarthritis of the knee. OHTAC also recommends against arthroscopic surgery as a first line of treatment for patients with degenerative meniscal tears with or without osteoarthritis. However, OHTAC recommends a field evaluation be conducted to determine the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of arthroscopic meniscectomy as an alternative to ongoing nonsurgical management (e.g., physical therapy) for patients who do not improve sufficiently after an initial 6-month period of nonsurgical management. Pending the results of the field evaluation, OHTAC recommends that, if nonsurgical treatment for at least 6 months fails, arthroscopic meniscectomy be considered.

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